

# NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES FORUM – DRAFT AGENDA

Delta Ottawa Hotel & Suites  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, & March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

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## **Purpose**

To share knowledge and information on invasive species planning and initiatives in Canada across invasive species managers from all levels of governments, organizations and others. Based on input, the key focus for this forum will be prevention (pathways), early response and collaboration.

The National Invasive Species Forum is hosted by the **National Invasive Species Working Group** with the much appreciated guidance and support of the multi-party Forum Planning Committee.

## **Day One – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**08:00 Registration Open**

**08:30 Welcome and Overview**

## **Highlights Across the Country**

### **8:45 Federal Government Highlights**

8:45 Highlights from Environment Canada (EC)

9:00 Highlights from Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

9:15 Highlights from Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)

9:30 Highlights from Natural Resources Canada (NRC)

Others - Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA)

### **9:45 Discussion & Questions**

## **10:05 Refreshment Break**

### **10:25 Highlights and New Initiatives in Invasive Species Management: What's happening in your province?**

10:25 Speaker from Atlantic government(s)

10:45 Speaker from Ontario **or** Quebec government

11:05 Speaker from Prairies government

11:25 Speaker from West Coast/Yukon government

### **11:45 Discussion & Questions**

## **12:00 LUNCH**

## STOPPING INVASIVES AT OUR DOOR!

### 1:00 Highlights of Prevention Initiatives Across Canada

- 1:30 Ontario Invasive Species Watch Program and Clean Drain Dry (OFAH/MNR)
- 1:50 Project UFO: Preventing Invasive Species in Atlantic Canada
- 2:10 Weed Free Hay **OR** Invasive Tunicates (DFO)
- 2:30 West Coast Governor's Agreement (*Spartina* Working Group) **OR** Columbia River Agreement

### 2:50 Discussion & Questions

### 3:10 BREAK

## Highlights Across the Country continued...

### 3:30 Highlights of National and Provincial/Territorial Councils

- 3:30 National Invasive Species Working Group
- 3:45 Highlights from Maritimes Councils
- 4:00 Highlights from Ontario **or** Quebec Council
- 4:15 Highlights from Prairie Councils
- 4:30 Highlights from West Coast/Yukon Councils

### 4:30 Discussion & Questions (Day 1 Wrap Up & Next Steps)

### 17:00 DAY 1 ADJOURNED

## Day Two – February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**08:30 Welcome**

**08:40 Pathways Overview**

### COLLABORATING FOR SUCCESS

#### Highlights of National and International Collaborative Efforts in Canada

**8:50 National and International Collaboration**

08:50 North American Invasive Species Network (NAISN)

09:05 PNWER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region)

09:20 Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network (CAISN)

09:35 Invasive Species Research Institute (ISRI)

**9:50 Discussion & Questions**

**10:10 BREAK**

### RESPONDING TO NEW INVADERS

#### Highlights of Early Response Initiatives Across Canada

**10:30 Early Detection, Rapid Response Plans**

10:30 National EDRR Plan

10:50 Provincial EDRR Plan - BC/Western Canada

11:10 Provincial EDRR Plan - Central Canada

11:30 Provincial EDRR Plan – Eastern Canada

**11:50 Discussion & Questions**

**12:10 LUNCH**

**1:10 Aboriginal Initiative – BC's Aboriginal Working Group**

**1:30 Rapid Response Initiatives – examples**

1:30 Invasive Norway Rat Removal in Gwaii Haanas National Park (Parks Canada Agency)

1:50 Ontario Water Soldier Program

2:10 New Brunswick Invasive Smallmouth Bass Rapid Response

**2:30 Discussion & Questions**

**2:50 BREAK**

**3:10 Special Focus: Horticulture**

3:10 Horticulture Certification – sharing lessons learned

3:30 Industry Initiatives: What has worked, what are the challenges?

3:50 National Priorities/Grow Me Instead

**4:10 Discussion & Questions**

**4:30 Session Wrap Up & Next Steps**

**5:00 CONFERENCE ADJOURNED**

### **Day Three – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 – Concurrent Workshops**

#### **SESSION #1: BUILDING NATIONAL COLLABORATION ... NEXT STEPS**

*To seek input on the Council structure, purpose, and key national collaborative priorities.*

##### **8:30 Building the National Invasive Species Council**

- 8:45 Overview of the Council (draft), purpose, structure, etc
- 9:15 Small group work providing input on purpose, structure, decision-making, etc
- 11:00 Working to consensus on recommendations for changes

##### **12:00 Lunch**

- 1:00 Overview of current key priorities for Working Group
- 1:15 Small group work on national collaborative priorities
- 2:00 Summarize input on priorities

##### **3:00 Workshop wrapped**

#### **SESSION #2: MANAGING 'INVASIVE' INFORMATION IN CANADA**

*To review the current data management systems currently being used and identify how to better share information.*

##### **8:30 Federal Data Management Updates**

- 8:45 Aquatic Data: Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- 9:15 Terrestrial Data: Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- 9:45 Biocontrol Data: Agriculture and Food Canada
- 10:15 Other

##### **11:00 Provincial Data Management Updates**

- 11:00 Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) - British Columbia
- 11:30 EDMAPPS - Alberta

##### **12:00 Lunch**

##### **1:00 Provincial Data Management Updates continued**

- 1:00 Invasive Tracking System
- 1:30 Other

##### **2:00 Improving Current Data Management and Sharing - what more can be done**

##### **3:00 Workshop wrapped**