

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

June 30, 2008, 10:30 am

Hosted via NRCS bridge number. Minutes taken by Deena Jallen

### **Participants:**

Tammy Davis- ADF&G, Juneau

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

Michele Hebert- UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks

Deena Jallen- AISWG volunteer, Fairbanks

Rose Lombardi- AK DEC Pesticides, Wasilla

Calvin Steele- NRCS, Palmer

Jessica Guritz- UAF student, Fairbanks

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

- Update on Activities
- Next teleconference for the AISWG

### **Additional Resources**

- Contact info to request EDRR pamphlet from Gino
- CAPS program

### **AISWG annual meeting**

Michele Hebert would like to have a longer meeting in August to discuss more in-depth details of the annual meeting. Tammy Davis may have a speaker identified, but it is not settled. The ADF&G grant for invasive species work has been extended, and there may be funds available to cover travel costs. Michele would like to know if the speaker is confirmed, so the schedule can be built around him. The next meeting for the AISWG will be at 9:30 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, with the goal of having a draft agenda by the end of that week.

### **Update on Activities**

Tammy Davis was traveling for part of June. Many of the funding contracts were not able to spend down their budget this year, and have gotten an extension. This will allow work to be completed, and more education projects. ADF&G has a monthly newsletter, for which Tammy wrote an article on Atlantic salmon, and was also interviewed on Atlantic salmon and invasive species. In cooperation with Chela Zabin, she will be doing a pull for tunicate monitoring. ADF&G has also gotten a proposal from Kachemak Bay Research Reserve to do sonar mapping of the floor of Kachemak bay to get baseline data for habitat substrate models.

Michele Hebert have gotten some funds from the Forest Service to conduct a study on invasive plants on the UAF campus. Jessica Guritz is a senior at UAF and is mapping the extent of invasive species. Cathy Turner will begin trapping for insects under the CAPS federal program using pheromone traps. The IPM (Integrated Pest Management)

technician is active with the CWMA in Fairbanks, and has been giving presentations to garden clubs, and getting the word out on invasives. Jack Hebert is a member on the governors task force on climate change, and has mentioned invasive species to that group. He will be able to speak about invasive species interests and adding wording on invasive species to climate change issues.

Gino Graziano has gotten the EDRR pamphlets printed, and recorded invasive species PSA's for radio. The Governor signed HB 330, and there have been numerous weed pulls in the Anchorage and Mat-Su area in the last week. Anyone interested in the EDRR pamphlet can contact Gino to receive them.

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

#### **Marine Subcommittee AND Green Crab Monitoring Coordination Teleconference**

July 9, 9:30am

Call in to: 907-586-7977, allow line to ring until another party picks up.

Long distance charges apply.

Preliminary agenda:

Marine invasives species activities update, and green crab monitoring in southeast Alaska: training, monitoring, coordination, etc.

#### **Tunicate Monitoring Coordination Teleconference**

August 6, 9:30am

Call in to: 907-586-7977, allow line to ring until another party picks up.

Long distance charges apply.

Preliminary agenda:

Summer monitoring update.

#### **AISWG Teleconference**

August 11, 9:30am

Call in to: 907-271-1405, allow line to ring until another party picks up.

Long distance charges apply.

Preliminary agenda:

Discuss agenda for the fall meeting

Set next meeting time

#### **CNIPM and AISWG Fall Meeting October 21 - 23**

Millennium Hotel, Anchorage

Registration and agenda will be available and online in August

Tentative Agenda:

October 21: CNIPM Terrestrial Plants focus

October 22: CNIPM Aquatic Plants, and plant/animal interactions focus

October 23: AISWG All-Taxa focus

## **Additional Resources**

Contact Gino for EDRR pamphlets:

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CAPS program information

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/pest\\_detection/pestlist.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pest_detection/pestlist.shtml)