

TNC's Eastern North America Invasive Species Learning Network presents  
**A WORKSHOP ON INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT:  
Spotlight on Salty Species**

October 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Silver Beach YMCA Conference Center, Eastern Shore, Virginia

**AGENDA (LAST UPDATED JULY 14, 2008)**

**Workshop Objectives**

1. Gain a collective understanding of the state of knowledge regarding coastal and estuarine invaders and the key strategies being implemented to combat them.
2. Determine key government relations strategies for preventing coastal and estuarine invaders and how best to advance these within respective chapters as well as state and regional invasive species councils.
3. Identify best practices in preventing and managing coastal and estuarine invaders in the context of sea level rise and global climate change.
4. Conduct peer review and critique of measuring success of invasive species control and management projects in coastal environments.

**DAY 1 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Coastal Invaders Overview & Government Relations-Oriented Prevention Strategies**

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| 7:30  | Breakfast   |
| 8:15  | Welcome and workshop purpose, overview of networks<br>Speakers: Gwynn Crichton & Mandy Tu   |
| 8:30  | Group Project: Coastal and Estuarine Invasive Species--Scope of the Threat and Potential Strategies   |
| 9:45  | Presentation: Aquatic Estuarine Invasive Species along the U.S. Atlantic Coast: What is here, what is coming, and what is being done about it?<br><u>Speaker:</u> Greg Ruiz, Marine Invasions Research Lab, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center |
| 10:15 | Break   |
| 10:30 | Presentation: Federal Policy Strategies to Address Estuarine and Coastal Invasive Species, Catherine Hazlewood (TNC-GIST, WO)   |
| 11:00 | Small Group Discussion: 1). What other federal and state policy initiatives/GR strategies should TNC be working on to prevent estuarine   |

and coastal invaders? 2). How is your state engaging on these GR strategies?

- 11:30 Full Group Discussion: How can OUs best advance key federal strategies?
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 Full Group Reflection: What do you think are best practices for advancing federal policy strategies through OUs?
- 1:30 Panel Discussion: Role of Regional Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Forces in Prevention and EDRR of Coastal Invaders  
Panelists: Jonathan McKnight (Mid Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species), Paul Marangelo (ANS Northeastern Regional Task Force) and TBA
- 2:30 Small Group Discussion: How can TNC provide leadership to make councils more effective advocates for advancing key policy and EDRR strategies to abate invasives?
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Presentation: Regional Approaches to marine invaders in the Gulf of Maine  
Presenter: Elizabeth Stephenson (Maine Marine Invasive Species Working group)
- 4:00 Small Group Discussion: What Is Your Plan for Engaging State or Regional Councils in 2009?
- 5:00 Plus/Delta on the Day
- 5:15 Adjourn!
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening program:  
Market-based strategies with Frank Lowenstein (TNC-GIST)

**DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Climate Change and Invasive Species & VCR Field Trip**

- 8:00 Objectives for the day and logistics of field trips – Mandy, Gwynn and Joe
- 8:15 Group Project: Global Climate Change and Invasive Species

- 9:15 Presentation: Global Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound, North Carolina  
Speaker: Jeff Deblieu, TNC-NCOU
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Small Group Discussion: What Adaptation Strategies Can You Implement in Your Landscape to Abate Invasive Species Given Predicted Global Climate Change?
- 11:30 VCR/Chesapeake Bay Invasive Species Overview:
  - o Asian Oyster in Chesapeake Bay, Mark Bryer, TNC-Chesapeake Bay Initiative
  - o Virginia Barrier Island Breeding Birds predator removal project, Alex Wilke, TNC-VCR
  - o Phragmites control for songbird habitat restoration, Joe Scalf, TNC-VCR
- 12:30 Leave for Field Trip: get Box Lunch and load vans (TBD)
- 5:00 Reception/dinner at Brownsville Preserve

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**Peer Review of Measures of Success for Invasive Species Management Projects**

- 8:00 Peer review session on VCR island predator removal project and Phragmites project measures of success
- 8:45 Altamaha River Invasives Management, GA – Jeff Spratt (TNC-GA)
- 9:05 Invasives in Tidal Wetlands of the Hudson – David Van Luven (TNC-NY)
- 9:25 Great Bay Invasives Management, NH – Joanne Glode (TNC-NH)
- 9:45 Florida Lygodium project, Rosalind Rowe (TNC-FL)
- 10:05 Break
- 10:20 Small Group Discussions: Peer review on questions posed by sites.
- 11:00 Presentation: TNC GIST aquatic invasives work to date, John Randall and/or Lindsay Chatterton
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Full Group Discussion on other measures projects

2:00 Plus/Delta workshop and plans for next EIN workshop  
3:00 Adjourn

**OPTIONAL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Weeds Information Management System (WIMS) training session**

Start at 9am ending about 3pm – Led by Mandy Tu (TNC-GIST)  
This is our one-day classroom workshop to learn about how to use WIMS.

For information about WIMS see <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/wims.html> and indicate that you will be attending this training session on your Registration Form.