

## **Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment, Endorsement and Support of the Alaska Committee for Noxious and Invasive Plants Management (CNIPM)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), developed in 2000, is made and entered into by and among the signatory parties including but not limited to federal, state, and private agencies and organizations.

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this committee, the Alaska Committee for Noxious and Invasive Plants Management, (hereafter known as the CNIPM) is to work for the statewide management of noxious weeds and invasive plant species in Alaska.

The signatory parties propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities toward achieving sustainable, healthy ecosystems that meet the needs of society, including but not limited to agriculture, recreation and wildlife habitat conservation.

Additionally, all agencies seek to supply the public with knowledge and skills, good land stewardship practices, awareness of noxious and invasive plant issues and adaptive management programs.

### **II. Charter for CNIPM**

CNIPM will coordinate the identification of noxious and invasive plant species and the mapping of those species for use by supporting parties.

The committee will make available yearly progress reports on the status of the noxious and invasive plant problem to committee signatories.

### **III. Duties of CNIPM**

1. Share the scientific and technical expertise of participating agencies related to noxious and invasive plant management.
2. Encourage agency employees to work collaboratively to enhance their resource management capabilities and advance the state of knowledge of noxious and invasive plant species.
3. Coordinate and execute the drafting of a statewide strategic plan for the management of noxious and invasive plant species.

### **IV. It Is Mutually Agreed And Understood by Signatory Agencies That:**

1. Specific work projects or activities which involve the transfer of funds, services, or property between the parties to this MOU will require the execution of separate agreements or contracts, contingent upon the availability of funds as appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature, United States Congress, or applicable units. Each subsequent agreement or arrangement involving the transfer of funds, services, or property among the parties to this MOU must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations, including those statutes and regulations applicable to procurement activities, and must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.

2. This MOU in no way restricts signatory parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

3. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate signatory parties to expend appropriations or to enter into any contracts or other obligations.

4. The committee coordinator and principal contact for this agreement is:

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5. Unless terminated under the terms of paragraph 6 below, this MOU will remain in full force and in effect; the MOU will be subject to review annually.

6. This MOU may be modified or amended upon written request of any party and the concurrence of the others. Any party may be removed from this MOU upon written notice to the other parties.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_