



## CNIPM Monthly Teleconference Notes

**Teleconference Leader:**  
**Call-in number:** 1-800-893-8850  
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*Dec 3 2014*

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

#### Board Members

- Heather Stewart Chair, (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Matt Steffi Vice-Chair, (Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District, Homer)
- Katrina LeMieux (DOTPF – Maintenance & Operations, Fairbanks)
- Lindsey Flagstad, Vice Chair (UAA- Alaska Natural Heritage Program, Anchorage)
- Louisa Branchflower (Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District, Palmer)
- Patrick Samson (Kuskokwim River Watershed Council, Bethel)
- Steven Seefeldt (UAF- Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks)
- Tim Stallard (Anchorage Park Foundation, Anchorage)

#### Ex-Officio

- Aliza Segal (BLM – Anchorage Field Office, Anchorage)
- Beth Schultz (USFS – Ecologist, Anchorage)
- Elizabeth Bella (FWS – Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Soldotna)
- Mary Stensvold (USFS – Botanist, Sitka)

#### Regular Attendees

- Brianne Blackburn (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Aditi Shenoy (Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, Fairbanks)
- Blythe Brown (Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District, Kodiak)
- Brett Nelson (DOTPF – Northern Region, Fairbanks)
- Brian Maupin (Alaska Association of Conservation Districts, Juneau)
- Bruce Bennett (Yukon, Whitehorse)
- Chris Overbaugh (NPS – Alaska Regional Office, Anchorage)
- 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)
- Genelle Winter (Metlakatla Indian Community)
- Gino Graziano (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Anchorage)
- John Hudson (FWS – Juneau Field Office, Juneau)
- Maggie Hess (DOTPF – Maintenance & Operations, Fairbanks)
- Miranda Terwilliger (NPS, Wrangell-St. Elias, Glennallen)
- Phil Kasper (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Delta)
- Rob DeVelice (USFS – Chugach National Forest, Anchorage)
- Ruth Gronquist (BLM – Central Yukon Field Office, Fairbanks)
- Trish Wurtz (USFS – Forest Health Protection, Fairbanks)

## Additional Attendees:

Tom Huette

## **Round Robin** (9-10 a.m., in any order)

### Southeast

Mary- wondering about the notes from last conference call, she noted the format did help a lot, she provided a copy with typos fixed (THANK YOU) otherwise, she is putting together an invasive species essay for Trish based on work in the field over the last year. Also reviewing potential invasive species brochure for outfitters and guides, either here but limited or that can potentially come here. Cleaning up invasive species data in the database (Lindsey commented it may not have been complete) Mary- says they are working to get it cleaned up and ready to re-send

Brian- not much to report, IPP reports due on Monday, only received a couple, be able to keep Kim on a couple of days a week over the winter to help with reporting/recording work.

Blythe- Not much to report, wrapping up reports for the season, Danny is available for two more weeks, then she is on her own. AKEIPIC Data is ready but Steven wanted to tweak it so will send it soon, sadly Steven got a 'real' job.

Matt- been off, so playing catch up. Kenai CWMA first meeting to talk about what was done and what the plan are for the future is coming up (this week? Didn't catch the timing Matt?)

Genelle- nothing exciting to report, wrapping up end of season reporting and submitting funding requests for 2015

### Anchorage/Palmer

Libby Bella- John Morton has been involved in the Cordova elodea workshop - Trish asked about leveraging funds and Libby said she should contact John directly. She has completed a cattle islands vegetation survey for invasives for the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge in Homer (data has been entered into AKEPIC). Islands surveyed this past summer for invasive plants include Simeonof (cattle removed in 1985), Wosnesenski (cattle present in low numbers) and Chirkof (large number of cattle).

Lindsey- officially in new digs on campus, like living in an IKEA catalog. Tomorrow open calls for question on AKEPIC, informal, join for all or some, this same teleconference line available from 10-11 tomorrow. AKEPIC data due to Lindsey by DEC 31 2015

Gino- Rick Sinnot's article, generating talk amongst state agencies, encourage all to let agencies know and to consider a three year maintenance plan with certification? To help with weed management practice. Unless someone is there to enforce a contract obligation, then there is no way to enforce weed BMP.

Gino is working on a phone app for weed ID and reporting, has a prototype he is using and then will start having more testing done by CNIPM types. Master Gardener class a couple of weeks ago, Catching up on stuff, BMP for roads will be out online in a week or two.

Brianne- watching invasive plants in parks in the Anchorage area, weed free certification and how it is working, trying to pull more agencies into the loop and get them all involved, Best Management Plan understood and how to navigate certifications in compost and weed free practices. There are admin changes, new commissioners, and waiting to see who that all settles out. Will send out the article from Rick Sinnott to the listserv.

Heather Stewart- Cordova workshop came about as an idea to help deal with Statewide elodea issues, working with people who work in infested areas. Statewide elodea management plan to help everyone to get on the same page, meeting this week to start putting ideas together for that. Anchorage and Alexander lakes, Tim will also work on those lakes, the big picture is to have everyone on the same page to help with focused work. Big winter project, Conference coming up in March, herbicide effectiveness on command aggressive weeds, new staff- Pete Johnson worked for forest service, some PMC seeds and weeds program. Pete and Heather going into Anchorage for school program for 6<sup>th</sup> graders(?) talking about weed ID and key characteristics, help them to grow and identify plants by more than just color. And that it is worthwhile to remember and keep going as they get older.

Chris Overbaugh- not a lot to report, wrapping up annual reporting, 2015 planning phase, looking for funding and agreements for youth work.

## Fairbanks/Interior

Trish briefly talk to Trout Unlimited about Elodea, Heather Stewart and Kim Allen updated brochure with a map that shows elodea sites

Rob DeVelice - *Elodea* has been found at multiple locations on the Copper River Delta (Eyak, McKinley, Martin, and Bering lakes and in Eyak River and Alaganik Slough and tributaries) but not elsewhere on the Chugach National Forest. A workshop is being planned for Cordova (tentatively for March 3-4). The agenda is being worked on but will include local and statewide perspectives on the *Elodea* issue and outreach to stakeholders. Organizers of the workshop include the Copper River Watershed Project, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Alaska, and others. In addition, Gordy Reeves (research fish ecologist with Forest Service) is drafting a study plan to assess the potential ecological role of *Elodea* in lakes and ponds on the Copper River Delta.

Steve Seefeldt- working on crop protection proposal just put out a survey asking all kinds of types to go on line and list 5 most important pests. Have it out and will send the link either on newsletter or listserve, be sure cast your vote, want it for different regions of Alaska. (Heather commented she could get it out on other sites as well) Steve also mentions pesticide training in January- classes start Jan 26-28 distance delivery. April 13-15 doing it again, Phil teaches, Julie, Ryley and the new extension person in Kenai will teach as well Matt asked if they had selected someone for Kenai- Steve said interviews soon.