

AISWG Marine Subcommittee audio Conference: Tunicate Coordination

Tuesday April 1, 2008

Hosted via NMFS bridge number. Minutes taken by Deena Jallen

Participants

Kris Benson- AKDOT

Tammy Davis- ADF&G, Juneau

Judy Hamilton- KBRR, Homer

Ingrid Harrald- KBRR, Homer

Deena Jallen- AISWG volunteer, Fairbanks

Cheri Murphy- AKDOT, Ketchikan

Greg Ruiz- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

Linda Shaw- National Marine Fisheries Service, Juneau

Heather Woody- Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka

Chela Zabin- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center & University of California,
Davis

Agenda: Items to discuss

- Update on activities
- Set next meeting time
- Possible agenda items for next meeting

Additional Resources

- Website address

Update on Activities

Linda Shaw has recently spoken to Gary Freitag in Ketchikan about monitoring in Prince Rupert. During the conversation, Gary mentioned two other locations in the Ketchikan areas (George Inlet, Klawock) that have a lot of timber ship and barge activity as additional tunicate monitoring sites.

During the last teleconference, Heather Woody in Sitka, and Gary Freitag in Ketchikan were identified as tunicate monitors/coordinatorys. Both are on board. Heather has gotten protocols, pictures and information from Chela Zabin on monitoring, and is available to answer questions. Gary Freitag will be available for Ketchikan and (to coordinate) Prince Rupert. He is already monitoring for tunicates in several Ketchikan locations. Now that he works for Sea Grant, it is easier for him to do more invasive species activities. Prince Rupert, Chenega Bay, and Tatitlek have been identified as further sites..

Greg Ruiz made some good contacts at the recent Green crab meeting in BC, including Mathias Herborg (?) and Graham Gillespie in Nanaimo. They maybe be willing to help expand monitoring efforts in Canada.

Greg Ruiz and Chela Zabin will work to put together a letter and information on tunicate monitoring for potential collaborators. Greg will draft the letter with one page overview/project description and send it to Chela. Chela has a two page pamphlet with background information that she can forward on to the group with the letter once completed and edited.

Tammy Davis spoke with someone for the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation. They do salinity measurements every day, and one of the employees was willing to do tunicate monitoring on site. Greg Ruiz said that the salinity in Tatitlek is also ok, but does not know about Prince Rupert. Kris Benson said that the ship captains may know local salinities, and will see what she can do to find out who to ask. There is a port extension project planned for Prince Rupert, some of its documentation may have salinity measurements.

Linda Shaw said that things are going along well. They still need more information for Tatitlek and Prince Rupert for environmental suitability. Someone will need to check with Cheri Murphy to see if she has made progress on getting permission to use AKDOT Marine Highway facilities. Things are on track for deployment of plates in mid-June. Chela Zabin can send out the sampling plates right away, but cannot send the bricks through the mail. Linda Shaw will check in Juneau to see if she can find a more local source of the 2-3 hole bricks that are used in the protocol. Deena Jallen suggested looking in old cannery sites, sand and gravel business, or home and garden stores for the bricks in the various communities. Gary Sonnevill in Soldotna had a pallet of the bricks at one point, but may be running low on his supply.

Upcoming teleconferences

Green crab coordination

Friday, April 18th, 9:30am

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

Tunicate coordination

Tuesday, April 22nd, 9:30am

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Marine Subcommittee

Tuesday, April 29, 9:30 am.

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AISWG

April 30th, 10:30 am

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

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Preliminary agenda:

Discuss the in-person meetings for the AISWG surrounding the ISAC meetings

Additional Resources

Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation: <http://www.pwsac.com/>