

# ISAC Meeting – May 2012

## ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

**SPONSOR (Name/Email):** Damon Waitt

**TOPIC:** A Coordinated Approach to Invasive Species Management in a Metropolitan Region: Lessons from Portland, Oregon and Austin, Texas.

**SPEAKER (Name/Email):** Dominic Maze and Damon Waitt

**1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:** Dominic Maze will discuss the City of Portland, Oregon's "first in the nation" approach towards prevention of invasive species and restoration of natural and urban areas. The presentation will highlight unification of city code with regards to invasive species; public outreach and education; multiple and targeted on the ground control efforts; and our multiple regional efforts at the county, regional, state, and federal level. Portland is now the model for other cities seeking to implement their own municipal programs. Damon Waitt will discuss using the Portland model to develop an Invasive Species Management Plan in Austin, TX including the process followed to get "buy-in" from multiple city agencies and the political challenges of implementing the plan.

**2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?**

The programmatic goals of both Portland and Austin's Invasive Species Programs encompass the "5 Strategic Goals" of NISC. Portland has active sub-programs directly addressing these goals while Austin is in the process of having its plan approved. Most efforts to control and manage invasive species focus on wildlands and natural areas. Portland and Austin's efforts to manage, control, and prevent invasive species ecologic and economic damage in an urban environment should be of vital interest to NISC/ISAC.

**3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:** None.

**4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:** None, for information purposes.

**5. ALTERNATIVES:** None

**6. ATTACHMENTS:** None