

ILLINOIS INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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Topic: My Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of IISC By-Laws and Committee Responsibilities
3. Discussion of top concerns and needs
4. Discussion of potential goals and outcomes
5. Meeting frequency
6. Next meeting date and agenda topics
7. Adjourn

Request from the IISC:

Just a reminder to please complete the Doodle poll (link below) so we can get our meeting dates scheduled for 2023.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/aMwYQrRd>

NRCS Animal Wildlife control – Explore further. Mike will look into this.

Feral Pigs – Is there someone in agriculture who would be willing to work on this? Broader interest.

Illinois Farm Bureau

Missouri – bean, everyone is a stakeholder.

Transportation –

Urban Wildlife Institute

Anyone interested in being a co-chair?

NOTES for January 11, 2023 Meeting

Attendees:

John Lough

Scott Meister

Joy O'Keefe

Mike Eichholz

Gary Glowacki

John Burk

Lydia Scott

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee members were welcomed and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. Review of IISC By-Laws and Committee Responsibilities

Committee members went through the sections of the Bylaws related to committees and discussed possible additions to the committee: NRCS or federal representatives, urban wildlife (Urban Wildlife Institute), entomologist, representatives from agriculture (feral pigs are a huge problem in other states with respect to agriculture), transportation (they will think of others). **Mike will look into federal participation from wildlife control.**

One key concern is where does this committee start and another end, e.g. invertebrates. John Lough, President of IISC, stated that there will be some overlap and opportunities for collaboration between committees. **Lydia will ask the co-chairs of the Pests and Pathogens Committee to come to the next Wildlife Committee to talk about what species they are reviewing.**

John Lough pointed out that the other committees have started with identifying protocols. Lydia will send along protocols that may have been developed by the other committees. Additionally Lydia and Scott Meister will look into other states invasive species wildlife committees and protocols that they may have. The Committee should look at Michigan. Lydia will see if she can find something on their webpage. (Mute swans, etc.) The Committee should look into what states have wildlife invasive species committees? Would the Midwest Fish and Wildlife group know? – Scott Meister will look into this.

Additionally, the Committee was advised that the Illinois Invasive Species Council has a Google account and that collaborative files can be created and shared through this resource. Chris Evans is setting this up.

3. Discussion of top concerns and needs

The Committee discussed knowledge and expertise gaps.

It was suggested that urban wildlife expertise may be needed. Joy suggested we connect with the Urban Wildlife Institute and Liz Lehrer (llehrer@lpzoo.org) (rats, pigeons, etc.) Lydia will contact her.

Another suggestion was someone from transportation, e.g. animal shipments, etc.

Another suggestion was NRCS Animal Wildlife control. Mike will look into this.

Feral pigs was discussed and the need to have someone with that expertise. Lydia pointed out that Chris Jacques may be that expert. Lydia will check in with him since he was not on the call.

Peggy Doty and Joy are working on a web resource on invasive species for the U of I Extension. If possible, Joy will share the list of the pages and content. Joy is working on the animals list and suggested that the IISC provide advice on content. Need an intersection with the Extension on this.

Here is the link to the Illinois Invasive Species list. It includes some wildlife.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/ExoticsHome.aspx>

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Also, here is the link to the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IWAP/Pages/default.aspx>

4. Discussion of potential goals and outcomes

The Committee is not ready to discuss this agenda item.

Lydia asked if anyone was willing to be a Committee Co-Chair – no one stepped forward.

Lydia will set up a meeting for about a month from now. The Committee agreed that more frequent meetings may be required at first with the intention to get to about 3 to 4 meetings per year. The expectation is that the work of the Committee will take place between meetings.