

Alaska Invasive Species Working Group audio Conference

June 3, 2008, 10:30 am

Hosted via NRCS bridge number. Minutes taken by Deena Jallen

Participants:

Joy Geiselman- USGS

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

Michele Hebert- UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks

Deena Jallen- AISWG volunteer, Fairbanks

Agenda: Items to discuss

- Update on Activities
- Next teleconference for the AISWG

Additional Resources

- EDD MapS website

Jamie Nielsen will be leaving Alaska June 13th. Gino Graziano will become the CNIPM chair. A replacement for Jamie has not been identified yet. Deena Jallen will be doing some updates to the CNIPM website in June to add links to the EDD MapS (developed by the University of Georgia, Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health), and other updates.

Michele Hebert said that Tammy Davis from ADF&G has funds for a speaker to come to the AISWG annual meeting. Lisa Ka'aihue from PWSRCAC has funds to help pay for the meeting room fees. Gino Graziano requested a summary of costs that have been covered, so he can see if he can find funding for uncovered costs. He also offered to create an announcement flier that folks can put up in offices for the fall meeting. Registration will be handled by an outside contractor, and will be done online. Michele would like to see the agenda finalized by the middle of August.

Gino Graziano is working on getting the Early Detection and Rapid Response booklets finalized and printed, and recording Public Service Announcements. He has been working with EDD MapS which has an online recording system for invasive weeds. The online form allows you to use GoogleEarth to pinpoint on the map where your invasive species was found. At some point, the system may also be expanded to all-taxa.

Michele Hebert is working with a student on their senior project to survey the UAF campus for invasive weeds. At the first building they found white sweetclover, narrowleaf hawksbeard, bird vetch, and toadflax.

Deena Jallen said that the aquatic invasive species monitoring for green crab and invasive tunicates are underway. AKDOT has been very helpful in working with PWSRCAC to do hull fouling work, allowing tunicate monitoring at selected ferry terminals, and transporting bricks for tunicate sampling. The green crab public information posters have been printed and laminated by several agencies, and are being posted throughout southeast. Green crab monitoring is also underway. Ingrid Harrald from KBRR is looking into finding a source to create acrylic mounts for green crab specimens.

Next teleconference for the AISWG

Marine Subcommittee and Green crab monitoring (combined meeting)

July 9, 9:30 am

To attend, call into 907-586-7977. Allow line to ring until another party picks up, long distance charges apply.

Tunicate monitoring

August 6, 9:30 am

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TO BE ANNOUNCED OVER LIST-SERV AND WEBSITE

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CNIPM and AISWG Annual meeting

October 21-23

Millennium Hotel, Anchorage

October 21- Terrestrial Plants (CNIPM)

October 22- Aquatic plants and animal/plant interactions (CNIPM)

October 23- All-taxa (AISWG)

Additional Resources

EDD MapS

<http://www.eddmaps.org/alaska/report/report.cfm>

EDDMapS Alaska - Early Detection Reporting Form

If you think you have spotted an infestation of an EDRR weed please provide as much of the information described on this form as possible. Send the information to one of the contacts above. Please provide pictures if possible. We will document the occurrence, and have the plant professionally identified and controlled if possible.