



## OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL SEEKS COVETED AWARD NOMINATIONS BY NOVEMBER 15

SALEM, Oregon—In the seemingly endless battle against invasive species, the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) believes it's important to take a time out to acknowledge the efforts of individuals that are truly making a difference for Oregon.

Each year, the Oregon Invasive Species Council gives awards to people whose individual efforts protect Oregon's natural resources, economy, and quality of life from the devastating effects of invasive species.

"Everyone can make a difference in the fight against invasive species," said OISC Vice-Chair Sam Chan. "Whether it's cleaning your boots after a hike, always launching a clean boat, preventing the spread of invasive weeds, or ensuring you don't bring firewood into Oregon from another state, we can make good decisions every day that prevent the spread of invasive species."

Nominations are now being accepted for people/organizations that conducted or are doing outstanding invasive species work in Oregon in 2009. There are four regular categories plus the OISC service awards:

**Eagle Eye Award** — presented to the person or persons reporting the most important sighting(s) of an invasive species in 2009.

**Sandra Denyes Diedrich (formerly Outstanding Defender) Award** — presented to the person(s)/organization (non-government) making the most outstanding contribution to protecting Oregon from invasive species.

Ten Fingers in the Dike Award — presented to the person(s) or unit in a government agency going above and beyond the call of duty to keep new invaders out of the state.

Invader Crusader Award — presented to the Oregon student(s) making a difference in protecting Oregon from invasive species.

Winners are recognized at an awards luncheon in February of 2010. If you would like to nominate someone or some organization, please send your nomination to: [lisad@createstrat.com](mailto:lisad@createstrat.com) by November 15, 2009. Include: name, contact information, suggested award, and answer this question:

Why does this person/organization deserve recognition from the Oregon Invasive Species Council?

The Council will then discuss the nominees, choose the winners, and invite them to the awards celebration in February of 2010.

Past awardees:

#### Eagle Eye Award

2002: Alice Pfand, New Zealand Mud Snail, Garrison Lake; Scott Rose & Gary Garth, meadow fleabane, Hermiston

2003: Nick Otting & Danna Lytjen, barbed goat grass, Cave Junction; Pat Patterson, decollate snail, Eugene; Gary Weaver, Patterson's Curse, Lebanon

2004: Greg Mazer, yellow floating heart, Beaverton; John Ekberg, Alan Mudge & Christy Brown, gypsy moth eggs, Eagle Creek

2005: Mark Ernes, New Zealand mudsnail; Bob Donaldson, blackberry rust; Barbara Shields rusty crayfish

2006: Bruce O'Neil and Ken While; live insects in Chinese wood crating, Portland

2007: Dan Van Dyke, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife—for spotting invasive species (zebra mussels) on a boat entering Oregon

2008: Andy Gallagher, African Rue infestation; Vanessa Howard and Dave Ambrose, *Spartina*

#### Sandra Denyes Diedrich (Outstanding Defender) Award

2002: Sandy Diedrich, founder No Ivy League

2003: Mandy Tu, promotion of Codes of Conduct for nursery industry; Project YESS, exceptional service clearing invasive plants from preserves

2004: Marc Cool, production of white papers on grasses including invasiveness; Jonathan Soll & PAPST, heroic efforts to control knotweeds along Sandy River

2005: Hines Nurseries, *Phytophthora ramorum* eradication

2006: Fred Arnold, South Coast Lumber, outstanding cooperation in the sudden oak death eradication project in Curry Co.

2007: Beth Casper, Environmental Reporter, and Michelle Maxwell, Editor, the Statesman Journal and Jeff Douglas and Ed Jahn, Oregon Public Broadcasting—for their leadership in promoting invasive species via the media

2008: Dave Clemens, lifetime contributions to protecting eastern Oregon

#### Ten Fingers in the Dike Award

2002: Sudden Oak Death Task Force (Alan Kanaskie, Nancy Osterbauer, Everett Hansen, Ellen Goheen) for implementing sudden oak death eradication program

2003: Mary Pfauth, Vanessa Howard & Dennis Isaacson for development of the *Spartina* Action Plan; Jack Wylie, for support of Oregon's ballast water regulations

2004: Kathleen Johnson, outstanding success at eradicating gypsy moth and Japanese beetle; Jim Athern, promoting aquatic nuisance species prevention; Ken French, 25 years of protecting southwest Oregon from noxious weeds

2005: Dave Langland, suppression of noxious weeds in central Oregon including orange hawkweed; Jim LaBonte, outstanding taxonomic support of exotic woodborer surveys.

2006: Lesley Richman, BLM, excellent outreach and education related to noxious weeds.

2007: Deputy Dave Johnson, Marine Law Enforcement Officer, Umatilla County—for his work on boater inspections in eastern Oregon

2008: US Customs and Border Protection Agricultural Specialists for inspections; *GardenSmart Oregon* publication; Dave Loomis, Mikeal Jones and Al Johnson for pressure wash equipment;

#### Invader Crusader Award

2002: Erik Hanson, PSU, primary author of Oregon's Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan

2003: Kim Powell, outstanding participant in Project YESS

2005: Chana Makale'a Duduoit, Japanese eel grass; Laura and Seth Sherry Japanese knotweed

2006: Stefania Padalino, OSU, designing logo for OISC; Arick Rouhe, PSU, author of action plan for feral swine.

2007: Gwenn Kubeck, Oregon State University graduate student—for her master's thesis work on invasive species using focus groups and surveys

2008: Linda Wolf, Megan McGinnis, and Shannon Reiter, invasive species story for children

The Oregon Invasive Species Council was established by the Oregon Legislature in 2002. Its mission is to conduct a coordinated and comprehensive effort to keep invasive species out of Oregon and to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of invasive species already established in Oregon. Current members of the Council hail from the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Oregon Marine Board, USDA Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, Gilliam County Weed Department, Port of Portland, and DLF International, Inc. In addition, agency representatives include the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at Portland State University, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Sea Grant at Oregon State University, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

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