

Maryland Invasive Plant Advisory Committee  
Maryland Department of Agriculture - Annapolis, MD  
Tuesday, April 18, 2017  
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to order 9:00 am by Kerrie Kyde, Chairperson

- Meeting will be run informally; no objections

Welcome and Introductions

- Members Present:  
Kerrie Kyde                      Mike Hemming                      John Peter Thompson  
Maile Neel                      Deb Landau  
Kim Rice                      Brent Cassell  
On the phone: Sylvan Kaufman  
Kevin Conroy, MDA Assistant Secretary, Plant Industries and Pest Management

Review of WRA's

- *Phyllostachys aurea* and *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* are ready to be submitted to AELR
- *Pyrus calleryana* was emailed for review, still waiting on some comments; will be submitted with the *Phyllostachys* sp. WRA's.
- All 3 rank as Tier 2
- Question in reference to *P. calleryana*: Is it still being sold in trade and if so are people buying it?
- All members in attendance voted to approve *P. calleryana* as Tier 2
- KK-mentioned that DNR is using WRA process to review aquatic plant species
- KR-passed out an updated invasive plant list for website, all agreed to update the online list
- SK-some changes to the USDA APHIS PPQ, WRA's word document (template)
  - Have been glitches with references, author observations, authors not being listed in reference list
  - Discussed adding map information to page 3 of future WRA's, will include spatial destruction of plant being assessed – KK will look into this
  - SK asked if it would be a problem to change/update the current WRA template
  - KK-will send new version to group for review and comment

Cultivar Assessment

- KR-discussed recent discussion w/ some in the nursery industry and nursery inspection staff referencing Tier 1 plant – *E. fortunei* (Wintercreeper)
  - There is a great deal of this plant in the trade and multiple cultivars associated with it.
- Discussed the requirement for requesting the review of cultivars
- KK-If request is made can we send it out to group for review? Many would be willing to review cultivar declassification requests.
- SK-requested that website be updated listing the requirements for someone to make a request to review a cultivar for declassification

## Membership

- Many members terms are up at the end of 2017. Need to start thinking about who may be available to replace current members.
  - Nursery and Consumer representation will be needed
  - NGO Environment Advocacy Organization – have a person to fill position
  - MDE position has been filled
- KK-asks each member to come up with 3 names for the possible positions that will be open
- KR-will ask AG if a two-term member can move from one position to a different position once the first position has been completed

## Funding/Grant Ideas

- KK is meeting w/ France- Merrick Foundation to discuss possible funding, funding is good for 1 year
  - Funds must go through a 501C3, not state, Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council may be able to assist
- How much grant funding will be needed?
  - MN-suggested funding for one FT GIS person and funding for SK and JPT to continue working on the WRA's; minimum of \$36,000 for the FT GIS person and additional for SK and JPT
  - KK-will follow-up with an email to discuss funding
- JPT-will look for additional grants
- MN-suggested Town Creek foundation
- KK-requested members to send her any grant information

## Website

- Gardeners write-up
- KR-suggested waiting till we meet with MDE to discuss disposal issues
- JPT-no one is thinking about disposal at county levels, many different county requirements and all are different,
  - no standard or certification
- Does MES have a protocol, if so does MDE inspect the MES sites?
- National Composting Standards? – does MD use these at disposal facilities?

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Maryland Invasive Plant Advisory Committee  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2017**  
Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Annapolis, MD  
MINUTES

**Call to order 9:30 am by Kerrie Kyde, Chairperson**

- Meeting will be run informally; no objections

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Members present:  
Sylvan Kaufman (SK)    Deborah Landau (DL)    Kerrie Kyde (KK)    Kevin Wilsey (KW)  
Maile Neel (MN)    Leslie Cario (LC)    Brent Cassell (BC)    John Sullivan (JS)  
Kim Rice (KR)    Mike Hemming (MH)    Sarah Hilderbrand (SH)

**Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- April 2017 meeting minutes approved without modification

**Changes to the Agenda**

- None

**WRAs and Cultivar/IRP**

- *Corydalis incisa*
  - IPAC has previously used a completed APHIS WRA and modified it to include data from the US; also have adopted an APHIS WRA intact, as for *Geranium lucidum*
  - APHIS WRA for *Corydalis incisa* already included US data with very few occurrences in the country
  - Proposal to adopt WRA as-is and run through the MD filter
  - Species does not affect RTE now but has potential to be in the same habitat
  - Do we want to include a document to explain the decision to use the APHIS WRA?
  - Discussion
    - KR – need to let people know this is being looked at/evaluated
    - MN – could we send information to garden clubs?
      - KK – Carol Bergman is preparing to send an email to the garden club at whose plant exchange she received the species
    - DL – could press releases be sent to garden clubs?
      - KR – they are posted on MDA website
      - DL – could we email them as well
      - SK – will check if some of her contacts would publish them to increase distribution
    - DL – should note be added to the IPAC invasive plant list to indicate species could be added?
      - KR – it is understood that the list can change; we just need to be timely when making changes and updates
        - Species under review/assessment show up gray so MDA inspectors can share information
      - SK – when are notifications distributed in a species is considered Tier 1 or 2?
        - KR – the updated list is sent out once per year; MDA inspectors give updated hand-outs throughout the year during their inspections
- *Tetradium daniellii*

- Assessment of this species discovered a glitch in the MD filter – when there is not enough information for new invaders, the Filter may not produce a robust status determination
  - Need more information on dispersal
  - Does not seem likely to be herbicide resistant
  - APHIS is re-running assessments
    - Comes out as ‘evaluate further’ and then ‘high risk’ after the Monte Carlo secondary screening
- Seems likely this species will rank as Tier 2
- Discussion
  - MN – Do we know where it came? Seems easily confused with Ailanthus.
  - SK – not common in nursery trade so Tier 2 would probably have impact – nurseries won’t start carrying it
  - KK – species is popular with bee keepers as a bridge between spring and fall bloom
    - Seems to have potential to be a bigger issue
  - KW – control doesn’t seem ‘easy’
    - KK – doesn’t meet the ‘difficult’ requirement defined by the Filter guidance
    - MN – has stump sprouts
    - SK – can switch control to ‘difficult’ but still goes through MD filter as Tier 2
- MD Filter – suggestion to change the format to look more like a dichotomous key
- ITP
  - Nandina x ‘Firepower’ exempt from Tier 2 status
    - KR – will add wording to say ‘except for...’ and then it will go through normal process for regulatory change
  - Nandina x ‘Gulf Stream’ retain Tier 2 status
    - BC – uses this cultivar in certain situations; feedback from industry disagrees with the Tier 2 status
    - MH – ‘Gulf Stream’ does seed but not much; does not spread past seed drop
    - KK – IPAC followed the process as fairly as we can and cultivar ranks as Tier 2
    - BC – objects to Tier 2 ranking, but it stands
  - Process for notifying requestors
    - KR – letter from MDA Secretary once regulations are in process
  - Status of *Phyllostachys*
    - KR – regs are written and approved by Secretary, but still needs to be submitted as a bundle with other regulatory updates
- Discussion
  - LC – how do we prioritize the list of assessments?
    - KK – informal process including group input

**Changes to IPAC Personnel**

- Several changes due to expiring terms of appointed members and retirement

Current Member	2018-2020 Term
Ex Officio	
MDA – Kimberly Rice	Kimberly Rice
DNR – Kerrie Kyde	Tyler Shank / Sarah Hilderbrand
MDOT – Kevin Wilsey	Kevin Wilsey

MDE – Vacant	John Sullivan
UM CANR – Maile Neel	Maile Neel
Appointed	
Regulated Landscaping Industry – Jason Phippen	Brent Cassell
Plant Wholesale/Retail Industry – Mike Hemming	--
NGO Env. Advocacy Org. – Deb Landau	Deborah Barber
Individuals w/ relevant experience Sylvan Kaufman John Peter Thompson	Leslie Cario Kerrie Kyde
Consumer – Dennis Robinson	Kirsten Johnson

- Kerrie Kyde is retiring from DNR but will continue participation as an appointed member
- Kim Rice will become chairperson
- MDA inspection staff will also join in a volunteer capacity

**Disposal of Tier 1 Species**

- Issue is more complex than originally thought
- DNR recently had issue when doing a pond cleanout, removed Tier 1 *Iris pseudacorus* to a contractor’s onsite dumpster
  - Ending up taking to incinerator in Baltimore
- Need to develop a streamlined process for exemptions
  - KR has drafted a request form
    - Will be one form for each type: disposal/control; research; selling out of state
- Revise language to include incineration at MDE approved facility as an approved disposal method

**Training Assessors**

- MN has some students who may be interested/available to conduct assessments
- Need to have assessors that are ‘botanically savvy’
- Tony Koop (APHIS) has been told to not conduct any more trainings due to time and expense
  - Could possibly get PPQ approval if we have 20 or more potential attendees
  - Someone other than APHIS would have to cover expenses for training materials
    - MAIPC is interested in helping
  - KK is reaching out to neighboring states to gauge interest level
  - Training would be for 4 days; could maybe reduce to 3

**Next Meeting:** December 12, 2017

**Meeting adjourned by Kerrie Kyde at 12:10 PM.**