



# CNIPM Monthly Teleconference Notes

**Teleconference Leader:**  
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*7 January 2015*

9-10 a.m. CNIPM Meeting (check all that apply)

## **Board Member Attendees**

- Heather Stewart, Chair (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Matt Steffy, Vice-Chair (Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District, Homer)
- Brian Maupin (Alaska Association of Conservation Districts, Juneau)
- Genelle Winter (Metlakatla Indian Community)
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- Chris Overbaugh (NPS – Alaska Regional Office, Anchorage)
- Elizabeth Bella (FWS – Ecologist, 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, (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Bruce Bennett (Yukon, Whitehorse)
- 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)
- Kim Allen (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- 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 Kaspari (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Delta)
- Rob DeVelice (USFS – Chugach National Forest, Anchorage)
- Ruth Gronquist (BLM – Central Yukon Field Office, Fairbanks)
- Tim Stallard (Anchorage Park Foundation, Anchorage)
- Trish Wurtz (USFS – Forest Health Protection, Fairbanks)

## Additional Attendees

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## Notes from Round Robin

### Southeast

- Genelle: December we completed and submitted our 2015 invasive species BIA funding proposal. This included completion of our Annette Island Invasive Species Management Plan for 2015. This year we included marine species in our management goals so that our Fish and Wildlife team can start monitoring programs for tunicates, botrylids and European Green Crab.

We added *melilotus alba* to our management plan as well, with an eradication goal as our population is in a small isolated area on the roadside. We have received the CAT-Ex from our BIA Environmental Officer to apply herbicide at this site, so now I just need to concentrate on getting my applicators license renewed. In addition we included the operation of the vehicle rinse and reclaim in our funding proposal—heres hoping we get funded for the full amount.

Otherwise, we are working on looking for funding for additional 2015 projects, looking forward to the Alaska Forum on the Environment in February and possibly the National Invasive Species Awareness Week in Washington DC also in February. See how the funding works out on that.

- Mary: Not much new here.

### Southcentral/ Southwest

- Miranda Terwilliger, NPS, Copper Center/ Southcentral  
Trying to bring on another CLM intern from Chicago Botanic Gardens to help Peter Frank out for next season. We're in the planning phase. Some of what we plan on doing next season includes: determining the extent of a reported 5 acre infestation of hawksbeard on the far side of the Copper River near some bison wallows and controlling it; keeping an eye out for marine invasives during a marine debris clean-up on the Yakutat Forelands; working with the Forest Service and other cooperators in Yakutat to form a Yakutat CWMA; working with trail crew to inspect equipment and ATVs headed to major trail work in the Nabesna area; surveying 4 popular fishing/ float plane lakes for Elodea; inventory and monitoring of the Jumbo and Bonanza Mine trails in Kennecott; partnering with the Wrangell-Mtn. Center for our Kennicott Valley Need for Seed and with the Copper Basin CWMA for another Weed Smackdown. Our report from last season should be available soon - it's going through the NPS publication machinations.
- Danielle: Copper River Watershed Project: We're working on organizing the Elodea event in Cordova scheduled for March 3-4. A draft agenda will be sent out this week. We've also updated our website to include more information (<http://copperriver.org/programs/invasive-plant-management/elodea>) and Kate Mohatt from the USFS wrote an article that will be published in the Cordova Times (Jan 9) and Copper River Record (Jan 15). Kate and I have been working on our portion of the statewide management plan and are nearly finished.

We've designed a rack card about invasive weeds that will be sent out via a PO box mailing in the Copper Basin during National Invasive Species Awareness Week in February.

We're trying a new way to hold a Master Gardener class for Cordovan's using the online course offered this spring, with an in-person visit from one of the instructors, Steve Brown.  
Updated the CRWP website and teaming up with Pints for a Cause with McGinley's Pub. Every pint sold between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January will have \$1 donated to the CRWP.

Other than that, we're starting to plan for projects coming up this summer!

- Libby: Things have been boring because there is no snow. Elodea work continues with John Morton and FasTEST samples are being taken and run. I will be presenting at the Alaska Forum of the Environment for elodea work. Currently working with the Kenai CWMA for managing weeds in right-of-ways this coming season to eliminate bird vetch and white sweetclover, and contain reed canarygrass. The Kenai CWMA Conference is set for April 24<sup>th</sup>, and is open for speakers. Recently sent out a report about Bioinvasions in a Changing World that I was apart of.
- Matt: Continue to work on the Statewide Elodea Strategic Plan. Working with Janice and Rob and John and Libby to set up the CWMA IPM for the “hit squad” to use for weed management in right-of-ways. This will include mapping infestations, use of pesticides and reporting to AKEPIC. We also hope this will stir up some outreach. The annual conference Libby mentioned will be held at the Homer Islands and Oceans Visitor Center.
- Blythe: Currently working on getting permits for this year’s work and trying to find funding. Noticed the airport sign and wants to put an “invasive” sticker on the fox glove picture. Also working with high school education testing with the topic of community forestry.

#### **Anchorage/Palmer**

- Eric: Working on getting an intern for Glennallen to do some weed work this summer. Finished sending Fairbanks BLM data to AKEPIC. In the south, treatment has been approved for D-vex.
- Gino: Released the BMP manual and presented it to the DOT at their Environmental Expo. The online training for the BMPs are being made. A teacher workshop for EBC is being formulated. A chapter in the Master Gardener’s weed management is being edited since it was written 7-8 years ago. Continuing planning for the Alaska Forum on the Environment. Going to attend the Western Society of Weed Science conference.
- Beth: Trying to figure out funding to give AKEPIC as an addition to entering data records.

- Lindsey: AKNHP is in the process of reviewing approximately 11,000 records for upload by the end of January. Unfortunately records for 12 non-native species new to AKEPIC were submitted. They are:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	Survey Date	Consortium of PNWH records
<i>Axyris amaranthoides</i>	Russian pigweed	Hay River, Northwest Territory	1962	farthest N collection is Beaton R., BC, in 2001, also Frasier Lake, BC 1980
<i>Cerastium nutans</i>	nodding chickweed	Eastern Great Slave Lake region, NWT	1955	same records
<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>	cotoneaster	Anchorage	2014 - but historically planted as an ornamental	farthest N collection is of <i>Cotoneaster simonsii</i> on Queen Charlotte Islands, 1997
<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	barnyardgrass	Fairbanks, Kodiak	2014 - agricultural contaminant	farthest N collection is Liard River, BC, 2006
<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	sanddune wallflower	Wrangell St. Elias NPP	2014	previously collected in AK, earliest record is 1964, Circle
<i>Festuca valesiaca ssp. sulcata</i>	Volga fescue	Fort Smith, Northwest Territory	1988	farthest N records are in WA, 1994
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Virginia strawberry	Simeonof I. Aleutians	2014 - but an old population 80-100 yrs.	many collections in AK earliest 1964, also 1955 in NWT
<i>Geranium bicknellii</i>	Bicknell's cranesbill	La Biche River, Yukon	1995	previously collected on Farmer's Loop Rd, Fairbanks, AK 1949
<i>Sedum spurium</i>	Caucasian stonecrop	Mackenzie River - Yellowknife Highway, Northwest Territory	1987	farthest N record is WA in 1894!
<i>Senecio serra</i>	tall ragwort	Juneau	2014	farthest N are numerous collections in WA
<i>Silene csereii</i>	Balkan catchfly	Salt River Delta, Northwest Territory	2003	farthest N are Prince George, BC 1944
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	tiny vetch	Fairbanks	2014	farthest N are numerous collections in WA and southern BC

We are still in the process of reviewing their nativity – possibly not all will make the final cut. Please let me know if you have input on the nativity/invasiveness of these taxa.

Libby: Question the nativity of cotoneaster and Virginia strawberry. The Virginia strawberry was found in the Aleutians. This might need to lead to an academic conversation.

- Chris: All I have to report is that project funds were released enabling me to write agreements for SCA Interns and crews to do work in some of the parks next summer.
- Heather: I am working on a greenhouse pilot study to test “natural” or “organic” herbicides on a number of different common weeds, invasive weeds and Canada thistle. Rob Carter or I will be presenting at the SARE conference with our preliminary results this March. Field trials will occur this growing season.

I am working on the Elodea Statewide management plan still. Our technical working group will be meeting at the end of this month to hopefully have its first rough draft.

Kim and I are working on a European Bird Cherry brochure for outreach. Patricia from forestry is also working on an “alternatives” brochure/fact sheet. We are collaborating to see if we should combine these, or have two separate documents.

- Kim: Our Facebook page is going quite well considering it is in the off-season. Just a reminder that this page can be used for collaborative purposes, so feel free to post dates/times of events like plant sales, or links to outreach materials that the public can have access to.

## Fairbanks/Interior

- Katrina, Mike Coffey (Chief of Statewide Maintenance and Operations), the webmasters, and I have made significant progress in the development of the DOT&PF IVMP webpages. The IVMP website is not yet public and we will keep CNIPM updated on the status. The Strategic Plan Chapter 2 -- Education and Outreach-- draft will be on Google Drive so that it may be reviewed for content (not formatting).
- Darcy: Working on a project that just got funded to start training 4 pest scouts in each of the main agricultural areas of the state: Fairbanks, Delta, Mat-Su, and Kenai. Please send the survey to as many people as you can who can help answer the main pest concerns in your area: **The survey can be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/akfarmpests>**
- Trish: The invasives panel in the airport is now up in Concourse B (Delta?). It will be up for 3 years and is 14 ft long, so you can't miss it, and is an easy read.

In December there was a “Talk of Alaska” radio program that talked to Ken Thompson, and thought the program was not informative because of the lack of information Ken had about Alaska’s situation. He also kept mixing up the terms “invasive” and “endangered”. Overall, not a very good show, and appreciated others calling in.

- Maggie: Working on the DOT’s IVMP webpages for access by the public. The Facebook page was changed to a Group (instead of a Page) to be able to incorporate content provided by other CNIPMers. For example, a picture of the new Concourse invasives panel in the airport could be posted by Trish. Question for Gino: Working with MaryAnne Cunningham?
- Steve: Attending the March IPM Symposium in Salt Lake City. Will be presenting a poster for UAF’s invasive weed management plan.

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- Maggie Hess
- Gino Graziano

### Discussion Points

- Conference Location:
  - Danielle talked about the capacity for Cordova facilities to handle the attendees and conference in general.
  - Recapped the conference survey numbers: 9-Juneau, 6-Sitka, 6-Homer, 3-Kodiak, 8-SE (anywhere)
  - Took a vote for location: All in favor for Juneau. Juneau is decided as 2015 CNIPM conference location
- Conference dates:
  - Ideas were thrown around to have the conference earlier in the week or later in the week to include a sit-down board meeting. It was decided that the board meeting could be flexible, especially since new members will/could be added.
  - Decided to have conference dates: October 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> and to keep the workshops on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Conference themes:
  - Try to include other groups in Alaska, and keep a local feel to the theme.
  - Suggestion from Libby: A theme to include native Alaskans
  - Other suggestion for SE area: knotweed and/or hawkweed
  - No final decision of a theme was made
- Conference keynote speaker:
  - Libby and Genelle remembered hearing a speaker from the Canadian council of invasive species from the Canadian first nations community, and thought she was very interesting and animated: Later looked her up: *Jennifer Grenz* (?)
  - Steve: *Joseph DiTomaso* who wrote *Aquatic and Riparian Weeds of the West*, *Steve Radosevich* who works for Oregon Forest Service, *Jodie Holt* from UC Riverside in the Botany and Plant Sciences Program, *John Gaskin* from MSU Extension and does work with knotweed
  - Funding for speaker: \$2,500 budgeted
  - Agreement to make initial contact for potential speakers
- Conference Sponsorship:

- Gino: Usually starts in June, and goes until August since fiscal years are different in agencies
- Typically ask federal and state agencies for sponsorship
- Asked to think outside the box to include other groups and companies like Alaska Mill and Feed, BP, Conoco, and smaller local businesses. The incentive for them to provide support will include a poster or booth space at the conference.
- Tom Huette if you are reading this, you were volunteered to help out with the local Juneau small business search effort in finding sponsorship
- FB Group:
  - There was a short discussion on why the FB page was changed to a group.
  - Maggie suggested we do this because the group was only being “followed” and “liked” and that sharing content between agencies was not allowed
  - Libby suggested this decision go through the board, and also suggested we maintain appropriate themes and content for the group so we don’t stray too far off the CNIPM’s goals and subject
  - It was also suggested we have a different board member send Kim Allen (administering the content) a post to have at least one a week
- Strategic Plan:
  - Since Aliza and Matt were not included in the sit-down board meeting before the 2014 conference, they have offered their help in writing a section, or editing if anyone would like help
  - There was still some confusion on where to find the Google Drive link. Heather agreed to send this out again.
  - Not too many new updates from the last meeting on this (and Katie needs to have her baby first before she starts working on this with Steve). All agreed to have a rough draft before next meeting so we can start compiling, formatting, and reviewing.
- **\*\*ACTION ITEMS\*\*:**
  - Come to the next meeting with formalized theme ideas
  - Start initial communication with potential keynote speakers
  - Make Kim a list of appropriate Facebook themes for content to be posted
    - Rotate board members to give content each week
  - Keep working on your part for the Strategic Plan
    - By next board meeting, have a very rough draft completed