Memorandum of Understanding
For
The Establishment, Endorsement, and Support of the
Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup

Among the

STATE OF ALASKA

and

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

and

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

and

FEDERAL AGENCIES

(SEE SIGNATORY PAGES FOR LISTS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS)
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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and among the
signatory parties.

A. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish an Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup to
minimize invasive species impacts in Alaska by facilitating collaboration, cooperation and
communication.

The signatory parties propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities
toward the goals outlined below.

B. Goals of the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup

1. Clarify the jurisdictional authorities of signatory parties as they relate to invasive species
management.
2. Share the scientific and technical expertise of the parties related to invasive species
management.
3. Encourage and enable signatory party employees or members to work collaboratively to
optimize their respective capabilities to minimize invasive species impacts.
4. Collaborate in the development of a needs assessment and drafting of a statewide
strategic plan for the management of invasive species.
5. Consider the formation by the State of Alaska, in collaboration with the other signatory
parties, a formal structure for continued collaboration, cooperation and communication to
minimize invasive species impacts in Alaska.

C. It Is Mutually Agreed and Understood by Signatory Agencies:

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 other applicable governmental units
or provided by other parties to this MOU. Each subsequent agreement or arrangement
that involves 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 dealing with competition applicable to procurement and financial assistance
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 workgroup coordinators and contacts for this agreement are listed under Exhibits.
5. Modifications within the scope of the MOU shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.
6. This MOU is executed as of the date of last signature and is effective through December 31, 2011, at which time it will expire unless extended.

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Exhibit A - AISWG Contacts (primarily attendees of the April 2006 meeting in Anchorage)

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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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Exhibit C - Non-Government Organizations Signatories

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Exhibit D - Private Organizations Signatories

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument (Private):

Signature  Date
Exhibit E – Federal Signatories

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument (Federal Parties):

Exhibit E.1 - U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Exhibit E.2 - U.S. Department of Commerce

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By authority of Executive Order 13112 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

Exhibit E.3 - U.S. Department of Defense

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Exhibit E.4 - U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Exhibit E.5 - U.S. Department of the Interior

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Dear Ms. Hebert:

The Bureau of Land Management-Alaska (BLM-AK) is pleased to support the establishment of the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup. The BLM is also pleased to formalize its relationship with the other cooperating agencies or signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Since the majority of the signatories have signed the MOU, BLM would like to supplement the MOU to conform to our guidelines.

The MOU states, “The signatory parties propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities towards the goals outlined.” However, the MOU guidelines for the BLM specify we identify the principle statutory authorities that authorize the cooperating agencies to enter into the MOU. The authorities are essential elements under which the BLM-AK formally enters into the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup MOU. Please include the following authorities for the BLM-AK by attaching this letter as an appendix to the MOU.

4. Lacey Act as amended (18 U.S.C. 42)
5. Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species, 2/3/99
Thank you for the opportunity to increase federal, state and local cooperation and coordination on invasive species. Please find attached the signed MOU.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Julia Dougan
Acting State Director