

MRCDC Coordinator's Meeting Report

Who:	MT Dept of Agriculture / Dave Burch
What:	Meeting on Eurasian watermilfoil quarantine
Where:	Dept of Agriculture building, Helena
When:	Aug 3, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Why:	Public informational meeting on quarantine
Accomplished:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 site on Missouri where EWM found (3 upper, 5 Ft Peck) • Light temporary quarantine put in place on Jun 29 for 1 year. Mostly under direction of County Weed Coordinator (Broadwater), Headwaters Task Force, County Commissioner (Broadwater), Dept of Ag, Ft. Peck Task Force (ACOE) • Light quarantine allows travel (regular quarantine does not); quarantines only last 1 year • Allows set-up of mandatory inspection stations, funding authorized by legislature • Next step would be to designate "Management Areas" • Live bait is not allowed in Management Areas, issue holding up designation, asking MFWP for exception • Discussed what other states (ID, NV) are doing • Education is also focus of inspection stations • 3,341 inspections to date; inspections stations are also wash stations • Sampling kits are available from Dept of Ag, some CDs and Weed Districts already have the kits • Our threat mostly from Great Lakes area
Follow Up:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay engaged with the 2 Task Forces • Put up an AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) sign at a boat ramp on the Rivers Edge Trail in Great Falls