



Alaska Committee for Noxious & Invasive Plants Management

Bringing greater statewide awareness, coordination, cooperation, and action to halt the introduction and spread of invasive plants in Alaska.

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Upcoming Events

Alaska Invasive Species Workshop

October 27-29

Juneau, AK

North American Invasive Species Management Association Conference

October 19-22

Vancouver, BC

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Registration is now available for the Alaska Invasive Species Workshop. Early registration is available till October 16th.

Visit our workshop page to register.

<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/pests/cnipm/annual-invasive-species-c/>



For more information, visit www.alaskainvasives.org

North American Invasive Species Management Association Conference

October 19-22, Vancouver, British Columbia

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<http://www.naisma.org/annual-conference>



CNIPM Call for Photos and Weed Smackdown Stories

Did your organization host a weed smackdown or other conservation event?

We would love to hear your successful story and share your photographs. Please send your results to kim.allen@alaska.gov and your organization will be featured on the CNIPM Facebook page!

Featured to right: 2014 Glen Allen Weed SmackDown



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UAF Launches Alaska Weed Identification Mobile Application!



Invasive species in Alaska is a growing concern, attracting attention from land managers, politicians, and the public. Nearly half of the new discoveries of invasive plants, animals, and insects in the state are reported by individuals with a general interest in invasive species. The development of a mobile application for invasive plant identification and reporting will help enable the public to gather and share new invasive plant discoveries. This

project will result in the development of a decision tool for identifying non-natives plant species, which will provide the foundation for the application. Project staff will also review user-submitted requests for identification assistance, review app-generated reports of invasives, and when necessary, alert appropriate land and resource decision makers and submit the information to the Alaska Exotic Plants Information Clearinghouse (AKEPIC).

The phone application was developed by University of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension Service, and the University of Georgia, Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health. The Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative supported the creation of the Alaska Weeds App utilizing funding from the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Android version is available in the google store and the IOS version is available in the apple store and can be found by searching [Alaska Weed ID](#).

Both versions are free. When you use the app, please provide feedback, found in the "More Options" section.

Visit the newly updated APHIS Aquarium & Pond Plants of the World website to help identify aquatic plants you may find when you're out and about. This is a great online resource!



<http://idtools.org/id/appw/index.php>

Invasive Impact: What's the Status of Invasive Species in Alaska? (6/24/2015)

Fisheries are an economic and employment engine in Alaska, with the commercial and recreational sectors generating \$4.8 billion in sales impacts and 61,000 jobs in 2012. However, invasive species, or species that are introduced to a new area where they have the potential to cause harm, could significantly affect the ecosystems that make Alaska so productive for fisheries. Fortunately, Alaska's marine environment remains relatively pristine compared to other regions that have experienced massive invasions, but there is still much to learn to protect valuable fish habitat.

Linda Shaw, from the NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Office, is working to study the potential impact of invasive species on fish

habitat in Alaska. After obtaining her Master's in Biology, Linda joined NOAA in 1990, and her work has focused on protected species and habitat conservation. While on a detail to NOAA's headquarters in Washington DC, Linda learned about invasive species issues affecting the lower 48 states, including threats to biodiversity, natural resource economies, and human health. She's now coordinates the Alaska Region's efforts with NOAA and our partners to study and respond to invasive species in Alaska.

Read more about Linda and her work at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/stories/2015/06/06_24_15invasive_species_in_alaska.html

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