



## CNIPM Monthly Teleconference Notes

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### **Attendees** (check all that apply)

#### Board Members

- Brian Maupin (Alaska Association of Conservation Districts, Juneau)
- Heather Stewart, Chair (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Genelle Winter (Metlakatla Indian Community)
- Katrina LeMieux (DOTPF – Maintenance & Operations, Fairbanks)
- Lindsey Flagstad (UAA- Alaska Natural Heritage Program, Anchorage)
- Matt Steffy, Vice-Chair (Homer Soil and Water Conservation District, Homer)
- Steven Seefeldt (UAF- Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks)

#### Ex-Officio

- Aliza Segal (BLM – Anchorage Field Office, Anchorage)
- Beth Schulz (USFS – Ecologist, Anchorage)
- Chris Overbaugh (NPS – Alaska Regional Office, Anchorage)
- Elizabeth Bella (FWS – Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Soldotna)

#### Regular Attendees

- Aditi Shenoy (Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, Fairbanks)
- Blythe Brown (Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District, Kodiak)
- Brett Nelson (DOTPF – Northern Region, Fairbanks)
- Brianne Blackburn, Chair (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Bruce Bennett (Yukon, Whitehorse)
- Christina Kriedeman (Kenai Fjords National Park, Seward)
- Danielle Verna (Copper River Watershed Project, Cordova)
- Darcy Etcheverry (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks)
- David Lendrum (UAS – Landscape, Juneau)
- Eric Geisler (BLM – Alaska State Office, Anchorage)
- Gino Graziano (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Anchorage)
- Janice Chumley (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Kenai Peninsula)
- John Hudson (FWS – Juneau Field Office, Juneau)
- Louisa Branchflower (Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District, Palmer)
- Maggie Hess (DOTPF – Maintenance & Operations, Fairbanks)
- Mary Stensvold (USFS – Botanist, Sitka)
- Miranda Terwilliger (NPS, Wrangell-St. Elias, Glennallen)
- Patrick Samson (Kuskokwim River Watershed Council, Bethel)
- Phil Kasper (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Delta)
- Rob DeVelice (USFS – Chugach National Forest, Anchorage)
- Ruth Gronquist (BLM – Eastern Interior Field Office, Fairbanks)
- Trish Wurtz (USFS – Forest Health Protection, Fairbanks)

## Notes from Round Robin (9-10 a.m.)

### Southcentral/Southwest

- Libby Bella
  - John Morton and Elizabeth Bella both gave talks at the Kachemak Bay Science Conference in early March about novel ecosystems, incorporating invasive species observations.
  - The recent Climate Change in Our Backyard workshop in Soldotna (organized in part by Elizabeth Bella, sponsored by the Central Peninsula League of Women Voters and Kenai Peninsula College Student Union) went well, with over 120 participants, on Saturday March 28th. The website and facebook pages will remain live, and videos and presentations will be available on there soon (<http://kenaichange.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/kenaichange>)
  - John Morton attended the elodea workshop in Cordova in early March, which went well.
  - We're waiting for ice-out to continue treatments on the three infested lakes on the Kenai Peninsula. We're now fully funded to continue treatments for the next two years.
  - Elizabeth Bella appeared on KTUU news talking about elodea on the Kenai a couple of weeks ago. She never saw the clip, but people texted to say "hey I saw you on TV!" She hopes she sounded articulate.
  - John and Elizabeth plan to attend the KPCWMA workshop in Homer on Friday April 24th.
  - *Cerastium fontanum* (common mouse-ear chickweed) is growing in my yard already. I'm pulling it out.

### Anchorage/Palmer

- Gino Graziano
  - I am busy working with schools most of this month on chokecherry interactions with moose. I worked on an envirothon scenario that was a community forestry topic, which includes some invasive management components. App development and online training for best management practices is chugging along. I am headed to the DOT environmental expo later this month.
- Beth Schulz
  - Attended State Soc. of American Forests in Fairbanks. There was talk about invasive plants on roads and how to avoid them.
- Brianne Blackburn speaking for Heather Stewart
  - Aquatic and invasive training for Heather and funding for elodea, working on EA
  - Brianne talking with fish and game person who would like to combine taxa for invasive weed week, make it invasive species awareness week. Do some outreach and advertising – Ideas? Get in touch with Brianne. 21-27 June
  - House bill 53? Adding public process back in? Lots of support for adding back public process.
- Tim Stallard
  - Coordinated on elodea issues with Heather and met with city parks to get

permission to work on invasive plants. Presentations at regional council meetings. Herbicide use permission at 4 parks for bird cherry control. Weed pull plan.

- Commentary about composting business in paper, will check into weed free claims and how to do certification.
- Lyndsy
  - Nothing to say.
- Chris Overbaugh
  - Finished hiring SEA interns for Parks. Getting GPS and equipment ready

### **Southeast**

- John Hudson
  - Nothing to say.

### **Fairbanks/Interior**

- Katrina LeMieux
  - Progress being made on IVMP website, hopefully online next week. Tetlin doing a weed pull and Glenallen
- Darcy Etcheverry
  - Elodea meeting Tuesday April 7, land managers and public. AACD grant proposal review. Lots of interesting projects
- Steven Seefeldt
  - IPM grant WSARE was funded. PCEP training starting April 13. Attended International IPM meeting end of March and learned quite a bit about what others are doing internationally.

### **Board meeting**

- Gino Graziano - For the conference I have tentatively reserved the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall for the last week of October (27-29). This venue does not cater beyond coffee. We should discuss if we want food catered for all or part of the meeting, or do we cut people loose for lunch during all or part of the meeting. The venue is centrally located so walking to restaurants would be easy enough. I may be able to work something out for lunches in the restaurant of the hotel we end up doing a room block with.
- General discussion
  - Lots of hotels around, lots of restaurants around, would lower the cost of registration, need coffee breaks from venue. How about one day provided meal? A dinner? Keynote speaker, award. Poster session. (Theme – Public outreach and education, need a catchy phrase)
- Board decisions
  - Board meeting Monday afternoon before - Passed
  - Public meeting on Monday – Juneau group (John Hudson/Brian to contact) public address, Brian could find a forum - Passed
  - Dinner Tuesday – Passed
  - No lunches – Passed (Brian will have list of restaurants)
  - Poster session – To be determined
  - Themes – Think about and champion one – passed
    - up your EDRR
    - weeds in your backyard
    - Weeds in the backyard: up your EDRR
    - Got weeds? Up your EDRR

- Strategic plan – Making progress. Make a folder for review in google drives. Katrina wondering how to organize and offered an idea that makes good sense.
- Brian will do August teleconference lead and Katrina will do July