



Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop

March 3rd, 2022; 10:00am—3:15pm PST

Webinar (via Zoom Webinar)

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome

Troy Abercrombie (Western Invasives Network)

10:10 – 10:15 Columbia Gorge CWMA Update

Angie Kimpo (Portland Water Bureau)

Angie Kimpo is an Environmental Regulatory Program Coordinator at the Portland Water Bureau. She has worked in the field of natural area management and environmental restoration in the Pacific Northwest for the past 25 years. She has contributed regionally towards the knowledge of the region's flora with contributions to local coordination efforts including the formation of the 4-County Cooperative Weed Management Area and co-authoring the Urbanizing Flora of Portland, 1806-2008.

10:15 – 10:45 Reducing Weeds with Riparian Zone Restoration

Chris Hoag (Hoag Riparian & Wetland Restoration LLC)

Chris has been working on riparian and wetland systems for over 45 years. He is the author of over 120 technical papers on applied planting techniques for riparian and wetland ecosystems. He has been working with Streambank Soil Bioengineering techniques for 37 years and he has developed 2 practical field manuals on Bioengineering and over 100 papers describing these techniques, how to install them, materials needed, management after installation, and what zones riparian plants go in. Chris was formerly the project leader of the Interagency Riparian/Wetland Plant Development Project, USDA NRCS Plant Materials Center, Aberdeen, Idaho. He retired at the end of 2009 and opened up a small consulting business. He has worked, taught, and consulted all over the US, Canada, Mexico, and made two trips to Afghanistan to provide technical assistance to the Afghan Ministry of Forestry and Range.

10:45 – 10:55 Break

10:55 – 11:25 First Foods and Invasive Species Management

Cheryl Shippentower (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation)

Cheryl Shippentower is the Restoration Ecologist for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Department of Natural Resources. In this role, her primary responsibility is the protection, enhancement, and ecological restoration of First Foods that are critical to Tribal culture. Because invasive species impact ecosystems that support First Foods, invasive species management is a major component of her work. Cheryl received a bachelor's degree in Botany from Oregon State University and a restoration ecology certificate from the University of Idaho.

11:25 – 12:00 Invasive Species Quiz (via Mentimeter)

Marty Hudson (Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board)

Marty was born and raised in Pendleton, OR. In Pendleton, Marty had a custom spraying business for his FFA project treating about 4,000 acres each spring with a Spray Coupe primarily treating weeds in wheat fields. He later went to work for Agri-Chem in Adams, Oregon after school starting in 1977 and worked there until he moved to Goldendale in 1980. He worked at Agri-Chem, which later became PureGro from 1980 to 1991. Since then, he has been serving as the Coordinator for Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board. He has been married for 38 years to his wonderful wife Robin and they now have 5 grandchildren.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Rapid Response to Zebra Mussel Contamination in Marimo Moss Balls

Susan Pasko (US Fish and Wildlife Service—Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force)

Susan Pasko currently works in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Aquatic Species, serving as the Executive Secretary of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. In this role, Susan focuses on coordination and planning to ensure that Federal agencies are actively engaged and effectively responding to the threat of invasive species. She holds a bachelor's degree in Marine Science from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and a PhD in Aquatic ecology from Kent State University.

1:30 – 2:00 Planting Right with PlantRight

Alex Stubblefield (PlantRight)

Alex has been the PlantRight program manager since October 2019, when she oversaw the transition of PlantRight from Sustainable Conservation to Plant California Alliance. In 2021, she successfully relaunched the PlantRight spring nursery survey and will present the results here. Her background in both sustainable agriculture and landscaping give Alex a well-rounded view of horticulture and a deep understanding of how plants shape our world.

2:00 – 2:10 Break

2:10 – 2:40 Spotted lanternfly identification and risk to agriculture in the PNW

Josh Milnes (Washington Department of Agriculture—Plant Protection Division)

Joshua Milnes graduated with a master’s degree in Entomology from Washington State University and has a broad research background and skillset. He started his career studying biological control of the brown marmorated stink bug in the apple industry. In 2020, Mr. Milnes joined Washington State Department of Agriculture to co-lead the apple maggot state-wide survey and study biological control of the apple maggot complex. Recently Mr. Milnes was made director of the Spotted Lanternfly prevention program at WSDA. As part of a proactive approach in dealing with SLF, Mr. Milnes believes educating the public is key to preparing for this pest of economic concern in Washington State and the greater Pacific Northwest.

2:40 – 3:10 Scanning the horizon for new invasive species

Theresa Thom (US Fish and Wildlife Service—Fish and Aquatic Conservation)

Theresa currently focuses on aquatic invasive species-related activities throughout the Pacific Region, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, parts of Montana, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) Program. After earning a PhD in Ecology from the University of Georgia, she has worked on water resource issues in both North and South America for more than 20 years. Throughout her career, she has focused on a variety of issues including aquatic invasive species, native fisheries, and water quality monitoring.

3:10 – 3:15 That’s a wrap!
