

Shoshone County Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (SCNWAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2022; 9:30-11:00 am

USDA Forest Service -Smelterville Ranger District

173 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, ID 83868

Executive Summary

- The SCNWAC board will work to recruit candidates for board membership; currently there are three SCNWAC board members.
- The current SCNWAC board has identified a need to revise the SCNWAC bylaws.
- Once the SCNWAC board has a list of candidate board members and a revised draft of the current bylaws it will engage with the Shoshone County Commissioners on how to proceed.
- SCNWAC is concerned that the Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA) is not functioning.
- The IECWMA did not submit a request for ISDA Noxious Weed Cost Share funding in 2022; historically ISDA Noxious Weed Cost Share funding supported noxious weed control activities in Shoshone County.
- Shoshone County will need to be affiliated with a cooperative weed management area (CWMA) if it wants to request ISDA Noxious Weed Cost Share funds in the future; the SCNWA will explore opportunities to affiliate with a functioning CWMA.
- Shelby Heiderman is now the Northern District representative for the Idaho Association of Noxious Weed Control Supervisors.
- Free spray day will be June 2, 2022 and will not be cancelled if the weather is poor.
- There will be a Weed Biological Control Talk by Joey Milan (Idaho State Weed Biocontrol Coordinator) / Paul Brusven (Nez Perce Bio-Control Center) during the week of 7/11/2022

SCNWAC Board Members Participating:

Shelby Heiderman, Bill Pittman, Carol Randall

Other Attendees:

None

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Bill Pittman

Introductions:

None

Minutes of Last Meeting:

- Draft meetings minutes from October 6, 2021, meeting distributed prior to meeting
- No corrections
- Motion to accept the meeting minutes as written by Shelby Heiderman; Seconded by Carol Randall-passed

Old Business:

Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA)

- The IECWMA is not functioning.

- Last meeting of IECWMA was in May 2021 and no meeting attendees demonstrated an interest in serving on the IECWMA board.
- Attempts to schedule a fall 2021 meeting of the IECWMA were unsuccessful; numerous e-mails were sent to IECWMA participants, but no responses were received.
- The two remaining IECWMA board members and a volunteer completed the paperwork associated with the 2021 Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Noxious Weed Cost Share Program grant and did not apply for a 2022 ISDA grant.
- The two remaining IECWMA board members would like to rotate off the board as they have exceeded their term; and one will be moving to Montana summer 2022.
- Without a board the IECWMA is not functional, and the Shoshone County Noxious Weed Advisory Board has concerns.
- Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control has received funding through the IECWMA's participation in the ISDA cost share program, and the IECWMA provided an avenue for Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control to network with other county weed control programs as well as other state and federal agencies and stakeholders.
- The IECWMA also played a key role in identifying weed management priorities across Shoshone, Kootenai, and Benewah counties and helped to develop a regional weed management strategy.
- SCNWAC will explore opportunities to address the lack of a CWMA for Shoshone County:
 - The SCNWAC president will reach out to Kim Holzer, Idaho State Department of Agriculture Ag Program Specialist (kim.holzer@isda.idaho.gov) to see if Kim has suggestions about how to go about reviving the IECWMA.
 - The SCNWAC president will also visit with Benewah County Weed Superintendent Carl Richel (208-245-3212 or cell 208-660-3719) and [Kootenai County Noxious Weed Advisory Board](#) about the current status of the IECWMA and how the three counties can work together to ensure weed treatments are coordinated across jurisdictions and address regional noxious weed priorities.
 - The IECWMA Memorandum of Understanding expires in 2023 and will need to be renewed.
 - the IECWMA Strategic Plan was revised in 2020 and will need to be revised in 2025.

Idaho Association of Noxious Weed County Superintendents (IANWCS) -Executive Board Meeting

- Shelby Heiderman shared that she is now the Northern District representative for the IANWCS.
- Dave Wenk – Boundary Co Noxious Weed Superintendent- is the current president of IANWCS.
- Chase Youngdahl- Bonner Co Noxious Weed Superintendent- is a candidate for the secretary of IANWCS.
- North Idaho has never been so well represented in the leadership of IANWCS.

New Business:

Cost-Share Grant – 2022

- Per conversation above, the IECWMA did not submit a request for ISDA Noxious Weed Cost Share funding.
- Shoshone County will need to be affiliated with a cooperative weed management area (CWMA) if it wants to request ISDA cost share funds in the future.
- The Memorandum of Understanding that underpins the IECWMA expires at the end of 2022 and will need to be renewed in 2023 if the IECWMA is to continue.

Free Spray Day Date

- Decided to hold the free spray day earlier this year, Thursday, June 2, 2022.
- Decided that there will be no cancellations if the weather is poor. Thursday, June 2, 2022, is the day and if participants use County rental equipment, Shelby Heiderman will set up time the following

week when folks who use rental equipment can meet a county employee to return the rental equipment.

- The herbicide to be provided will again be Trimec 996 - EPA Reg No 2217-656).
- This year SCNWAC will provide a copy of the Trimec 996 label to all participants that pick-up herbicide. An executive summary of Trimec 996 label information including a summary of precautionary statements, directions for use, user safety recommendations, reentry statement, how to clean equipment after use (triple rinse) will also be provided to all spray day attendees.
- Shelby Heiderman will contact the Shoshone Press to advertise the spray day and Shelby will work with the county personnel to identify other avenues to announce the spray day such as the County's Facebook page.
- Need to state in pre-event advertising that spray equipment brought to the spray day must be empty and clean before herbicide mixture will be dispensed into it- possibly include instructions on how to triple rinse spray equipment.
- Need to make sure that there will be information and other give aways for the participants- a tent- chairs- liability waivers- all other information provided in the past (Shelby coordinate with Carol Young).

Knotweed Spray Day

- Brought up as a possible activity for SCNWAC during the October 2021 meeting.
- Shelby and Carol Young noticed an increase in knotweed along the golf course and felt that a fall 2022 spray day may be one way to address the increasing population.
- Shelby will touch base with the golf course to see if they will treat the knotweed; if not, Shelby will ask if the golf course be open to having a work party come out for a spray day.
- Stay tuned- and this topic will be discussed by SCNWAC board at the June 2nd.

Weed Biological Control Talk by Joey Milan (Idaho state weed biocontrol coordinator) / Paul Brusven (Nez Perce Bio-Control Center)-Week of 7/11/2022

- Shelby contacted Joey Milan to schedule a weed biocontrol training
- Joey can provide for a basic introduction to biocontrol. Training sessions typically consist of a morning classroom session followed by a nearby field visit. Training sessions can be tailored to specific species to make it applicable to audience. Currently planning for the week of 7/11.
- SCNWAC will need to advertise this training opportunity and hopefully ensure a good turnout.
- Ideally holding the session at the Shoshone County Airport should work- Carol can go monitor for spotted knapweed and other biocontrol agents before the session- and Carol will be monitoring the 2021 psyllid release sites so can provide updates on those.
- Carol recommends inviting the county commissioners to the session- Joey and Paul are great presenters and it would be a good way to engage the commissioners.
- Carol will follow up with Paul Brusven to see if the Nez Perce Bio-Control center does any advertising.

Weed Techs for 2022 Season

- Shelby Heiderman was able to hire a weed tech for 2022.
- The tech began in early April and should be on through September 2022.

Other Business:

Board Members/ Bylaws

- Currently there are three SCNWAC board members, and ideally there would be more.
- Shelby has reached out to several folks, but no one has expressed an interest in joining the SCNWAC board at this time.
- The current SCNWAC will work to identify additional candidates for the board.
- The current SCNWAC bylaws were distributed prior to this meeting; after a review the board members identified a need to amend the bylaws.

- Carol will convert the current bylaws into a Word document and distribute to the board members so they can review and make suggested edits.
- Once the SCNWAC has a list of candidate board members and a revised draft of the current bylaws it will engage with the Shoshone County Commissioners on how to proceed.

Next Meeting – Fall 2022

- Schedule another meeting on our spray day June 2, 2022; the spray day may be a good recruiting opportunity for additional SCNWAC board member candidates.
- The date for the fall 2022 SCNWAC meeting is to be determined.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am by Carol Randall; Seconded by Shelby Heiderman - passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Randall.

Approved: _____



Date: _____

6/2/2022

Recap of Motions:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
2. Approval to adjourn meeting.