

Alaska Invasive Species Working Group audio Conference

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Participants:

Joy Geiselman- USGS

Michele Hebert- UAF Cooperative Extension Service, Fairbanks

Linda Heck- AK DOT, Fairbanks

Jeff Heys- National Park Service, Anchorage

Deena Jallen- AISWG volunteer, Fairbanks

Rose Lombardi- AK DEC Pesticides, Wasilla

Dan Proulx- AK DNR, Division of Agriculture, Fairbanks

Whitney Rapp- National Park Service, Gustavus

Calvin Steele- NRCS, Palmer

Agenda: Items to discuss

- In person meeting during ISAC in Anchorage
- Update on Activities
- Next teleconference for the AISWG

Additional Resources

- NISC and ISAC info
- Addresses and maps in downtown Anchorage
- Scotts product recall link
- Slug contacts

In person meeting during ISAC in Anchorage

Michele Hebert opened the meeting by discussing in-person meeting opportunities for the AISWG during the ISAC meeting. The agenda for ISAC is on the www.alaskainvasives.org calendar page. In addition to the meeting, the committee members will have a more informal evening reception on Monday, contact Jeff Heys for more information on the times and locations. This would be an opportunity to mingle with the ISAC members, and also discuss AISWG issues.

A breakfast meeting for the AISWG is tentatively planned for Tuesday morning at 7am at the Downtown Deli. It is near the National Park Service Building and Hilton Hotel, where many people will be staying during the meeting. The meeting starts at 8:30am.

The AISWG can also meet after the field trip on Thursday (about 3pm) at the National Park Service Building, in one of the conference rooms. Objectives for the AISWG are to review what are the desired accomplishments for the next year, and plans for the fall meeting in coordination with CNIPM.

Information about the ISAC meeting

Jeff Heys filled in more information on the Invasive Species Advisory Committee of the National Invasive Species Council (ISAC of NISC). This is the fourth group of

members. The committee was established under Executive Order 13112 when NISC was set up. The ISAC is non-federal, and provides recommendations. ISAC members come from academia, industry, tribes, etc. about 37 people from out of state will be coming to Anchorage for the ISAC meeting. Their goal is to hold their own biannual meeting with their own meeting business, and to get a sense of invasive species issues around the country, and in Alaska.

Fall meeting with CNIPM

Michele Hebert has arranged with the Millennium Hotel to reserve their meeting space for October 21-23. The hotel will waive the meeting room fees if the groups by lunches, and also have offered room discounts. The CNIPM board is discussing holding the CNIPM meeting first, and for three days, with the forth day of meeting for the all-taxa group. The first day of the CNIPM meeting may be a ½ day for a business meeting. CNIPM was concerned that the order of events should alternate year to year, in order to give each group a shot at more press, which tends to show up on the first day of an event.

Michele Hebert suggested that people may not stay in town for 4 days, and that at this point the AISWG is still getting off the ground, and is a weaker organization. The AISWG might not be enough of a draw to keep people in town, and she would ask CNIPM to help elevate the all-taxa group at this point.

Deena Jallen asked who would be handling registration for the combined meeting. Michele Hebert said that the registrations will be combined, with one brochure, etc. Fairbanks has only one office staff person, and are asking that the Anchorage office handle registration and the collection of funds. Fairbanks will have people coming down to the meeting to provide support, and can also help with packets.

Update on Activities

Deena Jallen gave an update on the Marine Subcommittee. Monitoring coordination teleconferences have been held for Green Crab and Tunicates. Sampling efforts are on track for this summer in several locations (Valdez, Homer, Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan, Gustavus, etc.). Smithsonian Environmental Research Center has been working with both groups, and AK DOT has been very helpful in working toward getting tunicate monitoring at selected ferry terminals. The green crab poster has been printed, laminated, and is on its way out to coastal communities.

Jeff Heys said that the NPS is getting geared up for working with invasive plants in the parks. There will be 12 people in 6 parks. Work will include doing inventory, mapping, control efforts along road systems. They are also working off of the road system to do modeling of invasive plant spread in burn lands. They are looking for people to do field work. Surveys would be for white sweetclover, and narrowleaf hawksbeard along the Dalton, Steese, or Parks highway, and would be similar to the work Katie Villano was doing. Interested people should contact Jeff Heys. The data Katie Villano collected is in the process of being modeled by NASA.

The NPS is also in the process of getting an Environmental Assessment for all of the Alaska parks for invasive plants. At this point, there are no plans to add other taxa, the plant project is large enough as is.

Whitney Rapp has been doing tunicate sampling for the last couple years, and will be doing green crab monitoring this summer at one site in Gustavus.

Rose Lombardi is working on a recall of Scott lawn and garden products. Four products had been mislabeled and never registered. There is a nationwide stop sale and recall. Product information is on the News page of the www.alaskainvasives.org website.

Dan Proulx said that the AK DNR is gearing up for summer surveys for gypsy moth, rose moth, and Siberian moth. They are in the process of getting mtraps out to locations. CES is working with the Division of Agriculture on trapping. They will be working with different pheromones in the traps this year to see what other insects are in Alaska. Charlie Knight will be traveling to Southeast Alaska to do a snail and slug survey. Lots of slugs have been brought in by nurseries in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska. Whitney Rapp said that they would love to have a survey done in Gustavus. They have seen some new slugs there recently. Michele Hebert said that people wanting to ID strange slugs can also send them to the Cooperative Extension Service, or call Michael Rasy (907-786-6300) in Anchorage. Charlie Knight, or APHIS should also be contacted if it is a high risk species. Dan Proulx said that APHIS will also be traveling with Charlie to do the surveys. Digital photos of slugs can also be sent to Michele Hebert (ffmah@uaf.edu).

Michele Hebert is conducting a first detector training for the Master Gardener program. The program teaches people how to take photos and specimens of suspected invasive insects and plants, and where to submit them. The training is 1.5 days, and covers notification, how to use and take photographs with a microscope, and how to submit information to the National Plant Diagnostic Network. Carla Thomas from UC Davis will not be coming up to the training this year, so Michele Hebert will be leading the training.

Next teleconference/meeting for the AISWG

National Invasive Species Council: Invasive Species Advisory Committee meeting May 12 to May 16

National Park Service Building (AK Regional Office), 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage

Agenda:

http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/pdf-documents/ISAC-AgendaMay12-16_08.pdf

8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

7:45 am to 3:00 pm Thursday: Field trip in Anchorage area

AISWG in-person meetings:

Monday evening at reception (time and location TBA)

Tuesday morning, 7:00 am, Downtown Deli

Thursday afternoon, 3:00pm, National Park Service Building

Contact Jeff Heys for more information: 907-644-3451
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Green crab coordination

Friday, May 23, 9:30am

To attend, call into 907-586-7977. Allow line to ring until another party picks up, long distance charges apply.

Marine Subcommittee

Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 am

To attend, call into 907-586-7977. Allow line to ring until another party picks up, long distance charges apply.

AISWG

Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 am

To attend, call into 907-271-1405. Allow line to ring until another party picks up, long distance charges apply.

Tunicate monitoring coordination

** Next meeting to be announced later **

Check listserv or www.alaskainvasives.org Calendar page.

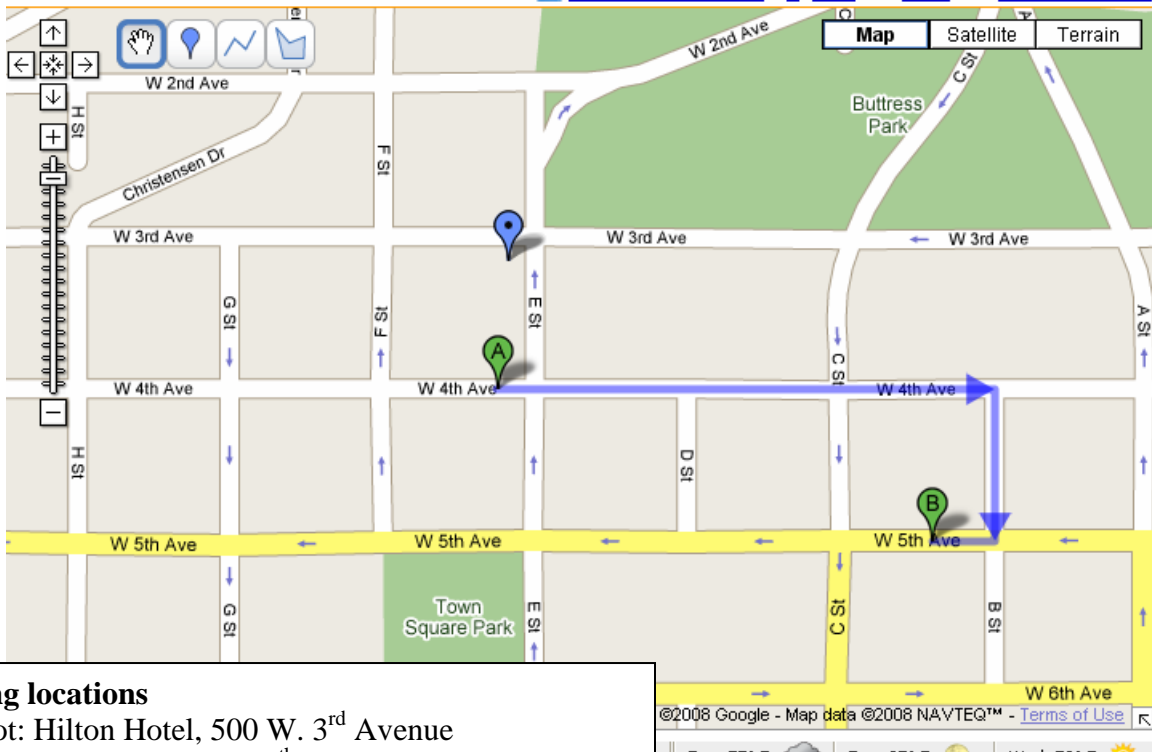
Additional Resources

NISC: <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/council/main.shtml>

ISAC: <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/council/advisory.shtml>

Lists committee members

"[Executive Order 13112](#) calls for the creation of a Federal Advisory Committee to provide information and advice for consideration by the Council. The ISAC is composed of approximately thirty stakeholders from state organizations, industry, conservation groups, scientists, academia and other interests. The ISAC is composed of stakeholders from state organizations, industry, conservation groups, scientists, academia and other interests. The members serve two-year terms. Listed below are the current members of ISAC, who have been recently selected (August 2004) to serve on the third term of the advisory committee."



Meeting locations

Blue dot: Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue

A: Downtown Deli, 525 W 4th Avenue

B: National Park Service Building, 240 W. 5th Avenue

Scots product recall information

<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/news.html>

.pdf announcements:

[http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/word-documents/FACTSCottsCoRecall_4-08_\(2\).pdf](http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/word-documents/FACTSCottsCoRecall_4-08_(2).pdf)

[http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/word-documents/RoseScottsCoRecall_4-08_\(2\)_second_recall4-28-08.pdf](http://www.uaf.edu/ces/aiswg/word-documents/RoseScottsCoRecall_4-08_(2)_second_recall4-28-08.pdf)

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National Plant Diagnostics Network: www.npdn.org