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AIS ACTIVITIES Mar – June 2009

LCC – June 05, 2009 Meeting

Presentation/Workshops/Outreach:

- Mar 10 – Working Lands Initiative – Exhibitor – Display set up for the NCWMA. A few contact interactions during breaks regarding invasive species.
- May 7 – Clean Boats Clean Waters Workshop, Cable; Kristy Maki, Sawyer Co. AIS Coordinator co-hosted. Chief Deputy Susienka and Conservation Warden Schartner special presenters; 26 attendees
- May 8-10 – Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Festival – Exhibitor – Display set up for both BC AIS and NCWMA for passive outreach to festival participants and NGLVC visitors. Feedback from NGLVC is that many people were viewing displays. SS noted that many brochures and informational cards were taken—that's a good thing.
- June 3 – Clean Boats Clean Waters Workshop, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute; Jane Swenson, Iron River, volunteer extraordinaire co-hosted. 23 attendees

Conferences/Trainings:

- Mar 18-19 – Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) Conference – AIS Theme. Nan Olson, Chair, AIS Committee also attended: Town of Barnes received Lake Stewardship Award.
- April 8 – Train the Training CBCW/CLMN trainings – Phillips. Update on programs and tips on training others to host CBCW and CLMN workshops
- April 21 – Northern WI AIS Coordinators Meeting – Park Falls – updates on state programs, planning for the 2009 season, networking and discussion of prevention, education, outreach and monitoring ideas.

Meetings:

- Mar 17 – NCWMA – discussions of achieving a stronger working relationship with Northland College, the Community Tool Shed, summer work scheduling.
- April 9 – AIS Committee – acting on amendatory ordinance Sec. 16-2-3 to include a penalty section. Action passed.
- April 13 – Sheriff Committee – SS presented the committee with the amendatory ordinance to include penalty section. Committee voted to pass it onto County Board.
- April 14 – NCWMA – still waiting to hear about NFWF grant award but discussed desired KSAs for a project coordinator, discussions on ATV wash station at Valhalla Area and educational outreach at the station, discussion of other outreach events.
- April 28 – Co Board – SS presented amendatory ordinance with penalty section included. Action passed.
- May 12 – NCWMA – received award!! Discussions on job description, payroll, technical and administrative support.

Grant Administration/Grant Updates:

- Gathered and submitted requested information from the Clerks Office for the auditors for two WDNR AIS grants and one WDOA Coastal Management Grant.
- Tracking match and expenses for the 2006 WDNR AIS grant that will end 30 June 2009. Expenses automatically transfer to 2009 WDNR AIS grant.
- AIS Control Grant submitted to WDNR for 2009-2010 for AIS programs in the Iron River and Delta Areas (including county parks) **NOT FUNDED** \$4 million in request for 1.3 million available. Contingency Plan A put into action (Stealing from Peter to pay Paul ☺) WDNR approval to use AIS Coor untapped salary funds, DALA \$500 donation, possible IRLA donation).
- BC LWCD AIS School Education Project – Coastal Management Grant - **AWARDED!** (\$7,720 funds) – July 1st start date

Grant Administration/Grant Updates (con't):

- NCWMA/BC LWCD invasive species project grant - Sustain Our Great Lakes Program - **AWARDED!** (\$35,000 funds) – planned for Project Coordinator position and submitted job announcement to Gemini.

Partnership Networking

- Discussions with regional WDNR staff and Sigurd Olson Env. Ins. to get more watercraft inspectors on Lake Superior landings. WI Dept. of Workforce program “Water Force” employing individuals from across the state as watercraft inspectors. Program needs CBCW trainers and mentors, SS agree to be both. Hopefully some ‘Water Force’ folks will be on Gitchee Goomie landings soon.
- Multiple discussions with NCWMA partners to house a Project Coordinator for newly awarded grant. BL & M A-A agreed to have individual employed through Gemini Cares, Inc. and be housed in the BC LWCD office.
- Reconnaissance with NPS personnel of City of Bayfield Japanese Knotweed sites for upcoming Work day—Knotweed Knockout Friday June 12.

Other Activities:

Continuing to compile information about lakes and public access for the towns, initiated LWCD logo with graphic artist, ongoing planning for future outreach events and workshops, discussion with numerous entities regarding fishing tournaments in Namakagon Lake; press releases submitted for WAL Convention summary, Town of Barnes Lake Stewardship Award, fishing season opener, Sustain Great Lakes Program grant award, CBCW Cable workshop.

2009 projects across the county:

Town	Lake	Program	Funding Source
Iron River	Long	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant & in-kind
Iron River	Pike Chain	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant, county & donations
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Delta	Delta Chain	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant, county, \$500 DALA donation & in-kind
Barnes	Eau Claire Chain	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant, town & in-kind, individual donations
Barnes	Sand Bar & Tomahawk	Research & EWM Management	WDNR AIS Control Grant, USA COE, town, in-kind
Cable	Cable, Perry, Takodah	CBCW & video monitoring	WDNR AIS Control Grant, town, in-kind, private funds
Drummond & Cable	Lake Owen	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant & LOA contributions
Namakagon & Grand view	Namakagon (& Garden)	CBCW & video monitoring	NLA funds, individual donations
	Lake Superior	CBCW	WI Sea Grant/WDNR AIS Control grant