

CWMA stakeholders meeting  
5/19/09 at 9:30 – 10:30 AM  
NRCS Field Office

## Minutes

Present: Diane Claassen – CES, Darcy Etcheverry – FSWCD, George Hitz – FSWCD, Joni Scharfenberg – FSWCD, Trish Wurtz – US Forest Service

### Old Business

#### 1. Activities Report

- a. **Plant Sales** – Darcy reported that we missed GBG, Hospice, and FSWCD. FSWCD staff was too maxed with the sale to set up a CWMA booth. Diane was also out of town.

#### 2. Future Activities Planned

- a. **GBG Fair** – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am-4pm. Diane will sit at the booth, with volunteers. We wanted to hand out Denali Seed wildflower packets, but they contain oxeye daisy, a known invasive species. We will have the trivia wheel and tattoos to hand out. Darcy needs to purchase more tattoos.
- b. **Campfire Classes** – Diane is teaching classes this month and next. An email went out to our listserve, she hasn't heard back from anyone. Some of the lessons will focus on invasive plants – she will use the invasive plant relay, trivia wheel, and coloring book pages.

#### 3. AK Invasive Weed Awareness Week

- i. **Newsminer coloring contest** – Use Jessica's design to host a coloring competition in the news miner. Diane will email design to Darcy. Save recipe contest for later date – too many logistical issues to deal with at this point. Possibly host an invasive weed photo contest at a later date.
- ii. **Farmer's Market** – Trish volunteered to sit at the TVFM on Wednesday & Saturday. She will use the Trivia Wheel. Joni offered to give her Jenny M Farm's booth.
- b. **Weed Workshop & Tour**
  - i. **Presenters** – Gino Graziano volunteered to come up from Palmer to present. He will discuss his new position at DNR as the statewide weed coordinator.
  - ii. **Buses, supplies, advertising** – Supplies: FSWCD may be able to purchase some supplies through our IPP grant. For food – CWMA members may try and serve a meal of invasive weeds (chickweed pie, weed quiche, dandelion greens w/ chickpeas, etc.). Advertising: slips of paper to hand out at events, print in newsletters (CES), fliers to post around town, news miner – Dermot Cole, Sunday Insert (Trish will contact), Library display case (Irene suggested that we decorate one of the small display cases in the Noel Wien library lobby to publicize the workshop).
  - iii. **Teachers & presentations** – Diane offered to contact CANWIN from Anchorage to see if a representative would be willing to attend our workshop. Laurie is a very dynamic speaker, and will no doubt inspire all who attend to become a weed warrior. Other ideas were contacting Brianne from AACD and Gino from DNR. Those would be guest presenters. People from our CWMA will discuss who will present what information as we get closer to the date.
- c. **New**
  - i. **GBG Tea** – Diane helped with this event last year. She will email out the dates and other info.

- ii. Campfire – Diane will be teaching lessons and will need volunteers to help her.
  - iii. Denali FCU event – Diane was asked by Michele to have a booth, June 26th. She will email info and needs volunteers.
  - iv. Library display case – Irene suggested that we look into a
4. Steering Committee – put this off to talk about later, when we have more people attending the meetings.

#### New Business

1. Member updates – Trish has 125 invasive plant T-shirts coming in. FCWMA will be able to use some to handout as prizes, etc. Joni will report back to the group about the white sweetclover issue in Anderson.
2. Set date for next CWMA meeting – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM