

OTAC Agenda

June 13, 2011

OSU Agricultural Experiment Station

Aurora, Oregon

Next Meeting will be October 20, 2011

Reference documents from this meeting are posted at:

<http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html>

	Ron Alvarado, NRCS Lynn Voigt, FSA	
<p>Lynn Voigt provided the group with an update about the Love/Garcia discrimination lawsuits on behalf of Hispanic and Women farmers. USDA is working to provide information to any female or Hispanic farmer who may have been discriminated against when trying to participate in USDA programs. Please share the links below:</p> <p>Notice to Hispanic or Women Farmers and Ranchers Women and Hispanic Claims Program Website https://farmerclaims.gov/FarmerClaims/farmer.do Claims process for Hispanic or Women Farmers Compensation for Claims of Discrimination Compensacion Por Reclamacion De Discriminacion Resumen Del Proceso De Reclamaciones Para Mujeres Agricultoras O Agricultores Hispanos</p>		
Update on Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN) Sustainability Initiative	Whitney Rideout	Information
<p>Handout: Nurseries for a Sustainable World http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p> <p>Whitney provided an update on OAN's new sustainability initiative, which demonstrates industry leadership, creates new partnerships and fosters innovation in sustainable production of nursery products. The Climate Friendly nursery Initiative includes 15 nurseries who are documenting the ways they have been reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Provides best practices and resources to use on the ground.</p> <p>OAN has also initiated an Energy program... The association has a goal to reduce energy consumption by 25% in 10 years. The pilot includes an energy audit and a post analysis to confirm energy use has really occurred. The ultimate goal is to make good energy management a part of nursery operation.</p> <p>In addition, Food Alliance is creating a Wholesale Nursery Certification program which will be piloted by some OAN nurseries. When complete, any nursery in the country can download the processes for their own nursery. This will also tie together both Food Alliance and Salmon Safe certification.</p> <p>Website address for the sustainability initiative overview: http://oan.org/associations/4440/files/pdf/OANSustainabilityOverview.pdf</p> <p>Link to OAN's new Roadmap: http://www.oan.org/associations/4440/files/pdf/OANSustainabilityRoadmap.pdf</p>		

Link to OAN's energy pilot:

<http://www.oan.org/associations/4440/files/pdf/OANPilot.pdf>

Link to the Climate Friendly Nurseries Project:

<http://www.climatefriendlynurseries.org/>

Handout: Best Management Practices for Climate Friendly Nurseries

<http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html>

Update on NRCS State Resource Assessment and Partner Strategies	Jim Regan-Vienop, Meta Loftsgaarden, NRCS	Information and Feedback
<p>Handout: NRCS State Resource Assessment: http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p> <p>As a part of the State Resource Assessment required by the NRCS national office, Oregon identified nine major resource concerns categories. These were identified using information from previous OTAC subcommittee meetings and information provided by local NRCS offices. They include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Soil Erosion2. Soil Quality Degradation3. Excess/Insufficient Water4. Water Quality Degradation5. Degraded Plant condition6. Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife7. Livestock Production Limitation8. Inefficient Energy Use9. Air Quality Impacts <p>Handout: Recommendations for Statewide Resource Priorities http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p> <p>In addition, NRCS has requested partner strategic plans from other natural resource agencies. A handout was provided listing those priorities and additions/suggestions were made to the listing. Revised listing is attached.</p> <p>Handout: Oregon Natural Resource and/or Agriculture Strategies http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p>		
OTAC Member Updates	All OTAC Members	Information
A number of updates were provided by OTAC members. No Specific meeting dates were announced. Any dates announced will be provided in the minutes.		
Proposed shift in OTAC, Basin Work Group and Local Work Group policy	Meta Loftsgaarden, NRCS	Recommendation: utilize new structure with revisions as indicated by OTAC
<p>NRCS presented a revised structure for OTAC, including elimination of basin work groups and establishment of resource-based subcommittees to review and provide suggestions on local implementation strategies. The revised structure is attached.</p> <p>Handout: proposal for new OTAC input structure and process http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p>		
Basin Updates	Jay Gibbs, John Day Umatilla Basin; Tim	Information

	Gogolski, Deschutes Basin	
<p>Jay Gibbs, basin team leader for the John Day/Umatilla Basin and Tim Gogolski, Deschutes basin team leader provided an update on their basins, local priorities and focus area. Presentation by Jay Gibbs http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p>		
Update on the Uniform Resource Plan and Endorsement System project	Rick Fletcher, OSU Extension	Information and Feedback
<p>Handout: USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry FY 2010 Western Competitive Grant Project Narrative. (Uniform Resource Plan and Endorsement System) http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/otac/index.html</p> <p>Oregon Department of Forestry and OSU Extension are at the early stages of the program. The project started in the last year to simplify the process for forest plan completion for landowners and to ensure consistency across agencies. It develops and pilots a uniform resource plan and endorsement system. The uniform system will facilitate a common approach to resource management planning and leverage services of existing planning entities.</p> <p>Beta testing starts July 1, 2011. Next March or April will be going out with training for planners.</p>		
Next Meeting Date		
Next OTAC Meeting –October 20, 2011 (12:30 -4:00)		

Attendees: Allison Craig, Congressman Schrader’s Office; Sara O’Brien, Defenders of Wildlife; Michael Pope, Greenbelt Land Trust; Kathryn Walker, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association; Stephanie Page, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Kay Teisl, Oregon Cattlemen’s Association; Allison Hensey, Oregon Environmental Council; Jennifer Shmikler, Oregon Farm Bureau; Rick Fletcher, OSU Extension; Koto Kishida, Oregon DEQ; Tina Teed, US Army Corps of Engineers; Craig Rowland and CalLee Davenport, USFWS; Joel Salter, EPA; KC VanNetta, VanNetta Brothers; Jim Cathcart, Oregon Department of Forestry; Sam Asai, Farm Service Agency; Gail Greenman, OR Farm Bureau Federation; Whitney Rideout, OR Assn of Nurseries; Chris Schreiner, OR Tilth; Melissa Leoni, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; Ruben Ochoa, OR Water Resources Dept; Ray Abriel, US Forest Service; Ron Alvarado, Bill White, Sara Magenheimer, Cec Cullison, Meta Loftsgaarden, Tim Gogolski, Jay Gibbs, and Jim Regan-Vienop: NRCS; Lynn Voigt, and Lois Loop, Farm Service Agency