

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-05

**CONTINUING THE IDAHO INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL
AND REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2010-14**

WHEREAS, the land, water and other resources of the State of Idaho are being severely impacted or threatened by the invasion of an increasing number of harmful, nonnative plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, these impacts and potential infestations result in damage to Idaho's environment and causing economic hardships to public, private and tribal owners; and

WHEREAS, representatives of public and private organizations with an interest in controlling and preventing the spread of harmful invasive species to need a mechanism for facilitating cooperation, collaboration and development of statewide plans to this threat; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Invasive Species Council serves as a mechanism for facilitating cooperation, collaboration and development of policy recommendations for statewide plans; and

WHEREAS, multiple agencies, authorities and information sources are used to implement a wide variety of invasive species management programs; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to build upon the strength of existing invasive species programs, to improve areas that are weaker and integrate efforts into an efficient unified state response to the threat of invasive species;

NOW THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby order the following:

1. *The continuation of the Idaho Invasive Species Council (the Council) as a joint effort between local, tribal, state, and federal governments, as well as for-profit and not-for-profit private entities. The purpose of the Council is to foster coordinated approaches that support local initiatives for the prevention and control of invasive species. The Council shall meet at least twice annually.*
2. *Membership of the Council shall include:*
 - a. *A representative from the Governor's Office;*
 - b. *The Director of the Department of Agriculture or his/her designee;*
 - c. *The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or his/her designee;*
 - d. *The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee;*
 - e. *The Director of the Department of Fish and Game or his/her designee;*
 - f. *The Director of the Department of Lands or his/her designee;*
 - g. *The Director of the Department of Water Resources or his/her designee;*
 - h. *The Director of the Department of Commerce or his/her designee;*
 - i. *The Director of the Idaho Transportation Department or his/her designee;*
 - j. *The Administrator of the Office of Species Conservation or his/her designee;*
 - k. *A member of the Idaho State Senate;*
 - l. *A member of the Idaho State House of Representatives;*
 - m. *A representative from the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association.*
3. *The director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture or his/her designee shall chair the Council.*

4. *Representatives and members of federal entities, local government organizations, tribal governments, Idaho universities and private and not-for-profit organizations with an interest in the well-being of Idaho pertaining to invasive species shall be invited to participate by the director of the Department of Agriculture.*
5. *Additional Members may be added by consensus of the Council.*
6. *The Council's responsibilities shall be:*
 - a. *To provide policy level recommendations and planning assistance for combating harmful invasive species infestations throughout the state and preventing the introduction of others that may be potentially harmful; To serve as a nonpartisan forum for identifying and understanding invasive species issues;*
 - b. *To identify opportunities for cooperation and coordination between departments, tribal governments, stakeholders, Idaho universities, private and not-for-profit organizations, other states, and the federal government;*
 - c. *To recommend steps for implementing actions proposed in the Strategic Action Plan for Invasive Species;*
 - d. *To organize and streamline the process for identifying and controlling invasive species among all stakeholders;*
 - e. *The Director of the Department of Fish and Game or his/her designee;*
 - f. *To consider ways to halt the spread of invasive species as well as finding possible ways to bring existing problems under control.*
7. *The Council shall be responsible for providing a report of its activities to the Legislature and the Governor annually.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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