

SC-EPPC  
Conference Call Agenda

April 1, 2015

In attendance: Dan H., David B., Jeanne B., Carrie M., Lauren P., Ben P., Mary B., Lauren S.

1. SE-EPPC Update

- SE-EPPC wants to know how they can improve the connection between the state and regional level – what role do they serve?
- Should they update their mission?
  - Support the management of invasive exotic plants in natural areas of the Southeast U.S. by providing a forum for the exchange of scientific, educational and technical information.
- Or their objectives?
  - a) To provide a focus for issues and concerns regarding exotic pest plants in native plant communities of the Southeast;
  - b) To facilitate communication and the exchange of information with all interested parties regarding any and all aspects of exotic pest plant control and management;
  - c) To provide a forum where all interested parties may participate in meetings and share in the benefits of the information generated by this Council;
  - d) To promote public understanding regarding non-native invasive plants and their control;
  - e) To serve as an advisory council regarding funding, research, management, and control of exotic pest plants;
  - f) To facilitate action campaigns to monitor and control exotic pest plants that negatively impact native plant communities in the Southeast;
  - g) To review incipient and potential pest plant management problems and activities and provide relevant information to interested parties.
  - h) To serve as the administrative body for Exotic Pest Plant Council Chapters of the southeastern region of the United States.

2. NA-IPC Update (Don Hagan)

- See update below
  - Big goals – Ben P.
  - Looking at threats, identify threats to come, sharing resources – David B.

3. Treasurer Update (Dan McMillian)

- We are looking for a new treasurer

4. We have an email address: southcarolinaeppc@gmail.com

5. Committee Updates

- Plant List and EDRR (Don Hagan)
  - See committee report below
- Education and Outreach (Jeanne)
  - See committee report below
- Meetings and Workshops
  - **Cogongrass Workshop** (Colette/Lauren)
    - May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 2:30 pm

- Seewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center
    - 5821 N Highway 17
    - Awendaw, SC 29429
  - SC-EPPC is providing lunch through our cogongrass grant
    - Lunch catered by Ed Cox of Charleston Lowcountry Kitchens
    - <http://www.charlestonlowcountrykitchens.com/>
    - Price: \$10.70 per person
  - We currently have 27 registrants
    - We will be sending out the flier and agenda again shortly
  - Mark McClure and Chip from GA will be giving an update from their state.
  - Steve Compton has been a big help in getting this going
  - We are offering pesticide and forestry education credits (2 for each)
  - We will schedule a conference call within the next two weeks – any board members that will be attending the workshop to be on
  - **Annual Meeting** (Lauren)
    - September - Downtown Greenville, South Carolina
    - Venue – West End Community Center
      - Offered us a discount of \$100 for the day (8 am to 2 pm) normally \$200, includes tables and chairs
      - <http://wecdc.com/>
    - Focus – Landscape plants that impact natural areas?
      - Jeremy Pike – wife?
    - Tour – Friends of the Reedy River restoration project
    - All dates are available in September except the 17<sup>th</sup>, we need to pick a date
    - Alternative to non-native invasive plants – David
    - Landscape professionals
    - City Planners – groups/certifications
    - Arborists – ISA
6. Upcoming events or general discussion
- SE/NC EPPC Annual Conference
    - May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at the North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, NC
  - Ben – Santee Cooper – curriculum guide for 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant to meet science standards
    - Invasive species in ecology curriculum
    - Similar to Lakeville Fl program
    - Available for purchase
    - Plant camp (ecocamp) – next summer
      - Week long or 4 day ecology camp
      - Teachers
  - Dan – Earth Day festival April 18 10am to 2
    - Carrie – Woodsy Owl FS
  - Ben – Forest Management Extension Position – Clemson

NA-IPC Update (Don Hagan – VP)

- Aaron Foster gave an overview of the North American Invasive Species Management Association's goals and mission. This group strives to promote and empower invasive

species management (all taxa; not just plants). He envisions that this organization could become the collective voice for invasive species management in North America, and he would like to see more support and participation from EPPCs and IPCs. Currently some EPPCs and IPCs in the west are affiliated, but practically none in the SE are. Stephen Enloe (SE-EPPC) is going to research the organization and explore possible opportunities for cooperation

- Participants discussed how the NAIPC website needs to be kept up to date to show when/where upcoming invasive plant-related conferences and workshops will be held. The NAIPC website should also be used to promote National Invasive Species Awareness Week-related activities.
- Participants discussed how different EPPCs and IPCs could take turns developing webinars to be posted on the NAIPC website. Perhaps when an EPPC hosts a conference/meeting, they could convince 1-2 of their speakers to record a webinar while they are there. Chuck Barger has the capacity to post these webinars on the NAEPPC website. He has also developed and posted webinars before and is willing to provide helpful info to anyone who wishes to do one.

#### Plant list and EDRR Committee Update (Don Hagan – Chair)

**1. Update EDRR factsheets and powerpoints:** This will entail updating info, including maps (where necessary), and creating new materials for emerging species of concern\*

\*Minor edits to plant list may be necessary in order to clarify which species are EDRR priority.

**2. Improve coordination with education and outreach committee:** As we update and improve our materials, we need to make sure that they get in the hands of the folks who use them. The Education/Outreach committee may also have preferences regarding the format of the materials we produce. Let's get their input in our next meeting.

**3. Review EDRR process:** For example: How effective is our current EDRR system? Is the public aware of it? Can it be improved? Herrick: Studie suggested that you may have some input here.

**4. Consider creating an EDRR Template for landowners/land managers:** Some people may be interested in an easy to use EDRR "template" that they could use for prioritization/planning on the lands they manage. Perhaps we could modify something that already exists?

#### SC EPPC Education and Outreach Committee (Jeanne Briggs – Chair)

Met with Lauren and Bob and communicated with Dan Hill to set goals:

1. Define target audience
  - general public, all ages
    - gardening enthusiasts
    - Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists (coordinate with James Blake)
    - public gardens
    - Clemson Extension
2. Inventory existing educational materials available (presentations, pamphlets, brochures, etc.)
  - Dan has a SC-EPPC display board, presentations and uses *Nonnative invasive plants of southern*

*forest: a field guide for identification and control*

- know Sudie has an excellent display board (used at SCHI and was well-received)
  - new brochure near completion
3. Create materials where gaps exist and have available on web site
- perhaps a 10-15 minute presentation
  - downloadable print materials
    - maybe a how to host a NIIS removal event?
  - contact groups above and advise of availability

Other

contact Cristal Harden at DPI to discuss how we can work together