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**Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation**

Agenda for March 26, 2019  
Finger Lakes-PRISM Working Group Meetings  
TIME: 10-2pm,  
LOCATION: Finger Lakes Institute, 601 S. Main Street, Geneva, NY

## Meeting Objective

To bring together members of the Finger Lakes region to discuss regional updates, new invasives on the horizon, separating IS issues with current political culture of #stoptheinvasions spread, and other IS issues

In attendance:

## AGENDA

10:00	Welcome and introductions
10:15	<p>Partner and regional updates (opportunity for brief updates and discussion of regional topics, new funding sources, and support needs)</p> <p>Michele- IS working plan , Asian clam survey, Hydrilla, HWA is a problem, imap training</p> <p>Chenga- 3 gorges project- 2 years, second year of project- preparing summer season- crew of 8 people in summer- manual removal- swallowrt, EDRR porceleinberry-2 lcoations in Buttermilk SP, Taughanock Falls, parternship meeting after the WG meeting,</p> <p>Becky- NYSPARKS- working on HWA to work on spring treatments- hoping that we can get a nice dry, spring,</p> <p>Laura- MFO- workshop and woods walks – Patty and Brittany to present at workshops- lake associations- grant for WCS program- shoreline survey volunteers are out once per week- IS- in their zone areas-</p> <p>Patty – EO- SLF- lots interesting information- consistent messaging- MFO programming in the FLX- macrophyte survey- working with lakeshore monitoring- three high priority species- kits available- scout girls- Song lake in Tully STEM IS teach them about IS- dig</p>

Cindy- retired as an entomologist- CLWA as a volunteer- HWA phenology project- checking for egg laying on west side of Canadice Lake- helping the colonies- Wrote up an article for CLWA- Weekly until they start laying eggs- estivation break- working with HABS currently, was a former WCS-

Kyle- Work for NYSPARKS #FLX upcoming field season planning- work reports- controlling invasive shrubs in a floodplain- worked in all the floodplains- work in 160 acres- will be wrapped up- submitted a grant for continued work here and a grant at HHS- control IS- Curious to know about this new invasive *Rubus caesius*- looks like blackberry- doesn't produce much fruit- flooding- rhizomatically spread- a few reports in botanical journals- has been ranked- underleaf is not white- likely – fall is a good time for this one- senesces later than other raspberries- big green clumps in fall- Monitoring at 3 Gorges project- native plants in HHS on August 3<sup>rd</sup>-

Thom – been in position for 6mo- IS coordinator for Ag and Mrkts- connecting with the PRISMs- position vacant for 7years- here now- be here 2-3x per year participation- contact person for the Dept- also involved with SLF response- logistics section chief- gets lot of 'stuff'- finds it, gets it, distributes it- resource needs? Ask Thom- issues- Part 575 regulations- violations of shipping of prohibited plants and animals- labeling an issues- nursery shipping plants in should have the labels- or shipped in with them-

Pat- Forester with NYSDEC- private lands in Yates and Chemung Counties- region- control work for OW in Bristol- got all the control work- treated stumps with herbicide- 12 trees were taken down- 3 were tested positive for OW- root grafting- trenching- each of landowners did trenching and chipping, tree removal- quarantine zone by commissioners 46 landowners- can't move oak material offsite unless it has been chipped to 1" and no firewood to be moved- surveying this summer- eight people for GH out of Avon- 2 interns out of Bath office- forest health division- Brice June has been managing the OW, Gooding helping too. – lighted sign at NYSDEC Albany- EAB funds (was purchased)- port of Albany- Patrick Eager NYSDEC PPQ- monitors use agreement- who owns lighted sign?

Don- COFOKLA- northern end of Cortland Co. and S. end of Onondaga County- partner with Cortland SWCD- 4<sup>th</sup> year of WCS program- applied for grant program- outreach programs this summer- BMPs- identified in technical capacity grant from NFWWF- riparian buffers- funding from USC- Central NY FOLA conference- Target 150 people- 10 counties- target spp- individual lakes- HABS- little yoke- variable leaf milfoil- herbicide treatment- privately funded- riparian owners- county funding a little- 18 acres- \$18-\$20k cost. Little York lake- attempted herbicides a few years ago- constrained as to which products to use- Cazenovia Lake used certain herbicide and it traveled – changes in policy allowed Navigate 2FD- previously prohibited- NYSDEC reevaluated- milfoil dominates so redefined use-

Dave- managing the SSW collaborative new for FLI- collaborative is Great Lakes basin- circle the wagons across the basin- group of expert panels – 8 people who are experts from across the region- growing # of collaborators who conduit to the local level- to the citizens on the ground- look at NAS to report and iMapInvasives. Experts guide the program- in other states SSW has been researched for decades-

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	<p>NYS- not really researched- building a contacts list if you want to be on the list. Did a webinar overview of the program- audio recording of the program- next webinar will be in June- from expert panel from WI and MN- describing their training program- focusing on the outreach to pilot a survey program- how to identify SSW – how to get a big region but start small? Starry Trek- AIS snapshot will occur in August-</p> <p>Kate- previously managed WC control project- last year field totals – information is passed around from project around region- transitioned to Hydrilla- applied for additional funding to WC control- Treatment for infestations found- USACE helping with the Aurora project- survey for this coming season- LO Embayments- owasco lake potentially this season- a lot of E&amp;O for this project, trainings- teachers, volunteers, etc.</p> <p>Jon- NYSDOT- planning for the planting season- work with subcontractors- make sure that plants have been inspected – screen projects while in design for any IS- to prevent the spread of IS- phrag, swallowwort, bittersweet are big concern on projects-</p> <p>Carri – IS Specialist, Cornell- HWA and for Ag weeds- busy winter with lots of trainings in the FLX- hard to find HWA this winter- lot of summer mortality- hard to identify this year- release sites for biocontrol- protected areas with lots of HWA and trees- mark is out collecting food for the spring predator- winter predator- larvae is starting to pupate- working on two other projects- ag weed ID project- better materials for targeted ag community- working with crop advisors- interest in this area of work- let Carri know- found <i>palmer ameranth</i> working on herbicide testing- it's a pigweed- found in Ontario County- comes in on equipment- water hemp- pigweed family oddball species- websites and materials- community that would be interested in training, let Carri know. Contact perennial or urban growers- Walt Nelson had a list of growers-</p> <p>Brittany- IS project coordinator for FLI- put together the IS management guide- life history- propagation, seed banking potential- brief description of plant, phenology, lookalikes, management options, etc. planning guide- seasonal options. Education and outreach events for NYSDOT and CCE MFO-</p> <p>Bruce- FLCC- recently retired repurposed- field station- spotted salamander migration time- 1300 rescued- this Thursday looks to be good too! Might get a couple thousand spotted salamanders to rescue- walk in early August at HHS- no barbed wire- no IS in this area- there was chestnut blight- hemlocks were 170 yrs old- SLF training session- Thursday, April 18, FLCC Viticulture Center- Tim Weigle is running program- flyer to be sent.</p>
11:15	Finger Lakes PRISM project updates
11:30	<p>Update on de-politicizing IS outreach efforts</p> <p>Background- my awareness came from other campaigns were on billboards- all of our minds are part of IS world, other people are not aware- immediate associate with</p>

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	<p>politics- not pushing a political agenda intentionally, but if not careful, we are unintentionally pushing an agenda-</p> <p>#stoptheinvasion is an antiimmigration hashtag- handouts spread this message that may lose its value upon spread- our message doesn't want people to feel unsafe.</p> <p>Met with Causewave in Rochester- formally the Ad Council of Rochester, there are professional communicators- can come up with a campaign better than we can- probably a bigger campaign that will be launched in 2020- play clean go- isn't necessarily invasive species, but other campaigns do-</p> <p>NYSDEC has a working group on EO and branding- not something that can be changed overnight- avoid using the word 'stop'- facebook and Instagram and Tweets- #FLPRISM #NYISAW- contest- most people – contest- post pictures with this hashtag- more generic- experience using a hashtag- encourage use- show a picture of you doing something- hashtags are powerful search tools-</p>
12:00	Break for lunch and stretch (Bring your own lunch)
12:30	<p>New invasives on the horizon: SLF and other high priority invasive species updates-</p> <p>NYS response is a combined effort between all agencies- NYSIPM, PRISMS, DEC, AgMkts, ICS – adapted from military to fight fires in AZ- realized a communication gap was there- therefore, states and federal and local govts get training in ICS- management term- Thom gets stuff- everyone has a role- plug people in from various roles- changing roles for this structure- virtual response because people are everywhere- difficult job to manage all these roles- evaluate things are they go on- rotate positions-</p> <p>Response plan is being revised currently- incorporating this information based on people in survey- taking information and response- final edits currently- hopefully this will be approved in the coming days- USDA CEPHIS(?) survey model based on transportation corridors and human populations- revised model includes recreation activities and camping, airBands, lot of people traveling – these pathways are being incorporated into this model- survey and regulatory- DOT weigh stations along NY/PA and NY/NJ target 8-12 sites checking the manifests- taking a look at the vehicles- found one in the grill of a truck coming from PA! following up by checking warehouses that came from PA. warehouse inspections- checking nursery stock- also stoneyards- targets stoneyards because they love this material- survey area of 1km grids- 13 separate regulatory incidents where SLF was found- no nymphs found- one adult found in a vehicle. Eggs on nursery stock in Westchester Co. resurvey this area- nursery in LI found SLF, none were viable. Resurvey areas and update model to incorporate this risk. Public outreach is a huge aspect of this program- apples, grapes, nursery- make recordings for these webinar. Emma Antolos- E&amp;O coordinator and E&amp;O with ICS. Will likely find an established population this season. We are pretty well prepared for when it arrives.</p> <p>The five states- DE, NJ, PA, MD, VA</p>

1:00	Regional programming for NYISAW and community science projects
1:45	Wrap-up and set next meeting schedule
2:00	Adjourn



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