

**Alaska Invasive Species Working Group: Marine Subcommittee Audio Conference
October 8, 2008 9:30 AM
Hosted via NMFS bridge number. Minutes by Linda Shaw**

Participants:

Kris Benson – AKDOT
Heather Woody – Sitka Tribe
Linda Shaw – NMFS

Update on Activities

Linda asked Kris Benson about the October 1 tunicate conference call since she had missed it. About half the sites reported because not everyone had retrieved yet. It might have been a little early for a conference call on tunicates so Kris suggested have the call a little later in the season next time. Whitney Rapp was interested in seeing the results from all sites and Chela had indicated that this information would be available by December. We all need to report to Chela and then Chela report back to us.

Linda also asked Heather how her retrieval had gone. Heather noted that her plates were fairly clean with just a couple spots where tunicates were starting. She noted that tunicates can settle anywhere on the sampling device, not just on the plates, but on the bricks and line as well. Heather had asked Chela as to whether it was ok to take samples from anywhere on the device and Chela had said yes. Some of Heathers's plates were very close to tunicate colonies, one only six inches from the large Botyllid colony on a fire hose and Heather wondered whether the PVC plates are a preferred settling material for tuicates. Heather took samples for analysis to be sent to Chela. Jim Seeland assisted Heather for the retrieval. Jim knows Gary Freitag and participates in the harmful algal bloom monitoring project.

Heather told Linda she is working on the green crab monitoring report and will have some information available next week so Linda can include it in her presentation at the annual AISWG meeting in Anchorage. Heather will also send her raw data sheets so that the maps are included.

Linda reported that during a conference call with Catherine DeRivera of Portland State University and Tammy Davis of ADF&G, a green crab response plan will be funded by the State. Linda also reported that the USFS Ranger boats that were supplied with traps in three southeast Alaska ranger districts failed to do any green crab sampling this past summer. Linda is working with Robbie Piehl of USFS to get the traps back so they can be redeployed elsewhere.

Next Meeting

December 10, 9:30 am, call in 907-586-7977

