



Agenda for First Quarter Meeting 2020
Thursday, January 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
MNDOT Training & Conference Center, Shoreview, MN

- 10:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:05 am **Council Business**
- Review Agenda (*vote*)
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/16/2019 (*vote*)
 - Treasurer's Report submitted by Wildlife Forever, fiscal agent for MISAC (*vote*)
 - Leadership for Year – Missy Anderson (Chair), Megan Weber (Past Chair), Jennifer Burington (Co-Chair)
 - Upcoming meeting dates: Tuesday, April 14th (at UMN); Thursday, July 16th; no Oct. meeting (UMISC Oct. 12-14th)
- 10:30 am **Introduction to Genetic Biocontrol (Dr. Michael Smanski, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, University of Minnesota)**
- *Contact:* smanski@umn.edu, (612) 624-9752
- 11:30 am **Engagement Discussions**
- Update on species proposed for Rule-Making -Kelly Pennington (10 min)
 - Disbandment of the NISC Advisory Council – Missy Anderson (5 min)
 - Other areas of engagement? – Open Discussion (5 min)
- 11:50 am **MISAC Project Updates**
- Goal review and setting– Missy Anderson (10 min)
- 12:00 pm **Lunch and Networking**
- 12:45 pm **Updates & Discussion Topics**
- Logo revision/Brand standards – Dane Huinker & Megan Weber (10 min)
 - 2021 MISAC Calendar – Laura Van Riper (10 min)
 - Website committee update – Missy Anderson (5 min)
 - Species ranking review update – Laura Van Riper (15 min)
 - UMISC Updates & Planning – Doug Jensen (10 min)
 - MISAC Finances – Dane Huinker & Missy Anderson (5 min)
 - Carol Mortensen Award – Missy Anderson (10 min)
- 1:50 pm **Timed updates from members**
- 3:00 pm **Adjourn**

Suggested MISAC Goals from 2019

- Continued development of a species rating list
- MISAC website maintenance and improvement
- Implement MISAC brand/logo
- Continued open communication about invasive species actions and issues facing member organizations with quarterly meetings
- Continue to follow up with Earthworm Regulation
- Engage in UMISC planning
- Coordinate outreach on invasive species such as the 2021 MISAC calendar
- Update bylaws (2022) and membership (annual)
- Add advocacy goal– identify key issues as brought forth by members where we have ability to influence decision-making
- Invite speakers on the key issues to improve understanding

Excerpts from Bylaws

Purpose and Objective

The purpose of the *Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council* is to provide communication, coordination, and integration among member organizations to implement elements of the Minnesota Statewide Invasive Species Management Plan by:

- Promoting communication and cooperation among organizations involved in invasive species issues.
- Coordinating outreach on invasive species (such as the MISAC calendar)
- Supporting state-wide and multi-state conferences related to invasive species issues.
- Supporting trainings and field visits related to invasive species
- Recognizing outstanding and noteworthy work related to invasive species and encouraging such work through the Carol Mortensen Award
- Maintaining the MISAC website to help the public locate invasive species resources
- Advocating for research and management for the species and pathways deemed greatest risk.
- Working on other projects that MISAC finds to be appropriate.
- These functions support, but do not supersede, the goals and responsibilities of member organizations.

Co-Chairs and Minutes

The Council is led by a chair, co-chair, and past-chair. The Council will elect a new co-chair annually for a three-year term. The co-chair serves the first year as co-chair, then becomes chair in the second year of her/his term, and then serves the third year as the past-chair. Any Council member may be nominated to serve. The Chair is responsible for setting the agenda for each quarterly meeting, coordinating with the Minnesota DNR to produce the MISAC calendar, and representing the Council as an ex officio member of organizing committees for MISAC-endorsed events. The co-chair is responsible for arranging the time and location for quarterly meetings, taking minutes, distributing minutes, and correcting minutes as needed. Meeting minutes will be reviewed for additions or corrections and approved by the Council at the following meeting. The past-chair assists in continuity and transition of leadership.

E-mail to Address Group between Meetings

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