

OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2012–2016



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PRIORITY ACTIONS 2012-2016

The Oregon Invasive Species Council launched a planning effort in 2011 following a statewide invasive species summit and the completion of a management assessment of invasive species for the State of Oregon. This document includes the mission, vision, and core values of the Council as well as key strategic actions the Council seeks to engage in during the next four years. The Council will review progress and consider revision of these priorities in 2014.

OISC MISSION

Our mission is to protect Oregon's economy and natural resources by conducting a coordinated and thorough effort to keep invasive species out of Oregon and to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of invasive species already established in Oregon.

OISC VISION

Our vision is for the Oregon Invasive Species Council to be the driving and coordinating force behind efforts in Oregon that lead to substantive positive changes in the prevention, control, management, reduction, and elimination of invasive species.

OISC CORE VALUES

Our Core Values:

- We believe, first and foremost, that preventing introductions of invasive species is paramount to the health of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life. This requires minimizing transport of invasive species by vectors that can be managed by humans. Once introduced, early detection of initial invasions, and then quick, coordinated responses, are necessary to control, eradicate, and prevent establishment before it becomes technically or financially impossible.
- We believe elimination, reduction, and mitigation of invasive species impacts will protect Oregon's native plants and animals, support biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life for all Oregonians.

- We believe all Oregonians have a role to play in protecting the state from the threats of invasive species.
- We believe that the Council should coordinate with, and build upon existing efforts to protect Oregon's biodiversity and grow our economy.
- We believe the strength of the Council lies in partnering with citizens and public and private organizations to achieve mutually agreed upon goals and collaborative solutions.
- With expansion of global trade and transportation, we believe invasive species will remain a long-term threat to Oregon's economic and environmental future. Therefore, we support comprehensive, sustainable efforts to detect invasive species introductions; monitor their spread; fund prevention, control, eradication, and management efforts; and inform and engage the public.

GOALS

Goal 1. Coordination/Cooperation: To promote cooperation, coordination, and communication among government agencies, tribal governments, industry, nonprofit organizations, citizen groups, landowners, and educational institutions relative to invasive species management and early detection activities in Oregon and with regional partners.

ACTION 1.1: Coordinate with natural resource state agencies relative to how the Oregon Invasive Species Council can help advance agency program objectives as well as how agencies can collaborate with the Council to advance statewide invasive species priority actions.

Lead: Agency representatives on the Council.

Participants: All Council members.

Timeline: Ongoing, with an emphasis on coordination during legislative sessions and early detection coordination.

Cost to Implement: \$0

ACTION 1.2: Participate in the Governor's Natural Resource Policy Cabinet meetings and share progress and activities associated with Oregon's invasive species management and control efforts.

Lead: OISC Coordinator, Council Chair

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Bi-weekly

Cost to Implement: 1% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 1.3: Participate in the Pacific Northwest Economic Region annual meeting as well as development and implementation of a regional invasive species action plan.

Lead: Council Chair, Mark Sytsma, and OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Dependent upon specific action items and timeline of invasive species working group.

Cost to Implement: 3% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 1.4: Provide Council support to address institutional barriers relative to reciprocity for aquatic invasive species boat inspection programs.

Lead: OISC Legislative Committee, Agency representatives, Council Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 7% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 1.5: Coordinate with and give a presentation annually to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board that updates them on Council activities specific to the health of Oregon's watersheds.

Lead: Council Chair and OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Once annually

Cost to Implement: 2% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 1.6: Coordinate with the Western Regional Panel to advance actions that prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species.

Lead: Council Chair, Mark Sytsma, Sam Chan, OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 2% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 1.7: Maintain and support the functions of the OISC website, reporting hotline, and iMapInvasives.

Lead: OISC Coordinator and Special Assistants to the Council

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 3% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 1.8: Foster the creation of an all-taxa Early Detection network in the State of Oregon.

Lead: OISC members

Participants: OISC partner organizations

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 5% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

Goal 2. Funding: To ensure long-term sustainable funding and the availability of an emergency fund to adequately address the threat of invasive species to Oregon's economy, environment, and quality of life.

ACTION 2.1: Raise funds annually to achieve the outcomes of this action plan.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 5% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 2.2: Identify a funding stream for the Invasive Species Control Account to enhance its functionality and better enable Oregon to respond in an emergency.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 2% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 2.3: Maintain the funding for state agency invasive species programs important to the Council by tracking agency budget hearings and testifying at those hearings.

Lead: OISC Coordinator and OISC Legislative Committee Chair

Participants: OISC committee members that are also agency employees

Timeline: Weekly during the legislative session

Cost to Implement: 10% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 2.4: Identify a funding stream to secure funding for counties to establish and implement weed programs.

Lead: OISC Coordinator and Council Chair

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: 5% of council Coordinator's time/cost

Goal 3. Policy: To identify gaps in Oregon's legislation, and to promote new and enhanced regulations to protect Oregon from the introduction or spread of invasive species.

ACTION 3.1: Annually produce an updated legislative briefing document to legislators on invasive species threats and the activities of the Council.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: November prior to start of legislative session

Cost to Implement: 1% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 3.2: During legislative sessions, circulate weekly a status of bills and agency program budget hearing updates document that includes a section on the status of Council support for each bill. Distribute to Council and advisory committee members weekly by posting to Acrobat.com.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Legislative Committee Chair and Council members

Timeline: Weekly during legislative session

Cost to Implement: 5% of Council Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 3.3: Introduce legislation that provides authority for officials to effect a quarantine for a water body infested with zebra and/or quagga mussels.

Lead: OISC Legislative Chair

Participants: Council members

Timeline: By July 30, 2012

Cost to Implement: \$0

ACTION 3.4: Develop and distribute a position statement that addresses the use of invasives in new technology, using precautionary approach language, incorporating the scale of the issue, and emphasizing the need for alternative species to be given priority consideration.

Lead: OISC Arundo committee

Participants: Council members

Timeline: By July 30, 2012

Cost to Implement: \$0

ACTION 3.5: Upon completion of the National Sea Grant project, take steps to recommend policy changes that allow for mandatory stopping of boats based of visual suspicion of invasive species.

Lead: OISC Legislative Committee

Participants: Council members

Timeline: By July 30, 2013

Cost to Implement: \$0

Goal 4. Public Awareness and Outreach: To instill in Oregonians and those visiting or conducting business with the state an appreciation, awareness, and understanding of the threat invasive species has to Oregon's economy, environment, and quality of life, ultimately leading to actions that lessen the threat.

ACTION 4.1: Launch a Report-A-Pig outreach campaign to increase awareness of the threat of feral swine to Oregon's riparian corridors and native fish and wildlife habitats.

Lead: OISC Coordinator and Rick Boatner

Participants: Council members and Outreach and Education Committee

Timeline: December 2013

Cost to Implement: \$25,000 for outreach portion of campaign; \$200,000 for feral pig eradication, 10% of Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 4.2: Support and help spread the Clean, Drain, Dry message and other messages associated with preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Lead: Oregon Sea Grant, Oregon Marine Board, and ODFW

Participants: Council members

Timeline: Ongoing

Cost to Implement: \$0

ACTION 4.3: Working with iMapInvasives staff, develop a smartphone application that links with www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org.

Lead: OISC Coordinator and Outreach and Education Committee

Participants: Council members

Timeline: December 2013

Cost to Implement: 5% of Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 4.4: Create opportunities annually during Earth Day week to reinvigorate the Silent Invasion campaign.

Lead: Outreach and Education Committee, OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: May 2012

Cost to Implement: 5% of Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 4.5: Work with the National Invasive Species Council and the Governor's Natural Resource Policy Cabinet to host events such as Invasive Species Awareness Day at the Capitol during Invasive Species Awareness Week in Oregon.

Lead: Outreach and Education Committee

Participants: Council members

Timeline: By June of each year

Cost to Implement: 7% of Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 4.6: Host the annual awards banquet during Invasive Species Awareness Week in Oregon, and consider a venue that provides for enhanced publicity opportunities.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members

Timeline: By May of each year

Cost to Implement: \$2,800, 7% of Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 4.7: Continue to produce the Council blog, calendar, and other ongoing outreach tools to engage with the public on invasive species issues, and advance the INVOLV initiative to create a forum to track and share invasive species-related volunteer opportunities.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members and Outreach and Education Committee

Timeline: Monthly

Cost to Implement: 10% of Coordinator's time/cost

Goal 5. Research and Monitoring: To promote systems, forums, and processes that result in efficient and cost-effective methods for preventing and managing invasive species in Oregon.

ACTION 5.1: Convene a university-based independent scientific advisory board to provide the Council with independent scientific input on important issues. Develop a set of thresholds that trigger the review.

Lead: OISC *Arundo* committee

Participants: Council members

Timeline: December 2012

Cost to Implement: \$0

ACTION 5.2: Host a tri-state invasive species summit focused on the ecological and economic threats associated with invasive species.

Lead: Pacific Northwest Invasive Species Council Coordinators

Participants: Council members

Timeline: December 2013

Cost to Implement: \$25,000, 5% of Coordinator's time/cost

ACTION 5.3: Conduct a statewide assessment of Early Detection activities including reporting infrastructures.

Lead: OISC Coordinator

Participants: Council members and Special Assistants to the Council

Timeline: December 2013

Cost to Implement: 5% of Coordinator's time/cost

Action 5.4: Promote awareness of iMapInvasives and the Oregon Invasive Hotline and their value in assisting Early Detection of invasives through targeted presentation, developing training opportunities, press releases and the OISC website and Blog.

Table 1. OISC Budget, 2012-2013.

	2012	2013	Total
Actions 1–20— OISC Coordinator time	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Action 7—manage iMapInvasives and reporting hotline (contract with Oregon Biodiversity Information Center)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Action 12—feral swine eradication and outreach	15,000 (outreach to landowners) \$100,000 (feral swine eradication)	\$10,000 (outreach to landowners) \$100,000 (feral swine eradication)	\$225,000
Action 20—summit in 2013	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Council annual operations	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
TOTALS	\$227,500	\$247,500	\$475,000