

KISMA Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees:

In person: Danielle Miller (The Nature Conservancy), Darcy Rutkowski (UP RC&D Council), Christy Burkhart (KISMA weed crew leader from UP RC&D), DeAnna Hadden (Invasive Species Coordinator at KBIC), Wayne Burnett (DNR-Fort Wilkins), Susan Trull (FS-Ottawa NF for Ian Shackelford), Jill Fisher (MTU-not officially steering committee)

By internet: Christine Baugher (DNR for Ryan Wheeler-not steering committee just attending for informational purposes), Monica Carter (NRCS-Baraga for Allison George new steering committee member to replace Marilyn Shy who retired from NRCS but difference office), Bonnie Hay (Gratiot Lake Conservancy)

Future funding:

MISMP--preproposal due June 15 (3 pager with likely partners, 1 page resume/cv for each)

- Advice from Christina
 - No research
 - Develop plan for invasive control starting with reactivating KISMA partners and concluding in later year with treatments (can be a 3 year project)
- WePIC did a bunch of small projects for a previous grant which looked good because lots going on--this is where our partners projects could be supported and cost shared
- Subawards are tricky due to tracking, lots of documentation, so may not want to do that quite yet
- Match--need to reach out to partners but no letters for preproposal
 - Won't be scored on preproposal
- Write proposal as capacity building with management

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- If full proposal was awarded, project agreement would be signed by Feb. 2017 for this money, so \$ available then
- In-kind support (examples in MISGP handbook)
 - Educational workshops
 - Own car use to get to sites
 - Own boat
 - Volunteers (minimum wage)
- Christina/Ryan and Darcy will get me copies of preproposals to model ours on
- Cost share tends to average around 25-30%, very few over 50%, has to be at least 10% but need to do more than that--match needs to be something to do with project, be careful not to over-leverage

GLRI funding (RFP not out yet, but proposal likely due in late August/early September)

Prioritizing ideas for planning invasive mapping

Corridors of spread

- Boat landings (trout unlimited support?)
- Trails (Keweenaw trails support?)
- Natural areas (more pristine so good idea to map to look for early invasion and detection)

Use MISIN map output to look for holes in mapping inventory

Ottawa NF may provide GIS work and cost share that

Annual Operating Plan (AOP)

Danielle suggested emailing partners to create AOP

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- Ask partners:
 - for list of what invasive work they are doing and where = list of priority species
 - are any of them interested in being on steering committee (provide in email the responsibilities of steering committee)
 - Inform partners on my plans, which include: attending MISIN mapping workshop, helping middle school science class with invasive pulling day, co-teaching invasive workshop for local teachers (part of milfoil grant outreach), public education of MISIN mapping, MISGP and GLRI proposal writing
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Other

- Be sure to include AIS in goals (boat wash at KBIC)
 - Website development--need to figure out server home (maybe use Word Press?)
 - Don't create whole strategic plan, but do have goals and priorities (e.g., continuing with garlic mustard control) showing direction in to the future
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Possible new Steering Committee members

Ask in email to Partners but possibilities include:

- Keweenaw Land Trust (KLT)
 - Keweenaw Historic Parks
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Possible new Partners, but this should be part of MISGP proposal capacity building

- Townships
- Road commissions

New Fiduciary Manager

- due to restrictions on using chemical control on invasive species placed on KISMA by HKCD, we will need to find a new fiduciary manager
- KLT is a possibility--Sigrid will try to get this confirmed the week of 5/9 in order to submit the MISGP proposal through them