

**CNIPM Monthly Teleconference Notes**

October 1, 2014

**General Meeting 9-10 AM****Teleconference Leader:** Brianne Blackburn

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Next month's teleconference: November 5<sup>th</sup>, Mary Stensvold (hopefully see everyone at the Invasive Species Conference the week prior!)**Attendees:**

Gino Graziano - UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Anchorage

Heather Stewart - ADNR, Division of Agriculture, Palmer

Brianne Blackburn – ADNR, Division of Agriculture, Palmer

Danielle Verna, Copper River Watershed Project, Cordova

Aliza Segal - BLM Anchorage Field Office

Beth Schulz – USFS, Anchorage

Blythe Brown – Kodiak SWCD

Brett Nelson – DOT, Fairbanks

Tim Stallard - Anchorage Park Foundation, Anchorage

Mary Stensvold - USDA Forest Service, Sitka

Katrina LeMieux- DOT, Fairbanks

Maggie Hess- DOT, Fairbanks

Elizabeth Bella - Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Soldotna

Lindsey Flagstad - Alaska Natural Heritage Program, Anchorage

Darcy Etcheverry – Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks

**Round Robin:**Interior

Katrina & Maggie: working with Trish on collaboration for funding for DOT projects. Getting ready for the conference and developing IVMP website which means ironing out a lot of regional differences both internally and externally.

Darcy: Worked with Steve on a presentation to state park and recs conference which is mostly for borough and municipality parks (no so much state) regarding invasive plants and IPM techniques in various natural and landscape settings. 5-6 people in attendance. There was interest in Weed Free Gravel and the various "lists" for allowable and not allowable plants in Alaska. Also, Steve got a significant grant funded through [USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#) for pest scouting on ranching farms.

Copper River

Danielle: completed herbicide applications for knotweed and reed canarygrass. Found the basin's third infestation of bird vetch just west of Glenallen on the roadside. Continuing management of RGC with additional tarping installations.

### Mat Su

Heather: finished field work-14 c thistle sites sprayed-8 with contractor. Went to Kenai to assist [CWMA](#) partners with fall treatment of Beck, Daniels, and Stormy Lake. The treatment took about a day and a half with three boats. Got out to Alexander Lake to survey new Elodea infestation with ADF&G staff-collected 300+ points for all aquatic vegetation. Data suggests Elodea isolated is still relatively isolated to an area in front of one of the 4 cabins on the lake. Also applied for NFHP funding to implement a rapid response through CWMA.

### Anchorage

Beth: Contributed to AKNHP for their AKEPIC services. Following a *Calamagrostis* and *Phalaris* for [Project Browndown](#). *Phalaris* just starting to turn with the last few nights of hard frost but *Calamagrostis* has been senescing for a while.

Gino: Also participating in [Project BrownDown](#) through school groups who have their own sites to collect data on. End of year reporting and getting ready for the conference. Will be putting together a proposal for the [AK forum on the environment](#) on invasive species-anyone interested in participating let him know (proposals are due by end of month). Will also be presenting at the [nursery and greenhouse conference](#) for avoiding invasives in landscaping projects. ROW manual finishing up-will have to redo AKEPIC section with their recent overhaul.

Tim: Winding down field season-surveying park areas for bird cherry. Pulling small sites and planning for next season. Sprayed some RCG-some larger than expected sites.

Lindsey: [AKEPIC](#) portal on new platform. Everything seems to mostly be working well-welcome feedback on what works and what doesn't.

Darcy asked about individual site information that can't be pulled up. Lindsey said they're aware of that issue and it will be fixed.

Aliza: BLM-a lot of good ideas flowing internally including discussions of a wash station at the Campbell tract for field-going staff. New development at Campbell Tract will include FWS office. Proposed herbicide plans at Campbell tract. Laurie (unavailable for meeting) has been frustrated with lack of permitting requirements for invasives and is trying to work with other land management agencies to make progress.

### Kodiak

Blythe: field season still going with amazing weather! A few disappointments-several landowners have decided to not treat due to fears with herbicides-this also is happening at coast guard base. Treated creeping thistle on grazing lease-almost ¼ acre and probably largest on Kodiak. Found by lease holder. Crawfish reported again just below Buskin lake!

### Kenai

Libby: Elodea treatment update-plants still alive in Stormy, none in Beck, some brittle strands in Daniels. Interns helped survey human footprint plots (74 plots) which were originally put in to monitor invasive by CSU staff. Originally done in 2006 and re done in 2014. Attended Seattle Invasive Species Conference-presented Elodea rapid response efforts from Kenai. Well received-had some good speakers to keep in mind for future conferences.

### Southeast

Mary: Attended Seattle Conference as well-heard a lot about new technology which makes current technology look archaic. BUT-center for urban horticulture (near husky stadium)-near north end of arboretum and it was astonishing how many invasives are present-knotweed, holly, ivy, Himalayan blackberry etc. Puts our issues in perspective. Key note speaker: refuting people that say weeds aren't really a problem (Daniel Simberloff)-was a great talk. Had a very convincing argument against the claim that we should be accepting invasion as a natural and inevitable process. Doing data entry and will be getting this to Lindsey. Also made a recent stop at a naturally revegetating gravel pit-doing very well.

Another great presenter: [Jason McLachlan](#) (Sarah Mclachlan's cousin).

\*Note about the conference: make hotel reservation soon...and reference the Alaska Invasive Species Workshop! The Marriott is holding UAF accountable for a percentage of the rooms under the block, and if we do not meet that percentage we have to pay for the rooms anyway. For more information on hotel and registration for the conference: <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/pests/cnipm/annual-invasive-species-c/>.

### **Board Meeting**

Attendees:

Brianne

Gino

Libby

Lindsey

Aliza

Mary

Katrina

Beth

Pat Tamco

Gino: Opening speakers-15 minutes

Rick Sinnot opening speaker (tim will contact and CC gino)

Steve Patterson-opening speaker (Gino will contact)

Moderators: Brianne will send out email asking for volunteers to moderate a session of the conference. Usually breaks up by morning and afternoon each day. Moderator is responsible for keeping time and introducing speakers.

No need for extra room space for workshops on third day-all workshops will be held on-site at the Marriott in provided breakout rooms.

Internet cost-\$200-will pay for the third day at least and Gino will see if we can get a deal for the other days but for \$200/day it will get expensive.

Look at breakout sessions:

Tuesday:

- Various agencies funding availability-a presentation or breakout session topic? Would likely work well as presentation at the end of the day Tuesday.
- CWMA Coordination discussion-after funding talk on Tuesday (Matt Steffy has offered to help with this-Brianne will email him to confirm)

Wednesday:

- Identify training needs for land management agencies and other organizations (Gino will lead)
- Quantitative analysis-lab tour during breakout session slot (Pat Tomco will facilitate)

Other ideas:

- Outreach to native organizations- might fit in with training needs discussion? Maybe different?
- Elodea-aquatics-statewide discussion → Probably covered with the panel discussion after the presentations.
- Check in with Tammy and see if there are any marine topics that would work well for a breakout session.
- Panel discussions with each session may generate some good ideas for breakout sessions as well. Use this opportunity to do an information needs assessment.

Other Conference Items

Legislative Update still up in the air-Brianne will check on whether Seaton might have an update for this

Communication plan/facebook group

- Logistics needs: Administration roles, frequency of posting, etc need to be lined out.
- Wednesday discussion topic? What do we want to present? Have a framework to start
  - Get a page up and then discuss mechanics
  - 4-5 admin-a board responsibility
  - Examples of discussion topics or posts to bring in people
- In the next week-talk to people within your organizations about facebook pages and work that into decision process. The Board will comment and vote on how to move forward with this by next week.

Board meeting from 2-4 pm on Monday at the CES office.

State of invasive species-do we still want to try to coordinate this?

- Could be made into a poster and handouts

- Venue: UAA? REI (probably too late for this). Lindsey will look into availability at UAA but would be good to plan earlier next year to utilize REI's normal lecture series and tie invasives in.
- Could also focus on a "hot topic" like Elodea to draw the public in.
- Brianne will touch base with Tammy send an email to the group with our ideas and we can decide whether we want to do this or not this year. No reason to push if we are spread too thin.

Action items:

- Brianne: email board for moderator volunteers; contact Matt Steffy about Breakout session lead; contact Tammy about potential marine breakout session topic; coordinate with tammy on "State of Invasive Species in AK" presentation and email board ideas for go/no-go decision;
- Tim: contact Rick Sinnott about opening presentation (will CC Gino)
- Gino: contact Steve Patterson about opening presentation; inform all relevant presenters that there will be a panel discussion associated with each session;
- Pat: send Brianne/Gino details about Lab tour
- Lindsey: check on UAA venues for Monday "State of Invasive Species in AK"
- All board members: review draft Communication's Strategy and look into your organizations PR protocol and provide feedback by next week. We will vote on how to move forward on Facebook page by the end of next week.