

VIEPAC Quarterly Meeting 6/22/23

9am-noon

Hybrid Meeting (In-person and virtual)

Attendance: Bonnie Donahue, Ann Hazelrigg, Kathryn Aorian, Steve Mortillo, Toby Alexander, Caitlin Cusack, Mary Beth Deller, Grace Glynn, Kim Jensen, Stephanie Smith, Emilie Inoue, Judy Rosovsky, Christa Lessing, Ben Dillner, Katie Kain, Steve Dwinell, Meg Modley

Members of the Public: Bernie Paquette

Committee members round-robin:

Toby: NRCS, more foresters, invasive plant control plans, more \$ from feds- climate smart practices,

Kim Jensen: field season, study on use of prosaic aquatic herbicide due to bill, water chestnut and milfoil; success with management- less need for mechanical harvesting

Meg: Hydrilla in Connecticut River, intercepting it on watercraft coming into VT

MaryBeth: EDRR funding/ projects

Bonnie: hired a veg. management person, running BMPs for invasive species control

Steve Mortillo: veg management plans, control of black alder and black swallowwort, removal of Norway maple, monitoring of beech- increased mortality of large trees

Ann: summer season survey

Grace: was working a consulting botanist, serving on endangered species committee.

Ben: Ag update, nursery and trapping, concern about Petcos- work together to inspect with DEC

Steve update:

Update on pesticide rule, clarification of terrestrial invasive plant control permits, only for towns to do projects on public land and with landowner permission,

What about things not on list? no good answer, what about a town trying to control multiflora rose, couldn't use that permit; maybe use right of way permit

Overview of voting structure:

Don't need formal votes, committee is making recommendations to Secretary, consensus or if not need to record opinions

Duty of committee- PRAs have specific criteria, other states have numerical system to evaluate risk, impact to nursery industry or other economics? Don't always know but will be opportunity in rule making process

How to prioritize list and PRAs- discussion and suggestions;

Operations guidelines- can adjust PRA form overall, can revise PRA in subcommittee, discuss species list

Does public have ability to submit PRA? Maybe just submit suggestion- put suggestion form online?

Experts from NPS and elsewhere can help draft PRAs

Discussion of PRAs

Define wild, need formatting consistency- fillable PDF, maps out of date?

How useful are maps- if its statewide maybe not as useful, iNaturalist?

Art Gilman – flora of the state, good reference

Do we have enough information to make recommendations?

PRA's need to be in completed form before making recommendations to secretary
 Rule making process takes 6-8months, adding some adjustments to language and 6 species to list
 Committee for form and committees for each species
 Committees assigned for each species and formatting:

PRA Formatting
Bonnie
Kim
Kathryn
Emilie

PRA Updating/Formatting		
<u>Knotweed</u>	<u>Autumn Olive</u>	<u>Multiflora Rose</u>
Judy	Ben	Kim
Katie	Toby	Toby
Meg	Ann	Christa
<u>European Alder</u>	<u>Butterbur</u>	<u>Fig Buttercup</u>
Toby	Kim	Christa
Caitlin	Grace	Judy
Steve	Aaron(?)	Emilie
Bob (?)		

Public comment

Bernie Paquette – mapping suggestions: iNaturalist and agency versions; outreach to nurseries? Yes
 Outreach about rulemaking process would happen

Next meeting date

9/28/23

9am- 12pm

Have PRA's completed by next meeting