



CNIPM Monthly Teleconference Notes

October 7, 2015

Teleconference Leader: Brian Maupin

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Attendees (check all that apply)

Board Members

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

Ex-Officio

- Aliza Segal (BLM – Anchorage Field Office, Anchorage)
- Beth Schultz (USFS – Ecologist, Anchorage)
- Chris Overbaugh (NPS – Alaska Regional Office, Anchorage)
- Vacant

Regular Attendees

- Mary Stensvold (USFS – Botanist, Sitka)
- Patrick Samson (Kuskokwim River Watershed Council, Bethel)
- Louisa Branchflower (Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District, Palmer)
- Brianne Blackburn, Chair (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)
- Bruce Bennett (Yukon, Whitehorse)
- Christina Kriedeman (NPS - Kenai Fjords)
- 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)
- John Hudson (FWS – Juneau Field Office, Juneau)
- Maggie Hess (DOTPF – Maintenance & Operations, Fairbanks)
- Miranda Terwilliger (NPS, Wrangell-St. Elias, Glennallen)
- Phil Kaspari (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)

- Tim Stallard (Alien Species Control)
- Jeff Mason (Salcha-Delta SWCD)
- Karen Sonnen (NRCS – Homer)

Additional Attendees:

- Benjamin Storey- DOT southeast region
- Kim Valverde (Southeast SESWCD – Juneau)

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

Matt Steffy – Has been busy preparing for the Alaska Parks and Recreation Associations annual meeting that will be held in Homer this week. I will do a section on invasive plant including a seminar on elodea scouting and reporting. The Homer summer crew is down to one because of an injury and that person is now helping the Kenai Watershed Forum with reed canarygrass work. Has also been working on invasive plant plan for Nanwalek and is planning a trip to give a presentation. And I have been working on supplemental permit for to floridone application for elodea.

Christina Kriedeman – Has been completing final reports, the seasonal staff has left, and will begin planning for next year.

Rob DeVelice - has been working on reporting on the activities of Betty and Kate. In the 2015 field season they treated a total 85 acres, 55 with herbicides applications. Bromus tectorum was discovered near Portage. It is suspected to come from hay bales used in a project.

Gino Graziano – is finishing up invasive plant BMP webinar for AKDOT. Has been working with BLM to educate Reindeer Association on invasive plants.

Heather Stewart – Completed 2nd treatment of Anchorage area lakes with floridone and the 1st round in Lake Hood. Got DOT approval to spray Canada thistle in Anchorage, treated 9 sites. Now working on permit reporting.

Chris Overbaugh – doing end of year reporting, this field season worked in 6 parks, surveyed 530 acres and treated 13 acres, and collected many pounds of mature seeds.

Alyssa Siegel – Has been entering infestation data in to BLM database and is working on converting so it can be submitted to AKEPIC, Lindsey said she has done it before. Has been working on grant proposal to survey for elodea in preparation for when funding is available.

Tim Stallard – Has been very busy with outreach this summer including European bird cherry with United Way volunteers, Boy Scouts and giving a presentation to non-parks employees with the City Anchorage, and with Gino gave a presentation to a neighborhood association. In addition sprayed reed canarygrass in Girdwood. Has had mixed results with basil bark treatment on European bird cherry.

Darcy Etcheverry – gave report for Steve Seefeldt, Steve and Darcy moved offices and Steve has new graduate student.

Danielle Verna – CRWP had their 2nd Public meeting in Cordova and had very good turnout. Is on track for treatment in Wrong Way Pond. The meeting was attended by Dr. Mark Sytsma of Portland State University who mentioned that *Myriophyllum spicatum* had been found in Willow Lake during 2012 surveys, there was concern as this had not been reported to anyone in AK. Lindsey brought up that there is often confusion with identification and subspecies of this aquatic plant. As Heather is the closest to the lake she said she would look into it.

Katerina LeMieux – Worked with Salcha-Delta SWCD with wrapping up their herbicide application under AKDOT IVMP. AKDOT M&O will have their region wide meeting after the invasives conference to discuss the IVMP: lessons learned and how to keep improving the program.

Jeff Mason – has finished field surveys and is entering data from the 2015 field season.

Aditi – Did major survey for elodea on Chena river downstream of the known infestation, from Fairbanks to Nenana to Minto. Sampled 150 pts and found no elodea. Working on DEC permits for Clearwater, Quartz, and Birch lakes. Wrapping up white sweet clover project funded by IPP.

John Hudson – Wrapping up Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge invasive plant survey.

David Lendrum – Bird vetch is persisting on UAS campus, there was a discussion with Gino that 2,4-D with triclopyr is much more effective. John Hudson asked about the knotweed tarping on campus and David replied that there was a lot of plant escaping out the edges of the tarp.

Brian Maupin – had visited garlic mustard site the day before, native foliage was gone and understory was more visible. And regrettably found fully seeded plants that were missed during the seasons hand-pulling.

Karen Sonnen – introduced herself to the group.

Bruce Bennet – had completed survey of Dawson, at another location found mountain ash, May Day trees and elderberry. The creeping thistle has spread a lot. Now is busy cleaning up data to submit to AKEPIC.

Genelle Winters – is working on reporting to AACD IPP and BIA. 2nd hand pulling of tansy ragwort that Brian Maupin was involved with the 1st pull. Outreach effort in Metlakatla has been very successful, a homeowner dug up the Himalayan knotweed on their property and transported to a waste lot. Many people contacted Genelle to warn her that people were moving the plant around. Herbicide application on OHW was very successful and the infestation is 10% of its original size.

Board Meeting (10-11 a.m.)

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Agenda

1. Strategic Plan - just need a few more board members to review edits, should be completed by Oct. 15 and will be presented at the conference.

2. Conference – Many presenters still need to send in abstracts, Brian and John still need to pick venue for his talk. Discussion on where to have board meeting and where to gather to fill folders etc. Possibly the hotel or CES in Juneau.