



OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Coordination, Prevention, Education, Collaboration

Oregon Invasive Species Summit (hosted by the Oregon Invasive Species Council) **November 18, 2010**

Northwest Viticulture Center—Chemeketa Community College
215 Doaks Ferry Road NW
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- *Bring agency, industry, academic, and nonprofit leaders and legislators (and others contributing to invasive species efforts in Oregon) together to:*
 - *review the results and implications of the statewide management assessment of invasive species;*
 - *develop a shared vision of how we can implement the 12 recommendations from the statewide management assessment of invasive species to address the threat of invasive species to Oregon's natural resources, economy, and quality of life;*
 - *develop a shared understanding of and support for the legislative concepts for the 2011 legislative session that will provide Oregon with adequate protections from invasive species; and*
 - *identify next steps.*

Expected Work Product:

- *A report to the Governor and Legislature that describes the actions, strategies, and recommendations developed by summit participants to deal with invasive species in Oregon.*
- *A draft statewide invasive species strategic plan that identifies priority strategies and costs to address the threat of invasive species to Oregon.*

8:00 – 8:30 Gather—Coffee

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome and Introduction of Plenary Session — *Sam Chan, Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) Chair*

8:40 – 8:50 Agenda for the Summit

- Review today's agenda; other housekeeping details — *Lisa A. DeBruyckere, OISC Coordinator*

8:50 – 9:30

Arundo donax and the Boardman Plant—The Future of Biofuels in Oregon—*Wayne Lei, Director of Research and Development at Portland General Electric*

Portland General Electric (PGE) is considering converting its coal-powered Boardman, Oregon plant to a burn biomass plant. Currently, there are no commercial-scale torrefaction facilities in the U.S., and PGE estimates it would need about 2 million tons of torrefied biomass a year to operate Boardman, which supplies about 15 percent of the energy used by its more than 800,000 customers. The cost of transporting biomass to

Boardman may be solved by growing giant cane (*Arundo donax*) on the 90,000 irrigated acres in Morrow County. *Arundo donax* is not native to the United States, and has become invasive in neighboring California waterways. However, some believe the plant can be safely grown as a crop in Oregon and converted to fuel for Boardman. This presentation delves into the environmental and economic issues and challenges of biofuels, such as *Arundo donax*, in Oregon.

9:30 – 9:50

Statewide Management Assessment of Invasive Species — A Summary

- Results of the 2009 statewide management assessment of invasive species will be presented
 - **Objective:** Provide an overview of the results of the statewide management assessment of invasive species to better understand the strengths and weaknesses that exist in Oregon’s diversified programs to address invasives—*Lisa DeBruyckere*—OISC Coordinator

9:50 – 10:00

The 12 Recommendations from the Statewide Management Assessment of Invasive Species

- Each of the 12 recommendations from the assessment will be discussed, and participants will be provided with an update on the status of implementation for each
 - **Objective:** Explore each of the recommendations to ensure there is a shared understanding of each recommendation and why Council members described each as a priority

10:00 – 10:20

BREAK

10:20 – 11:30

Panel Discussion with Oregon Legislators

- Oregon legislators will share their perspectives regarding invasive species challenges in Oregon
 - 10-person Oregon legislative panel will address these questions:
 1. Oregon’s constitution does not allow for mandatory boat inspections. Yet we know that the primary way other states, like Idaho, prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species, such as Quagga and zebra mussels, is to conduct mandatory boat inspection stations. How can we protect Oregon’s economy and environment from the threat of aquatic invasive species, AND not violate the rights of private citizens?
 2. Given the current economic situation, there will be no additional general funds available for new programs, and existing programs of all kinds are susceptible to budget reductions. In addition to the invasive species legislative concepts being proposed for the 2011 legislative session (firewood, felt-soled waders, and ballast water management fee), could you articulate one or more ideas that demonstrate Oregon’s commitment to invasive species concerns?
 3. We have struggled to find a funding mechanism to support base funding for county weed programs. What roles do you believe individuals, counties, and state agencies should play in the control, management, surveillance, and eradication of invasive species?

11:30 – 1:00

LUNCH (*Case studies on successful invasive species efforts in Oregon and the region*)

Guest speakers:

Keith Kohl and Brian Thomas — The Status of Feral Swine in Oregon
Brian Vollmer-Buhl — Invasive Species Education through AP Snail Monitoring
Mark Sytsma—Oregon’s Aquatic Invasive Species Plan: A 10-year review
Rick Boatner—Mystery Snails in Oregon
Dan Sharratt—NE Oregon Hawkweed Project

1:30 – 2:45

Breakout Sessions To Develop Priority Actions to Address the Recommendations from the Statewide Management Assessment of Invasive Species

- Create 10 breakout sessions involving summit invitees
 - **Objective:** Summit invitees gather in groups by interest relative to the top 10 recommendations of the assessment to develop priority actions to effectively manage invasive species in Oregon
 - **Question #1:** *How would you interpret the intent of this recommendation? Why is it important?*
 - **Question #2:** *What short-term (one year) and longer-term (2–5 years) approaches could be used to address and fund the recommendation? What resources are needed to make this possible?*
 - **Question #3:** *What are the anticipated barriers to implementing the recommendation, and how might these be addressed?*

2:45 – 3:00

BREAK

3:00 – 3:20

The 2009 Oregon legislative session and invasive species—*Mark Sytsma, Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at Portland State University*

3:20 – 4:00

Summary and Discussion of Breakout Session Solutions and Recommendations

- Summarize and lead discussion of the results of the breakout sessions — *Lisa DeBruyckere, OISC Coordinator*
 - **Objective:** Ensure there is a shared understanding and support for suggested shared solutions and recommendations to effectively manage invasive species in Oregon.

4:00 – 4:15

Next Steps

- Describe and obtain concurrence on the next steps (short term and long term) needed to develop Oregon’s invasive species strategic plan — *Sam Chan, OISC Chair*

4:15

Adjourn