



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-14**

**THE IDAHO INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL**

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*WHEREAS, the land, water and other resources 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 cooperation, collaboration and development of statewide plans to this threat; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho Invasive Species Council serves as a mechanism for 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; and*

*WHEREAS, noxious weed and invasive species programs have similar program objectives, resources and technical requirements that encourage them to be managed and implemented within the same organizational structure in order to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of limited funding;*

*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:*

*The continuation of the Idaho Invasive Species Council (the Council) as a joint effort between local, tribal, state, and federal governments, as well as 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.*

*A. The Council's responsibilities shall be:*

- 1. 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;*
- 2. To serve as a nonpartisan forum for identifying and understanding invasive species issues;*
- 3. To recommend steps for implementing actions proposed in the Strategic Action Plan for Invasive Species;*
- 4. To take measures that will encourage control and prevention of harmful non-native species;*
- 5. To organize and streamline the process for identifying and controlling invasive species among all stakeholders;*
- 6. To consider ways to halt the spread of invasive species as well as finding possible ways to bring current problems under control;*

7. *To consider merging the Strategic Action Plan for Invasive Species, the Strategic Plan for Controlling Noxious and Invasive Weeds and other plans and strategies that guide the implementation of efforts pertaining to noxious weeds and invasive species.*

*B. Membership shall include a representative from the Office of the Governor and the directors of the following State entities:*

- 1. Department of Agriculture;*
- 2. Department of Environmental Quality;*
- 3. Department of Parks and Recreation;*
- 4. Department of Fish and Game;*
- 5. Department of Lands;*
- 6. Department of Water Resources;*
- 7. Department of Commerce;*
- 8. Department of Labor;*
- 9. Department of Health and Welfare;*
- 10. Idaho Transportation Department;*
- 11. Office of Species Conservation.*

*C. 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.*

*D. Additional Members may be added by consensus of the Council.*

*E. The Council shall meet no less than twice annually. The chairman of the council shall be the director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture or his/her representative.*

*F. The Council shall submit a report of its activities to the Governor and the Legislature 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.*



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE