2015 Alaska Invasive Species Workshop
October 27 - 29
Juneau

All Sessions at Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall (except Monday, Oct. 26)

Monday, October 26, Mendenhall Valley Library
6:00 - 7:00 Juneau’s Green Invasion, non-native plants that threaten local ecosystems, John Hudson (keynote speaker), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Event held at Mendenhall Valley Library.

Tuesday, October 27
7:30 - 8:15 Registration
8:15 - 8:30 Opening remarks, John Hudson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
8:30 - 8:45 CNIPM overview and introductions, Heather Stewart, Alaska Department of Natural Resources
8:45 - 10:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER- Reaching infomaniacs in a post-brochure era, Jennifer Grenz, North American Invasive Species Management Association
10:00 - 10:20 Networking break

Coastal Invaders
10:20 - 10:40 Forecasting at the edge of the niche: Didemnum vexillum in Southeast Alaska, Katherine Miller, National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration
10:40-11:00 Invasive species concerns related to cruise ship ballast water and hull cleaning, Ed White and Alber Faure, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Prevention and Management in the Arctic
11:40 - 12:00 Panel discussion, all morning speakers
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch provided

New occurrence and rapid response
1:00 - 1:20 Alaska’s statewide spotted knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) response effort: An ongoing success story, Trish Wurtz, U.S. Forest Service

Tuesday, October 27 (continued)
1:20 - 1:40 Crayfish inventory on Kodiak Island, Blythe Brown, Kodiak Soil & Water Conservation District
1:40 - 2:00 Invasive forest pathogens in North America: Lessons for Alaska, Robin Mulvey, U.S. Forest Service
2:00 - 2:30 New Washington state noxious weeds of concern to Southeastern Alaska, Timothy Miller, Washington State University Extension
2:30 - 3:00 Networking break
3:00 - 3:20 Meet the CNIPM board members; positions up for elections
3:20 - 3:40 Panel discussion, all previous speakers
3:40 - 4:00 Backyard invasive species knowledge challenge, round 1, Tom Heutte, U.S. Forest Service
4:00-5:00 Breakout sessions (concurrent)
Outreach in North America’s backyard, Jennifer Grenz, North American Invasive Species Management Association
Alaska weeds identification mobile application, Jordan Daniel, University of Georgia
5:00 - 7:30 Poster session and HalloWEED costume contest – Light food provided

Wednesday, October 28
7:30 - 8:15 Registration
8:15 - 8:30 Opening remarks

Activity in our backyards
8:30 - 8:50 Eradication of invasive Northern pike from Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula, Kristine Dunker, Alaska Department of Fish & Game
8:50 - 9:10 Predicting invasive potential: What are the biological characteristics of Alaska’s most invasive plant species? Lindsey Flagstad, University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Natural Heritage Program
9:10 - 9:30 Knotweed control, Tim Miller, Washington State University
Wednesday, Oct. 28 (continued)

9:30 - 9:50  Juneau knotweed control program, Brian Maupin, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts
9:50 - 10:10  Weed control and monitoring on Annette Island, Genelle Winter, Metlakatla Indian Community
10:10 - 10:40  Networking break
10:40 - 11:00  Panel discussion, all previous speakers
11:00 - 12:00  KEYNOTE SPEAKER- Reporting good news for a change: Why we have to stop being the bad news bears, Jennifer Grenz, North American Invasive Species Management Association
12:00 - 1:00  Lunch provided

Elodea
1:00 - 1:20  Expert probability elicitation through adaptive choice: The risk of Elodea spp. for salmonid persistence in Alaska, Toby Schweer, Institute of Social & Economic Research
1:20 - 1:40  Elodea in Lake Hood: The stars align in an emergency, Heather Stewart, Department of Natural Resources
1:40 - 2:00  A GIS-based approach for prioritization of water bodies for aquatic invasive species surveys, Tom Heutte, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
2:20-3:00  Responding to Elodea: What are the lessons learned? John Morton, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3:00 - 3:30  Networking break
3:30 - 3:50  Panel discussion, Elodea
3:50 - 4:00  CNIPM board elections
4:00 - 4:20  Backyard invasive species knowledge challenge, round 2. Tom Heutte, U.S. Forest Service
4:20 - 5:20  Breakout session
5:20 - 6:00  CNIPM board meeting - Location to be announced

Thursday, October 29

7:30 - 8:15  Registration
8:15 - 8:30  Opening remarks

Activity in our backyards
8:30-8:50  Garlic mustard management in Juneau, Brian Maupin, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts
8:50-9:10  Invasive forest insects in Alaska: Where are they now? Jason Moan, Alaska Division of Forestry
9:10-9:30  The benefits of climbing for bird vetch and its effect on the performance of small trees, Diane Wagner, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Institute of Arctic Biology and Biology and Wildlife Department
9:30-9:50  Invasive species and highway construction: DOT&PF Southcoast Region practices, John C. Barnett, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
9:50-10:20  Networking break
10:20-10:50  Panel discussion, all morning speakers
10:50-12:00  Cooperative invasive species management areas, Matt Steffy, Homer Soil and Water Conservation District - WORKSHOP

12:00 - 1:00  Lunch provided
1:00 - 2:00  Know your herbicides, Steven Seefeldt, University of Alaska Fairbanks, School of Natural Resources & Extension - WORKSHOP
2:00-2:30  Networking break
2:30 - 4:00  Media training: How to communicate your project to the public, Meadow Bailey, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities - WORKSHOP
4:00 - 4:15  Closing remarks, Heather Stewart, Alaska Department of Natural Resources