



## **Northwest Invasive Plant Council Spring Annual General Meeting 2009**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 7, 2009

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Banner Mountainlodge, Smithers, BC

**PRESENT:** Denise McLean, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Meeting Chair  
Linda Wilson, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Abbotsford  
Laura Kristiansen, Ministry of Forest and Range, Nanaimo  
Bob Drinkwater, Ministry of Forest and Range, NWIPC Director  
Jerry Daoust, Ministry of Environment, Prince George  
Leah Sheffield, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Smithers  
Graeme Johnstone, Graeme's Agricultural Services, Smithers  
Chris Johnstone, Graeme's Agricultural Services, Smithers  
Shirley Hamblin, Nadina Agri-Tech Services, Houston  
Gavin Hamblin, Nadina Agri-Tech Services, Houston  
Dale Harris, Nadina Agri-Tech Services, Telkwa  
Carole Daykin, Nadina Agri-Tech Services, Houston  
Amy Barnes, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd., Prince George  
Andrea Eastham, NWIPC program manager, Prince George  
Merci Hillis, Gitxsan-Midskeena, Kispiox, NWIPC FN assistant  
Shawn Harris, Gitxsan-Midskeena, Kispiox  
Darrell Hill, Spectrum Resources Group, Prince George  
Peter Mohammed, Spectrum Resources Group, Prince George  
Ian Hayes, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, NWIPC Director  
John Davidson, Bulkley Valley Cattlemen, NWIPC Director  
Rosamund Pojar, Smithers, BC  
Brian Smith, Ministry of Forest and Range, Burns Lake  
Beryl Hagen, contractor, McBride  
Harold Alexis, Saik'uz First Nation, Vanderhoof  
Renne and Bill Utz, Smithers  
Daryl Nolan, Ministry of Transportation, Prince George  
Nicole Pressey, Ministry of Forest and Range, Burns Lake  
Bob Fowler, Ministry of Forest and Range, Burns Lake  
Brain and Carla Atherton, Smithers  
Lila Delury, Ministry of Forest and Range, Houston  
Jason Plantzer, Babine Forest Products, Burns Lake  
Louise Van Bach, Smithers  
Clint Walker, Due North Helicopters, Smithers  
Andrea Eastham, NWIPC Program Manager



1. **Around the room introductions.**
2. **Reviewed minutes from November 20, 2008 meeting:** Accepted.
3. **Reviewed action items from November meeting:** see table below.

**PROGRESS ON ACTION ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Create a list of available promotional material and circulate to membership.	Program Assistant	No assistant at present; will try to keep members informed
Continue to work on expanding use of Milestone within the label.	Denise McLean	MOE not willing to consider use of Milestone within the PFZ for this year. Dave Ralph with MAL will look into getting a research permit to allow use within PFZ within certain sites on certain species ** Let Denise know if you have any sites that would be suitable to be part of a “research Project”. Next steps: NWIPC and NEIPC and IVMA are going to write a letter to the ministers of MAL and MOE.
Secure funding for IP work with First Nations.	Bob Drinkwater and Merci Hillis	Merci is working on them. ** Letter that Merci sent out should be sent to the whole Membership
Need a chair person from MOE for Pesticide issues committee	Andrea	MOE Chair for Pesticide Issues Committee -is Jerry Daoust
Need potted weed caretaker for 2009	Education & Awareness comm..	** Need volunteers to look after potted weed display – if anyone has ideas, let Ian Hayes know.
Complete polygon on a map for common tansy containment line	Marc Schuffert and Graeme Johnson	Done. Laura Kristiansen had a map at the meeting and it will go into IAPP.
Discussion and decisions around making Stikine portion of Stikine-Skeena IPMA more efficient to serve	Contractors and directors	Bob D and Graeme met to discuss efficient service for S-S IPMA



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#### 4. 2008 Financial Report

- Explanation of reserve funds – essentially leftover money from the Pilot Funding

#### 5. Proposed 2009 Workplan and Budget (see final workplan on web for budget): Bob Drinkwater

- Shows negative \$60,000 in order to bring our reserve down to about \$90,000 at the end of the year
- 71% expenses on-the-ground work
- FN Partnerships are now part of our 71% and are no longer shown under the “Funded Projects” section
- 8% to Projects and Programs
- 3% to Admin and Overhead
- 18% Management Contracts & Costs
- Discussion on gravel pit data project – get gravel pit shape files from MOT and place them in IAPP. Needs to be dealt with at Ministry to Ministry level. Laura thinks it will not cost NWIPC anything
- Request to uplift 50/50 program to \$1000 limit. Bob explained that the 50/50 program was not designed to subsidize weed control on private farm land. Denise described the Fort Fraser program as another option (cost sharing chemicals, equipment, etc.). TNRD has a \$1000 limit. Laura believes in having a strong program to support local land owners, serving the private land owners equally with Crown land.

\*\* ACTION: Shirley, John and Clint will prepare written proposal to find funds to uplift 50/50 program to a \$1000 limit.

- Funds for targeted grazing in budget are not allocated, but are available for someone if they would like to submit a proposal for a funded project.
- APPROVED

#### 6. 2009 Strategic Plan & Profile: Bob Drinkwater

- **Hoary alyssum**, *Berteroa incana*, added to Category 1
- **Chicory**, *Cichorium intybus*, moved from Category 4 to Category 2
- **Comfrey**, *Symphytum officinale* L., added to Category 3
- **Babys Breath**, *Gypsophila paniculata*, is very site specific, only aggressive in some situations; added to Category 3
- No photos needed in Strategic Plan & Profile, ref. weed book instead
- Create glossy summary of plan with photos
- STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED



**7. First Nations Partnerships Update: Merci Hillis**

- Letter of request is circulating
- Sitting in on information sessions
- Training session for Kispiox Slashing Crew
- Hazelton Community Garden session
- Meeting with Tahltan
- Ready to draft contracts, need to include a requirement for regular invoicing this year

**8. IAPP Presentation: Laura Kristiansen**

- Introduction to “Report-A-Weed” site available to general public
- Forest licensees could use this tool instead of the old “paper work” method because it gets the info to IPMA contractors much faster. Definitely recommended for high priority IP’s
- Map Display has a number of new features

**9. NWIPC Director Changes**

- Ralph Roy, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, representing local government, has stepped down.
- New Directors are Marc Schuffert, Ministry of Forests and Range, representing provincial government; and, Bruce Middleton, BC Timber Sales, representing the forest industry.

**10. Committee Reports:**

- Pesticide Issues: Jerry Daoust, new chairperson for this committee gave brief report on upcoming issues and plans for 2009.
- Tansy Containment: Graeme Johnstone, as reported above, Graeme and Marc Schuffert created polygon using field-determined points on all major roads and connecting the dots;  
\*\* ACTION: Include map/picture in minutes, plan or IAPP (all new containment lines should be uploaded within 2 weeks)
- Education and Awareness: Ian Hayes, chairperson, outlined initiatives for 2009; committee will meet to detail projects within the education budget.

**11. Program Delivery: Andrea Eastham**

Funded Project applications received so far this year include Fort Fraser 50:50 Program, Buck Flats Weed Pull, BCParks Babine Project re: fire crew training to do inventory work; funds available for targeted grazing project and directors will entertain other applications as they are received.

Corrections Program is going ahead again for this year funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands; use correctional crews to do invasive plant control work mostly on Marsh Plume thistle (71%) and Common tansy (29%) in riparian areas.



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**Contractors for 2009:**

Five of the seven IPMA contracts went out for bid in 2009. 15 proposals were received. The contractors for 2009, by area, are:

Burns Lake: Spectrum Resources Group, Prince George

Haida Gwaii: Keith Alexander, Tlell

Houston: Nadina Agri-Tech Services, Houston

Prince George: Spectrum Resources Group, Prince George

Robson Valley: Beryl and Darrell Hagen

Stikine-Skeena: Graeme's Agricultural Service

Vanderhoof: Matt Harder

There are two contracts going out for bid on BCBid as soon as possible; Data Management at \$10,000 contract; Program Assistant at \$15,000 contract.

**12. Provincial Update: Dr. Linda Wilson, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands**

- Funding future – NWIPC is very well-funded compared to other programs because of its' highly successful history
- Invasive Plant management IS a priority for this Gov't
- Provincial Initiatives:
  - Risk Assessment Guidelines development;
  - Develop Province-wide evaluation/performance measures
  - Research needs – find ways to improve linkages with Universities
  - FADES for weeds
  - Action plan for invasive aquatic plants (including riparian)
  - Horticulture Committee working in partnership with landscape/nursery industry (educ./awareness)
  - On-line resources: IPC could take over Education and Awareness on a Provincial Level to save local committees time/money
  - Invasive Plant forum – XID plant identification computer program. Can buy program on-line. Want to eventually develop as an on-line tool

**13. IPC Update: Andrea Eastham**

- Eyes Across BC Program – includes an invasive plant training Powerpoint presentation with speaker notes "Spotters & Specialists". Can customize which plants you want to include depending upon your location. Comes with carabineers that can be given out at the training session and a stipend for the instructor. (will be available on the IPC website).

**ACTION:** Andrea will find out how to make the presentation available to folks who would like to try it out right away. Contact Andrea if you are interested.

- 1-800-WEEDSBC – New provincial weed hotline
- IPC has organized a bulk purchase of carabineers for all regional weed committees; ours should arrive in time for summer season.
- T.I.P.S. sheets are available on the IPC website (<http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca/>); these are for some thirty invasive



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plant species and include information on the plant, habitat, and integrated plant management techniques.

- IPC has produced a new booklet that should be available this summer: “Grow-Me-Instead”. This booklet features a number of invasive species and gives suggestions of what to grow instead. The current booklet is for southern BC, but the plan is to produce one for the north in the future.
- Community Weed Pulls: Group or Club Fundraiser - \$250 honorarium (NWIPC provides snacks, prizes, gloves etc.). Need at least 10 adults. Forms on IPC website. The \$250 honorarium comes from IPC.
- Roads and Weeds program; Training for road contractors was delivered in Smithers and PG in fall of 2008; sessions developed and delivered by IPC and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; IPC has plans to produce “Corridors and Weeds” that will be training for contractors working on pipeline and power corridors.

**14. Milestone (aminopyralid): Dr. Linda Wilson (for David Ralph, MAL)**

- Timing and Rate Trials Results on 5 species
- 0.5 L/ha is the normal rate used here but Dave tested down to .25 L/ha
- Data very clearly shows importance of using surfactant
- Late rosette/early bolting stage most effective for hawkweeds

Minutes prepared by: Leah Sheffield and Andrea Eastham



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**ACTION ITEMS FROM APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Notify Denise McLean if you know of any sites suitable for using Milestone within the PFZ; for use by David Ralph	Members	Ongoing
Send letter that Merci Hillis is using to solicit funds for more First Nations IP work to whole membership	Andrea	ASAP
Ideas/suggestions that don't cost a lot of money on maintaining potted weeds all year for educational purposes	Members	This season
Prepare written proposal to find funds to uplift 50/50 program to a \$1000 limit.	Shirley Hamblin, John Davidson, Clint Walker	For 2009 season
TC containment line loaded into IAPP	Laura Kristiansen	May
Let members know how to obtain Spotters & Specialists presentation for them to use in their local area.	Andrea	This year