

Water Quality & Eurasian Watermilfoil Workshop



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Mission:
Together. Prevent. Restore



Collaboration and Partnerships
..to prevent the introduction and
spread of invasive species

ISCBC – Board Structure

**Local/Regional
Provincial
Federal
First Nations
Non-governmental
representatives
Industry
representatives**



*2013 ISCBC Board of Directors
and staff with the Honourable
Judith Guichon, Lieutenant
Governor of British Columbia*

Regional Partners

Regional Committees

Collaboration with regional partners and Local, Provincial, First Nations and Federal governments



Invasive Species Strategy of BC

- Released in 2012
- Built in collaboration
- Comprehensive framework for the effective management of invasive species in B.C.



Invasive Species Strategy Recommendations

1. Build **recognition** of, and broad **support** for the Strategy
2. Produce an **implementation plan**, with clear priorities
3. Develop long-term **funding strategy** for invasive species management



Invasive Species Strategy Recommendations

4. Develop **performance indicators** to measure success

5. **Implement** the Invasive Species Strategy for British Columbia

- *have Invasive Species Council of BC serve as strategy's steward*



ISCBC Programs: Education

Province wide resources and program

Aim at achieving new actions

Some programs include:

- Spotters Network
- Aquatics - Clean Drain Dry
- Horticulture - Grow Me Instead
- Teacher Resources, online Invader Ranger
- Annual Forum



ISCBC Programs: Training

Focused on key vectors

**Aim to create responsible
actions**

Programs include:

- Weeds & Roads
- Oil & Gas
- Forestry
- BC Parks



Move to: Behaviour Change

Moving from education to behaviour change

Focus on key pathways

- Horticulture-
gardeners
- Aquatics- boaters

To create real actions
that make a difference.



Grow Me Instead

Lists 26 most 'unwanted' horticultural plants

- Provides suitable alternatives in all regions
- Used widely across BC
- Will work with gardeners to shift buying patterns



Clean, Drain, Dry

- Partnership with Regional Committees and stewardship groups
- Teams located across Province to work with public



ATTENTION BOATERS
PROTECT BC WATERS FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY YOUR BOAT

CLEAN off plant parts, animals, and mud from boat and equipment (e.g. boots, waders, fishing gear). Use a power wash station if available.

DRAIN onto land all items that can hold water (e.g. buckets, wells, traps and fuel tank).

DRY all items completely before launching into another body of water.

Check these common hiding spots for invasive species.

1-888-WEEDSBC
www.bcinvases.ca

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TAKE ACTION
CLEAN - DRAIN - DRY

OK Falls - Penticton

Behaviour Change

Clean, Drain, Dry

- Boater Awareness Initiative
- Prevent introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species



- **Controlled Alien Species Regulation** announced in 2012
- **Aquatic invasives** to be included under new federal regulations
- **Local governments** are getting involved



Moving Forward for ISC

- Increase awareness and support
- Work on cross jurisdictional issues
- Build joint solutions
- Look forward to recommendations from this workshop



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