

# Montana Invasive Species Summit 2018

## Agenda

**Hosted by the Montana Invasive Species Council**

*Radisson Colonial Hotel*

*2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana*

*November 15-16, 2018*

**Objective: Share results of the invasive species law review and associated listening sessions; solicit feedback on solutions moving forward**

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 15, 2018	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00 am – 9:45 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Welcome guests and participants; provide an overview of Governor's Office &amp; agency roles</i>
9:45 am – 10:15 am	<b>Overview of Invasive Species Law Review; Results of Listening Sessions</b> <i>Overview of law review project; describe each panel - goals and outcomes</i>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>Mid-Morning Break</b> <i>Coffee &amp; snacks provided</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Panel One: All Taxa Invasive Species List</b> <i>Explore value and benefits for an all-taxa invasive species list. Look at different models that could be applied to increase efficacy and use</i>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Panel Two: Managing pathways instead of species</b>  Goal: Understand strategies and options for regulating pathways. Ways to adjust regulations/laws to better manage vectors
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Lightening Round: Species with Potential Economic Benefits, Known Environmental Impacts</b> <i>Explore issues and concerns with managing non-native species that have an economic benefit. Venue for discussion</i>
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Mid-Afternoon Break</b>
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Panel Three: Montana's Hot Potato: Aquatic Invasive Plants</b> <i>Discuss current status and find a functional home for the management of aquatic invasive plants</i>
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Closing Remarks/Summary of Day and Adjournment</b>
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Social Event: TBD</b>

**FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00 am – 9:15 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Overview of agenda and panels and outcomes for the day</i>
9:15 am – 10:15 am	<b>Panel Four: Regulatory &amp; Enforcement</b> <i>Identify and discuss key issues that could benefit from increasing enforcement and penalties</i>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>Mid-Morning Break</b> <i>Coffee &amp; snacks provided</i>
10:00 am – 11:15 am	<b>Panel Five: Political Champions</b> <i>Discuss priority issues such as invasive species funding and potential legislation</i>
11:15 am -12:00 pm	<b>Wrap Up/Next Steps/Adjournment</b> <i>Summarize outcomes of each panel session; discuss need for study bill to explore need and feasibility of comprehensive Invasive Species Act in Montana. Wrap up.</i>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Self-Organized Meeting Opportunities</b> <i>Provide Summit participants with space to meet on other topics while in town</i> <i>*Please contact Stephanie Hester if you wish to reserve a room for a self-organized stakeholder work session</i>