

AISWG Marine Subcommittee: Tunicate Monitoring Coordination teleconference

May 29, 2008, 9:30 am

Hosted via NMFS bridge number. Minutes taken by Deena Jallen

Participants

Kris Benson- AKDOT

Tammy Davis- ADF&G, Juneau

Gary Freitag- Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, Ketchikan

Ingrid Harrald- KBRR, Homer

Michele Hebert- UAF-CES, Fairbanks

Deena Jallen- AISWG volunteer, Fairbanks

Cheri Murphy- AKDOT, Ketchikan

Linda Shaw- National Marine Fisheries Service, Juneau

Heather Woody- Sitka Tribe, 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

Update on tunicate monitoring

Linda Shaw said that Lance Lerum will be leaving Alaska to move to Oregon. Linda is working to recruit a coworker to do tunicate monitoring in Juneau. Tammy Davis is also available in Juneau to do monitoring.

Cheri Murphy reported that the ferry system has gotten permission to do the monitoring. Her boss requested that the AKDOT ferry system receive the results/data from the monitoring efforts. Chela Zabin said that would not be a problem.

Chela Zabin said there are people in Chenega Bay and Tatitlek who will be able to do monitoring. These will be the northern sites in the monitoring.

Miranda Plumb (USFWS) is working with Chela and the ferry system to transport bricks from Soldotna to Homer. Each monitoring site needs at least 20 bricks. Ten plates are set out at a time, and the next set of ten bricks and plates are assembled so they can be deployed when the first set is retrieved. Gary Freitag thinks that someone in Ketchikan has the bricks. He will check to see if there is a source there. Cheri Murphy will be working with Gary Freitag and Miranda Plumb to coordinate ferry transport of bricks and someone to accompany them.

Chela Zabin requested logos from the participating organizations. She would like to add them to the tunicate monitoring materials so that the partnerships can be recognized.

Annual meeting for AISWG/CNIPM

Michele Hebert reminded folks that the annual meeting for the AISWG and CNIPM will be in Anchorage this year, from October 21-23 at the Millennium Hotel. Day 1 of

CNIPM will be terrestrial plants, Day 2 aquatic plants, and animal/plant interactions, and Day 3 will be the AISWG all-taxa meeting. She would like people to start identifying topics to cover, and potential speakers. There may be funds available to cover travel costs for one speaker to Alaska.

Green crab errata

Ingrid Harrald has been working with a biological supply company to make acrylic mounts of green crabs to use in education programs. Gary Freitag has a contact (Paul ?) in New Jersey who may be able to supply 50 green crabs. Ingrid will see what requirements exist for shipping and preparing the specimens. Chela Zabin would be her source for green crab on the west coast. Chela said they could collect some green crab, but they don't normally trap them as part of their activities.

Upcoming teleconferences and Meetings

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

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

AISWG

June 3, 10:30 am

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

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)