



# CNIPM Monthly Teleconference Notes

**Teleconference Leader:**  
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## 9-10 a.m. CNIPM Meeting

### **Board Member Attendees**

- Heather Stewart, Chair (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Matt Steffy, Vice-Chair (Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District, Homer)
- Gino Graziano (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Anchorage)
- Genelle Winter (Metlakatla Indian Community)
- Katrina LeMieux (DOTPF – Maintenance & Operations, Fairbanks)
- Lindsey Flagstad (UAA- Alaska Natural Heritage Program, Anchorage)
- Nicole Swenson (Tyonek Tribal Conservation District, Tyonek)

### **Ex-Officio Attendees**

- Chris Overbaugh (NPS – Alaska Regional Office, Anchorage)
- John Hudson (FWS – Juneau Field Office, Juneau)
- Tom Huette (USFS – Forest Health Protection, Juneau)
- Trish Wurtz (USFS – Forest Health Protection, Fairbanks)

### **Regular Attendees**

- Aditi Shenoy (Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, Fairbanks)
- Aliza Segal (BLM – Anchorage Field Office, Anchorage)
- Ben Storey (DOTPF– Maintenance & Operations, Juneau)
- Beth Schultz (USFS – Ecologist, Anchorage)
- Blythe Brown (Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District, Kodiak)
- Brett Nelson (DOTPF – Northern Region, Fairbanks)
- Brian Maupin (Alaska Association of Conservation Districts, Juneau)
- 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)
- Janice Chumley (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Kenai Peninsula)
- Karin Sonnen (NRCS, Homer)
- Kim Allen (DNR – Plant Materials Center, Palmer)
- Louisa Branchflower (Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District, Palmer)
- Mary Stensvold (USFS – Botanist, Sitka)
- Miranda Terwilliger (NPS, Wrangell-St. Elias, Glennallen)
- Phil Kaspari (UAF – Cooperative Extension Service, Delta)
- Rob DeVelice (USFS – Chugach National Forest, Anchorage)
- Steven Seefeldt (UAF- Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks)
- Tim Stallard (Anchorage Park Foundation, Anchorage)

## **Additional Attendees**

- Christina (Kenai Fjords)
- Gooseberry Peter (Mat-Su CWMA)
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## **Notes from Round Robin** (in any order)

### **Southeast**

- Tom Huette: Glad we had communications advice at the conference because he received a phone call to interview about Elodea the very next day. The report was for the radio.
- John Hudson: A 10 foot large-leaf lupine was found near the Mendenhall Glacier in full bloom recently. Discussion: Is the large-leaf lupine native? The ones found in bloom near the glacier are all in highly disturbed sites. There could be a range extension from its native habitat to the southeast of Alaska.
- Genelle Winter: Nothing earth shattering. Came away from the Washington Weeds Conference feeling like we were doing a good job with our conference set-up. Also came back feeling like Alaska is in good shape because we can emphasize more of our prevention status than a control status, and there are more opportunities for prevention. Met a few people who would be great in having come up for future conference keynote speakers. Completing up final reporting and reapplying for funding for the next few years.

### **Southcentral/ Southwest**

- Christina: Finishing up with reporting and planning for next year's work.
- Danielle Verna: AKEPIC data is already turned in for the Copper River Basin and Cordova with a few additional areas including Montague Island. We had the CRWP CWMA wrap-up and preliminary planning meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup> is the 2016 weed smackdown date. Three sites for using herbicides in 2016 are planned for the Richardson Highway, the Tok cutoff, and a gravel pit near McCarthy. DOT will be doing site inspections. Looking for funding and new grant opportunities.
- Blythe Brown: Stephen is working on AKEPIC reedcanary grass report for the Buskin river.
- Janice Chumley: Busy with weed-free gravel inspections. There have been large-scale projects on the Refuge Land where contractors and the program are learning a lot; things like when to start planning on when to get certified (what do you mean I can't get certified when there is snow on the ground?).
- Matt Steffy: Thanks again to the Conference folks. Having a dual CWMA meeting with the Kenai and Anchorage with as many collaborators as possible to discuss the isthmus. Want to strategize on how to keep Anchorage weeds out of the Kenai, and the Kenai weeds out of Anchorage. Betty will be working on providing rack cards for outreach. The long-term plan or strategic plan or something with a name is going to have common goals and have people all on the same page for invasives on the isthmus.

Working on trail stuff for the upcoming conference. Also working with the lead tech for reporting AKEPIC data.

### **Anchorage/Palmer**

- Chris Overbaugh: Started an Elodea/Aquatic Invasive Species Plant Working Group in the National Parks Service. We want to proceed with NPS strategic plans with an Informed Environmental Assessment to be

ready. At the first working group meeting there were presentations from Heather Stewart, John Morton, Toby Schwoerer, and Andrew Skibo.

- Beth Schultz: Nothing new to report. The conference was great.
- Gino Graziano: Went to Nome with Laurie Thorpe with BLM to meet with the Reindeer Herder's Association to figure out a range management plan.
- Nicole Swenson: Currently uploading Alexander Creek's reedcanary grass data from this past season.
- Lindsey Flagstad: Want to remind everyone to send in data and request funding for the AKEPIC records. Please use the submission form on the website, as it has changed to include more species from previous forms. If you need any information, email or call Lindsey.
- Tim Stallard: Nov. 18 at 10am – Joint Kenai and Anchorage CWMA meeting to address managing invasives along Turnagain Arm and Kenai Isthmus. DOT, USFS, Kenai NWR, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Coop Extension, Div of Ag, etc. are participating and we're still hoping for additional folks (meeting is open to anyone interested and a call-in option is planned).

Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department has hired a new Natural Resource Manager (at least for now this replaces the Municipal Forester position). Brad Muir, formerly with BLM at Campbell Tract was hired and Tim will be reporting him. Brad has been well-educated on invasive issues by Laurie Thorpe (he's pulled weeds at Campbell Tract and participated in past Weed Smackdowns). Hopefully this will lead to opportunities to better integrate invasive plant prevention and control into daily MOA Parks operations.

Grants held by the Anchorage Park Foundation for managing invasive weeds are nearly spent out, so its possible there may not be much management of invasive weeds in Anchorage next year. Tim is working on additional funding opportunities for work in Anchorage.

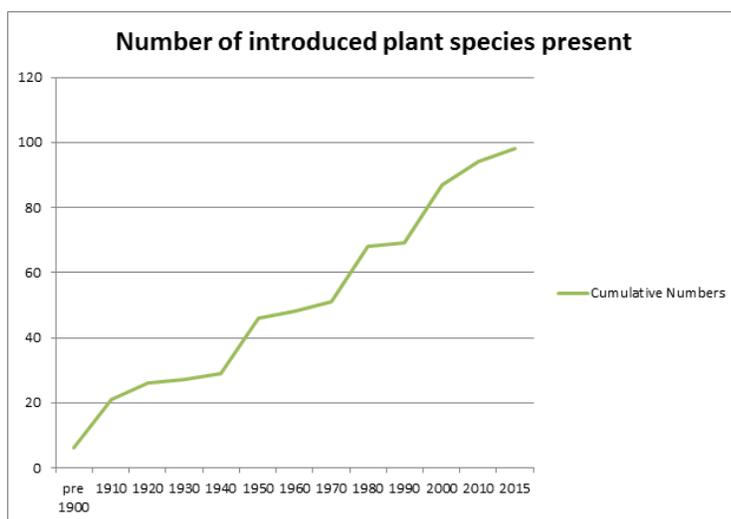
Tim is also pursuing and available for other contracting opportunities to manage and control invasive plants.

- Gooseberry Peter: Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District did not continue to survey for Elodea in the Mat-Su due to lack of funding. The Mat-Su Cooperative Weed Management Area is becoming newly reformed and looking to hire a grant writer for the winter season. Cottonwood creek reedcanary grass work has continued this past season with mapping and manual control. We're looking into permitting for next year for herbicide use.
- Heather Stewart: Attended the American Fisheries Society Conference (Alaska Chapter) in Homer last week and gave a presentation about statewide Elodea management. There was a whole morning session dedicated to invasive species, and the Elodea talk was well received by the fisheries community. Contacts were made with people outside our plant community who are interested in exploring the Elodea and other aquatic plant impacts to fisheries.
- Eric Geisler: Aliza is treating the runway at Campbell Tract. We're working on treating the Dalton highway next year for white sweetclover and bird vetch, and submitting AKEPIC data.

#### **Fairbanks/Interior**

- Steve Seefeldt: No update.

- Aditi Shenoy: Wrapping up AKEPIC data entry with the Chena survey for Elodea. Working on the draft Pesticide Use Permit for treatments for next year.
- Trish Wurtz: After giving the CNIPM spotted knapweed talk, Coran (?) Bosworth contacted Trish to let her know that there was an infestation found this past season in Kake, Alaska. She lives in Juneau, but has been contracted out by DOT to do road-side surveys (2 feet off the pavement, not the entire right-of-way). Coran pulled the spotted knapweed infestation. The main reason for the survey is to identify high priority species like reedcanary grass. Lindsey: has anyone at DOT submitted the points of these species? Katrina: Yes, we will make sure that is part of the record reporting to help coordinate efforts.
- Katrina LeMieux: DOT&PF had our statewide IVMP meeting last week in Anchorage and we discussed last season's successes and lessons learned. We are currently reviewing our IVMP, as required by DEC, and will subsequently be updating the website as well. We hope to keep things as unchanged as possible, with a focus on consistency across the DOT regions.
- Bruce Bennet: We had our intergovernmental meeting to talk about new activity. Resulted in funding a project to update a roadside survey (2007 was the last survey) to cover all major roads and highways in the Yukon for all species, not just invasive species. Went to the Agriculture of the North Conference at the Yukon Conservation Data Center to talk about the state of environment for the Yukon environment: "weeds without borders" and different stages of introduction, and included old herbarium records. Updated the current number of species present: 97 total and uprising at ~45° angle with little plateaus of introduced species. However, the graph doesn't show the spread, once introduced, is more exponential than the graph shows.



## 10-11 a.m. Board Meeting

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## Discussion Points

- Welcome new members and refreshing current members:
  - Review of the CNIPM By-laws (see attached)
    - Amendments can be suggested up until 2 weeks before the annual conference
    - Voting members vote on amendments at the conference
  - Documents on Google Drive:
    - Please make sure you can see these
  - Update MOU?
- Voting: Chair and Vice-chair positions
  - Chair: Heather Stewart
  - Vice Chair: Matt Steffy
- 2016 Conference Planning:
  - Checklist for planning agenda: Heather
  - Checklist for planning logistics: Gino
  - Checklist for outreach/communications: Katrina
  - Pick dates now? Location: Fairbanks
    - Penciled in: October 25-27th
- Strategic Plan:
  - Updates
  - Addition of a board member “duties” section?
    - Separate document: Annual Workplan
    - Draft items: organize conference, finish Strategic Plan, update 2000 MOU, make conference workflow checklist, review by-laws
- Delegation of the 2016 note-taking and updated contacts:

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## Teleconference Leader Dates

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Tom Huette**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Gino Graziano**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Trish Wurtz**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Genelle Winter**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Nicole Swenson**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Heather Stewart**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Lindsey Flagstad**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Katrina LeMieux**  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 John Hudson**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Matt Steffy**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Heather Stewart**

- Action Items:
  - Gino: Send out MOU
  - Heather: Upload new documents to Google Drive, change setting for editing and sharing to new board members
  
  - Katrina: Send outreach/communications conference checklist out by November 25<sup>th</sup> for board review
  - Heather and Gino: Combine checklists of logistics and agenda planning and send out by November 25<sup>th</sup> for board review
  - Entire board: review checklists before December meeting
  
  - Heather: Draft Annual Workplan
    - Entire board: review edits before December meeting
    - Ex-officio members help write advisory board duties
  
  - Trish: Looking at available dates for venues for 2016 conference