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CNIPM Welcomes New Board Members

Gino Graziano • Invasive Plants Instructor
UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Anchorage

Nicole Swenson • Conservation Director
Tyonek Tribal Conservation District, Anchorage

John Hudson • Fish and Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage

Tom Heutte • Unit Aviation Officer
Forest Service, Juneau

Trish Wurtz, PhD • Invasive Plant Program Manager
Forest Service, Fairbanks

* For contact information see bottom of last page.



SAVE THE DATE: ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES CONFERENCE • MARCH 10, 2016

What topics would you like to see on the agenda? What is a hot topic in your area? We would like to hear from you.

Send emails to info@abinvasives.ca

For more information visit:

Upcoming Events

[The Alaska Forum on the Environment](#)

February 8 – 12

Anchorage, AK

[2016 Alaska Sustainable Agriculture](#)

[Conference: Getting down to business with fibers and foods](#)

February 23 – 25

Anchorage, AK

[Alberta Invasive Species Conference](#)

March 10

Alberta, CAN

Media Spotlight

[It's official: scientists say we're entering Earth's sixth mass extinction](#)

[Is this round two of the Kenai bark beetle invasion?](#)

[Why Australia controversially plans to cull millions of feral cats](#)

[The Problem: Aquatic Invasive Plants, Toxic Herbicides, and Bad Permits](#)

[The Kenai Isthmus is a management conundrum](#)

Meeting Minutes

[December 2015](#)

[November 2015](#)

[October 2015](#)

[September 2015](#)

[August 2015](#)

[July 2015](#)

Alaska Association of Conservation Districts Request for Proposals Alaska Invasive Plants Program Grant

The Alaska Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) is now accepting grant applications for invasive plant management projects across Alaska. AACD has a total of \$70,000 available to be distributed through CWMAs, SWCDs, nonprofits, local communities, and Alaska Native organizations for the 2016 field season.

The purpose of the Invasive Plants Program Grant (IPP) is to support quick and effective responses to invasive plant infestations in Alaska by supplementing local funds and resources for invasive plant efforts related to survey and management. Projects should be modeled using the principles of early detection - rapid response (EDRR).

- Proposals are due by 5pm, February 3, 2016.
- Most projects are \$1,000-\$10,000 in scope, and all non-federal organizations are welcome to apply.
- Applicants that can provide non-federal matching funds will be given preference.
- Projects targeting species ranked 60 or greater by the Alaska Natural Heritage Program will receive preferential consideration, (aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/botany/akepic/non-native-plant-species-list/#content).
- Funds may not be used to control invasive weeds on federal or agricultural lands.
- Funds may not be used for aquatic weed control.
- This is a competitive grant process where proposals are reviewed and ranked by professionals employed at organizations such as UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Alaska DNR, and/or AACD.

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Invasive Species Workshop

The Yukon Invasive Species Council (YISC) is hosting an invasive species workshop on March 3, 2016. 8:30-3:30pm. Topics of the presentations include the Yukon's dirty dozen, aquatic invasive species present and on the horizon, weeds in my garden and plant nerd Bruce will venture into the crawling and swarming of introduced insects. We could also accommodate an Alaskan speaker, just let us know!! To register or for more info, please email info@yukoninvasives.com



Pesticide Safety Education Program Courses and Workshops Available

February 8-11 • Certified Pesticide Applicator Certification Course

March 2-3 • Certified Pesticide Applicator Conference

For more information visit <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/ah/psep/pesticide-training-session/>

Mat-Su Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Meeting

Mat-Su Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) will be hosting its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, February 10th at 1pm in the conference room at the Plant Materials Center, 5310 S. Bodenbug Spur, Palmer. Anyone interested in participating or learning more about the Mat-Su CWMA is invited to attend. Conference calling will be available for those who can't make it in person. For more information or to RSVP please email Gooseberry Peter, Mat-Su CWMA Coordinator at naturalresourcetech@gmail.com.

Alaska Forum on the Environment Reminder

The Alaska Forum on the Environment (AFE) is Alaska's largest statewide gathering of environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit and for-profit businesses, community leaders, Alaskan youth, conservationists, biologists and community elders. The diversity of attendees and comprehensive agenda sets this conference apart from any other.

Each year we offer over 80 technical breakout sessions and sensational Keynote Events. We will continue to offer the a full week of sessions on climate change, energy, environmental regulations, cleanup and remediation, fish & wildlife, solid waste, and of course much more. For our 18th year event in 2016, we will continue our expanded content on Climate Change and Energy in order to address the pressing concerns for Alaska's communities.

This is your opportunity to learn more about the environment and meet with other Alaskans that work in the environmental field. We encourage you to register online and join us February 8-12, 2016!

Monday, February 8, 2016 - Friday, February 12, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM at the Dena'ina Convention Center, 600 West Seventh Ave., Anchorage, Alaska.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/alaska-forum-on-the-environment-2016/event-summary-e659524cc2b24ad9b2e1d4c37381698c.aspx>

AKEPIC Management Transition

Beginning in January the management of AKEPIC will transition to Justin Fulkerson, Botanist with the Alaska Center for Conservation Science (ACCS)(formerly the Alaska Natural Heritage Program). For those of you who have not met Justin, he has been with the University of Alaska Anchorage since 2009 where he completed his M.S. in the Ecology and Evolution of Arctic Plant Species and officially joined ACCS in 2013. Justin brings valuable botanical expertise to his new role and will undoubtedly apply his knowledge and ability to all things AKEPIC. It is bittersweet for me to be diminishing my involvement with AKEPIC and the greater CNIPM community. While I look forward to focusing more on my ecology work here at ACCS, I will miss the energy, expertise and commitment that each of you brings to this remarkable group. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to guide the evolution of AKEPIC with your support and input over the last few years. Thank you! ~ *Lindsey Flagstad*



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Invasive Species Council of British Columbia Launches PlantWise Website



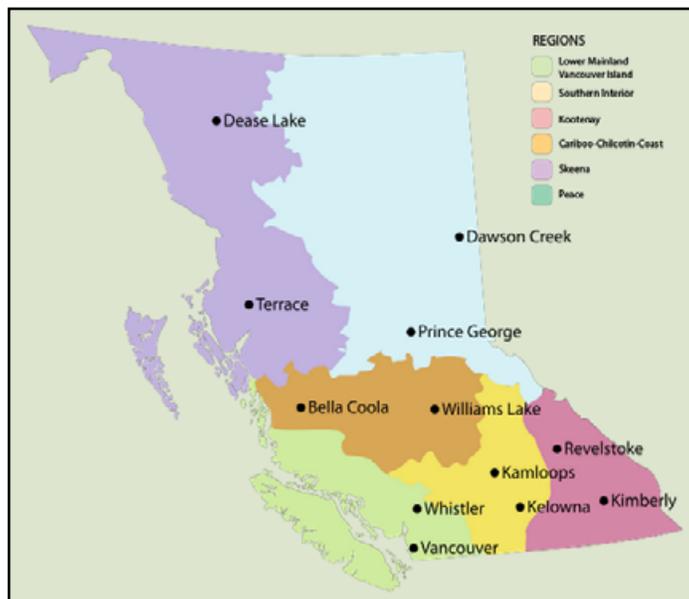
PlantWise is a provincial program that supports the (ornamental) horticulture industry's transition to become invasive-free, and is helping gardeners and industry understand which plants are invasive and harmful

to our communities, and to make 'PlantWise' choices. To achieve these goals, ISCBC works collaboratively with plant growers, retailers, specifiers, and landscapers across BC.

Together we are making a difference!

In 2014 the PlantWise message was shared at 244 education and outreach events in 78 communities across BC. Approximately 5812 in-person PlantWise interactions were completed by ISCBC staff and PlantWise Ambassadors, resulting in 1410 verbal and 982 written commitments. An estimated 19,296 gardeners, youth, professionals, horticulture industry members and the general public were reached!

Visit their website at <http://beplantwise.ca/>



When visiting the website, users can click on their region of interest.



National Forest Foundation Announces 2015 Tongass Capacity-Building Grant Opportunity

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region, the National Forest Foundation is pleased to announce the fourth year of its capacity-building funding program to benefit the Tongass National Forests and the communities that depend on it.

The Community Capacity and Land Stewardship (CCLS) grant program provides grants of \$5,000 to \$24,000 to enable

community-based organizations and collaborative groups to increase their capacity to facilitate and/or implement watershed or landscape-level restoration projects. The program also seeks to help meet job creation and business development objectives, and advance the transition to young growth-based forest management. Grants will be awarded for a period of one year.

Work may take place on or off of the Tongass National Forest, but there must be a clear, direct benefit to its watersheds. Organizations are not required to match CCLS award funds, but are encouraged to leverage additional private and local, state, or governmental resources to show broad support for the project.

Proposals are submitted via online application and are due on or before March 25th. Please review program guidelines and application details at <https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/ccls>.

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