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## “Invasive Species Management Project for the Northeast”

**Meeting:** Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee

Peace River Regional District

Tuesday November 30, 2021

### Overview

The Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC) has received funding from BC Hydro through the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program. The project provides training and invasive species management opportunities for First Nations and members of the agricultural and industry community. The project involves:

- » Working with the Peace River Regional District's Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee (IPMC) to *help guide the project*, assess key invasive species of concern, identify regional training/ information needs and share resources,
- » Providing *community workshops and webinars* including a Pesticide Applicator Certification course,
- » Working directly with several *First Nations* in the region to assess their needs in terms of training, signage, resources and community information,
- » Providing practical invasive species training for 2-4 individuals in each partner Nation community, including invasive species identification, management techniques and field skills.
- » The development in partnership of an *Invasive Species Management Plan* specifically for selected regions, based on an inventory of priority areas and infestations.

We have been working to adapt the project to the changing Covid-19 situation in BC and have been able to accomplish some of the activities virtually, including the development and launch of online Pesticide Applicator Certification and invasive species identification training courses. Several virtual meetings were completed with Saulteau, West Moberley and Blueberry River First Nations, but covid outbreaks and closures have prevented any in-person meetings or workshops.

During the 2021 Fall meeting of the IPMC, ISCBC will provide a short presentation and survey to solicit feedback on:

- a) a draft list of priority invasive species of concern**
- b) identify regional training needs**
- c) a gap analysis of resources needed for invasive plant identification & management**

All comments welcome, either on this document via email or directly at the Fall meeting. Many thanks for your attention to this!

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