

Alaska Invasive Species Working Group: Marine Subcommittee audio Conference

Thursday July 26, 2007

Hosted via NMFS bridge number

Participants

Kris Benson- AK DOT,

Tammy Davis- ADF&G, Juneau

Deena Jallen- UAF CES, Fairbanks

Denny Lassuy- USFWS, Anchorage

Linda Shaw- National Marine Fisheries Service, Juneau

Agenda: Items to discuss

- Update on invasive species activities
- Green Crab informational poster
- Set next meeting time

Update on Invasive Species Activities

Dan Gilson will be traveling to Juneau for green crab monitoring training on August 13th and 14th. Linda Shaw will identify trapping sites using Shorezone models. Jodie Harney has been working on more detailed models for specific areas of that may have suitable habitat. A pdf version of the model has been produced that can be zoomed in to display shore attributes on a finer scale for the area near Juneau.

Linda Shaw has applied for a sampling permit, which is being processed by ADF&G. An area biologist in Ketchikan wanted very specific locations for the sampling sites. At this point, the permits are somewhat on hold. Dan Gilson from PWSRCAC will have his permit on hand for the training.

Denny Lassuy said that recently the USFWS Director, his national program directors and all of the USFWS Regional Directors met here in Alaska. During a field trip, local USFWS personnel were able to present materials to them about Alaska issues. Denny Lassuy was able to speak to these USFWS leaders, including the national director for the Fisheries Program (which funds his work) about collaborative efforts in Alaska, including the AISWG and the newly forming network of coastal communities involved in invasive species monitoring. Denny also mentioned that, if fund allocations remain stable, he had completed a 5-year funding agreement with the Prince William Sound RCAC that should help stabilize funding support for this network and its collaboration with AISWG.

Tammy Davis from ADF&G said that they are still waiting to hear from NOAA about the NISA-5 grants. They might not have the funds until the end of September. Part of the funds go to support the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve.

Kristine Benson from AKDOT joined the teleconference, and said that AKDOT has not yet followed up on using ferry terminals for tunicate monitoring, and she will readdress the issue in the fall. Linda Shaw said that she figures it will be up to NMFS, PWSRCAC, KBRR and the regional coordinators to find the people to do the monitoring at the ferry stations, so the ball is in their courts. Tunicate modeling is more successful in the summer, so the coordinating organizations will hopefully have people on board by then.

Deena Jallen will look into using the UAF BlackBoard online resource as a possibility for community coordination for green crab monitoring. Participating teachers and classes may be able to use the system to host online communities for sharing data and experiences. Teachers may be able to sign up for the system using 'no-credit' UAF email addresses.

Green Crab informational poster

Linda Shaw has some funds available for the development of an informational poster about identifying green crab. Deena Jallen will design the poster and get printing cost quotes. These posters should be waterproof so they can be posted near harbors, marinas, and other public areas near predicted green crab

habitat areas. If green crab are found, the 1-877-INVASIV number can be used to notify ADF&G and other interested agencies.

Upcoming meetings/events

The next Marine Teleconference meeting is scheduled for 9 am, August 16th.
Call in to: 907-586-7060*, allow line to ring until another party picks up.
Long distance charges apply. ***Please note the new phone number**

Green Crab Training. Juneau 13-14. Contact Linda Shaw for more details.

Additional Resources

<http://www.alaska.edu/oit/cts/blackboard/>

Information on the UAF Blackboard system