

## **Alaska Invasive Species Working Group audio Conference**

Monday, January 22

Hosted via NRCS bridge number

### **Participants:**

Chris Benson- AK DOT, Juneau

Rob Bentz- Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau

Steve Ebbert- Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS

Gino Graziano- Alaska Association of Conservation Districts (AACD), Wasilla

Michele Hebert- UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks

Jeff Heys- National Park Service, Anchorage

Deena Jallen- UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks

Curtis Knight-AK DNR Fairbanks

Dan Proulx- AK DNR, Division of Agriculture, Fairbanks

Linda Shaw- NOAA, NMFS, Juneau

Jeanne Standley-BLM, Anchorage

### **Agenda: Items to discuss**

- Update on Activities
- Upcoming Events
- Needs Assessment
  - Introduction
  - Species Profiles
  - Agency Summaries
- Next teleconference for the AISWG

### **Additional Resources**

AK Forum on the Environment website

### **Update on Activities**

Linda Shaw has been working with Forest Service to get Invasive species literature and educational materials, including species identification kits.

Jeff Heys reminded people about the new book 'Invasives Species of the Pacific Northwest'. by P. Dee Boersma (Editor), S. H. Reichard (Editor), A. N. Van Buren (Editor). The book is available at amazon.com for \$19.77.

Rob Bentz with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are working towards pike eradication in the Yakutat area. Two drainages in the area have pike that survived the last ice age; pike have been moved to other drainages by people, or could move during high water. If pike enter the Situk river, other local fish populations could be harmed. ADF&G and the community of Yakutat are working on a pike plan that would include application of rotenone to pike.

Linda Shaw will be leading a marine subcommittee meeting via teleconference at 10am on 2/1/07. To attend, call in to 907-586-7060

The Alaska Forum on the Environment meeting will be held in Anchorage at the Egan Center the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be an entire day of sessions on invasive species, on Feb. 14, and invasive species films will be shown on Monday and Tuesday (Feb. 12-13). Douglas Vincent-Lang will moderate a session on Northern Pike Invasion and Management. Jamie Nielsen will moderate Invasive Plants in Alaska and the Invasive Plant Management Plan for Alaska National Parks (including presentations on CNIPM, Review of Invasive Plants in Alaska (Matt Carlson), and Invasive Plant Management Plan for Alaska National Parks (Jeff Heys))

Denny Lassuy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be moderating the sessions on Rats (presentations by Ellen Fritts (ADF&G), Poppy Bensons (USFWS) and D. Lassuy) and the AISWG (Deena Jallen).

### **Needs Assessment**

We have received almost all of the species profiles, and 6 of the agency summaries. Michele Hebert and Deena Jallen will begin drafting the text and format of the needs assessment document and will send out drafts for review and comment. The first draft should be done by the second week of February.

### **Next teleconference for the AISWG**

#### **Marine Subcommittee**

10 am Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

To attend, call into 907-586-7060. Allow line to ring until another party picks up, long distance charges apply.

#### **AISWG**

\*\* To be announced over listserv and website \*\*

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