

## **Alaska Invasive Species Working Group: Marine Subcommittee audio Conference**

April 29, 2008, 9:30 am

Hosted via NMFS bridge number. Minutes taken by Deena Jallen

### **Participants**

Kris Benson- AKDOT

Tammy Davis- ADF&G, Juneau

Dan Gilson- PWSRCAC, Valdez

Deena Jallen- AISWG volunteer, Fairbanks

Linda Shaw- National Marine Fisheries Service, Juneau

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

- Update on activities
- Sampling permits
- Green crab posters
- Set next meeting time

### **Update on Activities**

Dan Gilson went out crabbing the previous week with the Valdez High School biology class, for his first trapping effort of the summer. About 14 students participated. The traps caught one sculpin. Linda Shaw asked if is challenging to keep students interested in *not* finding invasive species. Dan said that the students also spend a lot of time flipping rocks and identifying other species, so they are kept busy. Dan is also working to get a contact with an elementary school teacher in Seward, and to get Seward and Chenega Bay on board with monitoring efforts this summer.

Linda Shaw said that Heather Woody is setting out her traps the first week in May. She has equipment and a permit to sample in a location near Sitka. In June, Heather will sample at another site near Sitka tribal lands. Linda Shaw has gotten the sampling permits for the Forest Service ranger boats. Their season starts the first week in May. Lance Lerum will work to get the traps and crew set up. The traps will be lowered from the boats overnight when the vessels are anchored in suitable areas. Gary Freitag has selected his sites and has them permitted. Whitney Rapp received the letter of support for green crab monitoring, and has permission to trap in one site in Bartlett Cove. Linda Shaw is in the process of getting Whitney's permit paperwork submitted, and sending her 8 traps.

Kris Benson said that they are waiting for the letter of explanation from Greg Ruiz and Chela Zabin from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. They have said they will get the letter done soon, and are also checking proposed sampling sites for suitability. Kris will wait until she has the letter before approaching the ferry system about shipping the tunicate sampling bricks via the ferries. Kris is also sending out laminated green crab posters to the ferry terminals to be posted on bulletin boards.

Tammy Davis has ordered YSI 30 meters, and will be sending meters out with the Forest Service boats for their traps. ADF&G has also taken on sending out New Zealand Mud Snail information and posters to out of state sport guides. Deena Jallen asked if the

information also included material about whirling disease and prevention measures, and Tammy said they do not have that information included.

### **Sampling permits**

Dan Gilson asked where efforts were to get an umbrella sampling permit for the state. Linda Shaw said that she was working with Sarah Larson in ADF&G to do blanket permits, but didn't know when it would be available, so she has gone ahead and gotten individual permits for Heather Woody, Gary Freitag, Whitney Rapp, and the Forest Service ranger boats so that they can go ahead with sampling now.

### **Green crab posters**

The green crab posters have been laminated in Homer and Juneau. Linda Shaw sent an email to Ingrid Harrald (KBRR, Homer) with addresses for the harbor associations, and PWSRCAC. Linda also got a list from Kris Benson with addresses for ferry terminals. The two lists should be combined, so people don't need to send additional posters to those areas.

### **Upcoming teleconferences**

#### **Green crab coordination**

Friday, May 23, 9:30am

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

#### **Marine Subcommittee**

Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 am

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

#### **AISWG**

Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 am

To attend, call into 907-271-1405. Allow line to ring until another party picks up, long distance charges apply.

#### **Tunicate monitoring coordination**

\*\* Next meeting to be announced later \*\*

Check listserv or [www.alaskainvasives.org](http://www.alaskainvasives.org) Calendar page.

#### **National Invasive Species Council: Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting**

May 12 to May 16

National Park Service Building (AK Regional Office), 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage  
Agenda:

[http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/pdf-documents/ISAC-AgendaMay12-16\\_08.pdf](http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/pdf-documents/ISAC-AgendaMay12-16_08.pdf)

8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

7:45 am to 3:00 pm Thursday: Field trip in Anchorage area

**AISWG in-person meetings:**

Monday evening at reception (time and location TBA)

Tuesday morning, 7:00 am, Downtown Deli

Thursday afternoon, 3:00pm, National Park Service Building

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