

**Six Rivers CISMA Meeting Minutes  
21 October 2010**

**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Barbara Almario	FWC
Barbara Albrecht	UWF
Kimberly Bohn	UF
Mikaela Anderson	FDACS-DPI
Billy Moye	Progressive Solutions
Brooke Saari	UF/IFAS Sea Grant Okaloosa/Walton
Craig Iverson	BRSF/DOF
Dennis Teague	Eglin
Jason Tritt	NRCS
Justin Jones	TNC – GCPEP
Krystal Walsh	Hurlburt Field
Mark Gibson	Navy
Sarah Kalinoski	Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
Derek Blackmon	Progressive Solutions
Ad Platt	TNC
Karan Rawlins	UGA
Erica Laine	Eglin
Lindsey Wood	TNC – volunteer
Sheila Dunning	IFAS Extension- Okaloosa County
Gordon Rothe	TNC – GCPEP

**Welcome and Introductions:**

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has received two DOD Legacy grants to support development of the CISMA; have held quarterly meetings since October, 2009; current DoD funding through June 2011; 1st phase, established CISMA and created 5 year strategic plan; this year develop an annual work plan and continue CISMA development; DoD grant funds to TNC to do invasives management on Eglin AFB; will display invasives info at Jackson Guard visitor center; will present at next year's FLEPPC conference; planning a CISMA work day at Eglin AFB in the spring.

Florida Invasive Species Partnership website ([www.floridainvasives.org](http://www.floridainvasives.org)) has link to the Six Rivers CISMA webpage. Hope to use it more in the future as a means of communication for the CISMA members. Encourage members to use the website.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week is the week of Feb 28th.

Two items on today's agenda: discuss Annual Work Plan; EDDMapS Workshop with Karen Rawlins (University of Georgia).

### **CISMA Partner Announcements:**

Brooke Saari- lionfish detected in northern Gulf; confirmed sighting in Pensacola; lionfish serious competitor; venomous spines; juveniles found in seagrass beds; an issue that will have to be dealt with now and in the future. Brooke provided pamphlets of information of what to do if sighted; stung, etc. Lots of information on the Sea Grant website. Adults about 8 inches long; sting similar to stingray. Fish edible; having tournaments in the Keys; may look into this in the area in the future; habit similar to the grouper, territorial; so far catching lionfish is the only known control measure; special technique used to catch them, though it's easy to learn. In south Florida lionfish get into lobster nets; lots of unconfirmed sightings in the area.

### **Annual Work Plan Discussion**

The Annual Work Plan will be developed for the 2011 calendar year. As a grant deliverable, the work plan is not due until March. However, want to get discussion started and develop product prior to deliverable due date. The subcommittees reviewed the strategic plan and will make suggestions as to what is feasible in 2011. These suggestions will be compiled into a formal work plan.

- **Goal 1: Create, strengthen and sustain Six Rivers CISMA**

Justin Jones presented on suggestions for Goal 1. Focus included continuing ongoing activities, such as holding meetings and maintaining standing subcommittees; increase CISMA participation by increasing membership and participation in subcommittees; development of the Annual Work Plan; writing an Annual Report; exploring funding opportunities and which agencies are available for administering CISMA grants; signing liability releases necessary for a CISMA work day (could potentially put those on the CISMA website).

Question - How do other CISMAs deal with funding? They have found an agency that is able and willing to apply for and manage grants. Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance might be able to receive and administer CISMA grants.

Question- are CISMA members automatically members of FLEPPC? No. Being a member of FLEPPC gives automatic admittance to SEPPC. Perhaps CISMA could facilitate membership to FLEPPC. Could submit articles to Wildland Weeds.

Discussion- An updated website would be valuable for communication. Website is powered by Google and easy to update (no need for specialized knowledge/skills). Might be good to have three or four people uploading frequently (people don't keep coming to a website if there isn't new material). Is there a place to post information or does it have to be loaded by a webmaster? You can upload with administrator rights. Could get a student intern or a website committee. Very easy to use- having committee head to have administrative access could be a good way.

Barbara Albrecht to find UWF volunteer. Justin Jones will provide website administrator access to subcommittees.

## **Goal 2: Prevention**

Arthur Stiles from DEP developed suggestions for annual work plan. In his absence, Justin Jones presented Arthurs suggestions, including review EDDMaps / other spatial databases / weed risk assessments for species of prevention concern, and research decontamination protocols and provide summaries for the CISMA.

Question concerning action B.2: Is there an agency that inspects mulch for invasives? DPI inspects sod; are there other agencies that inspect mulch etc.?

Frank Price FNAI will also be helpful to use in the prevention goals / identifying prevention species.

## **Goal 3: Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)**

Lindsey Wood and Craig Iverson presented on EDRR. Decided to work on 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, focusing on plants in first half of year, animals in the second half. Want to come up with a list of species; protocol for partners to report; upload on website for all to see.

## **Goal 4: Control (Prioritized Management)**

Mark Gibson and Dennis Teague presented on Goal 4. Focus will be on compiling a list of invasive species present, and put on the list on the website (group discussion prioritized cogongrass, Japanese climbing fern, Chinese tallow, torpedo grass, and Chinese privet), organizing CISMA a work day in the fall, and increasing lands treated through the FWC IPMS funding

Question -Could we create an identification / treatment deck for the "Top Ten"? There are available DoD Legacy funds to order decks of invasive species cards. UF has decks; can do ones specific to this area. Might want to look at contacting some of the groups that are out in natural areas but don't know about invasives (e.g., Audubon) for deck distribution.

## **Goal 5: Monitoring, Mapping and Applied Research**

Kimberly Bohn, Kristal Walsh and Sarah Kalinoski presented on Goal 5. EDDMapS Workshop today is the first step in encouraging further mapping of invasives (1.a). Will identify verifiers within subcommittee and hopefully outside. Concerning action 2.a and 2.b, Kimberly Bohn with UF has already utilized CISMA to gain information on research needs, and received good feedback; would like to develop yearly survey for agencies to share what invasives they are dealing with so she can work on research proposals.

Question - Could we get student volunteers to be the verifiers? Need to trust person's judgment and/or have pictures (come up with protocol for taking pictures?). UF students need volunteer hours; could be a source. Can use FNPS as a resource.

FNAI data does go into EDDMaps.

### **Goal 6: Outreach, Training and Strategic Collaboration**

Sheila Dunning and Brooke Saari presented on Goal 6. The suggested focuses include: making the website a valuable information source; holding a plant ID / treatment training program for the CISMA; gathering contact information for groups in the area where we could give trainings during conferences (Brooke can organize); reaching out to private industries; utilizing the national invasive species awareness week for outreach; collecting information and resource instead of developing new materials (will link with control).

Bugwood network has a lot of photos that are free for educational purposes.

11:55 break for lunch

### **EDDMapS Workshop**

Karan Rawlins from the University of Georgia provided a workshop on using EDDMapS to record and map invasive species occurrences. The workshop included a “walk through” of the website (<http://www.eddmaps.org>), a fieldtrip to collect data on the UWF Nature Trail, and time for participants to enter data into EDDMapS.

There is an EDDMapS training video available at <http://www.eddmaps.org/training/ivegot1.cfm>