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AIS ACTIVITIES June – July 2009

LCC - Aug 07, 2009 Meeting

Outreach/Workshops/Field Work:

- June 6 – Kid's Fishing Day, NGLVC – Exhibitor – Education of AIS to 382 children and 257 adults! Had a hands-on activity, take-home activity sheets, tattoos for children, and plenty of material to pass out. Danny Benzel of Iron County was also present to show an AIS education video he created. He is a high school student at Mercer High as well as the Charter School and did this as a special project. He assisted Stefania a great deal during this event.
- June 11 – Landowners along Hwy 13 to Bayfield – Dropped off educational material for property owners and talked to 2 landowners about the Japanese Knotweed along the road on their property.
- June 12 – Knotweed Knockout – City of Bayfield. Treatment of Japanese Knotweed in Bayfield.
- June 25– Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, AIS Monitoring Workshop, Iron River Community Center; Jane Swenson, Iron River, helped with training. 6 attendees.
- July 11 – CBCW Workshop - Namakagon Town Hall. Trained 3 members of the board of the Namakagon Lake Association for watercraft inspection. Gave them start-up materials for a CBCW program.

Conferences/Trainings:

- June 19 – Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference – Telemark Resort. Set up displays for Bayfield Co. AIS Project and the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area. Conference attendees appreciated the live specimens of EWM and Northern Milfoil to Nan Olson, Chair, AIS Committee also attended. Attendees also took tons of terrestrial invasive species information from the NCWMA table.
- June 24 – Performed CBCW on-the-job-training – Kreher park. Continued the training of the two WDW CEP Summer Youth Program watercraft inspectors—and are known as part of the “Water Force.” There are 55 inspectors across the state; Michelle Johnson is the one for Bayfield County, Crystal Norby for Ashland County.
- July 1 – took Michelle Johnson around the Bayfield Peninsula’s landings and introduced her to some county individuals and Marina owners. Arranged for her to piggyback with some Sea Grant Watercraft inspectors for extra training and confidence-building.
- July 18 – Project RED Workshop - NGLVC. Participated in a Riverine Early Detection training to be able to help propagate this monitoring program to county river users.

Meetings:

- June 8 – NCWMA meeting - NGLVC
- June 18 – met with Matt Bushman, USDA Forest Service, and Carmen Chapin, US Park Service, to review applications for the Coordinator position for NFWF/NCWMA grant
- June 18 – Met with state AIS professionals and WI Dept. of Workforce Development supervisors to initiate the Summer Youth Program work supervisor process and met the young ladies who will assist Ashland and Bayfield County with watercraft inspections on Lake Superior.
- June 20 – Barnes Town Hall – Sandbar and Tomahawk homeowners meeting regarding the WDNR/US Army COE treatment study on the lakes. After first year of treatment—an unprecedented 100% die-off of Eurasian Water-milfoil. Another unexpected result—even though chemical concentration was applied ¼ of the recommended dose, chemical stayed in the water much longer than anticipated and therefore affected native plants. For more information, visit the Barnes web site: <http://www.barnes-wi.com/page.cfm/791>
- June 22 – Barnes Eurasian Water-milfoil Committee Meeting
- June 30 – AIS Committee meeting – in Drummond & Barnes. After the 3-hour meeting, a field trip was taken to the research lakes, Sandbar and Tomahawk in Barnes.
- July 7 – NCWMA meeting - Ashland
- July 11 – Namakagon Lake Association Meeting – presented the association with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and commented on fishing tournaments.

- July 18 – Diamond Lake Association Annual Meeting – introduced myself and answered questions.

Grant Administration/Grant Updates:

- The first WDNR AIS Control Grant ended 30 June 2009. Presently collecting match paperwork and receipts to submit final reimbursement request and final report.
- County AIS Project expenses now running under the 2009 WDNR AIS grant.
- AIS Control Grant submitted to WDNR for AIS programs in the Iron River and Delta Areas (including county parks) for FY for 2010 – 2011.
- 1 July – started the Coastal Management Grant – AIS School Education Project.
- NCWMA/NFWF Grant Coordinator hired – Darienne McNamara

Other Activities:

Put together an AIS Project display for the NW Lakes Conference highlighting the success of the county’s program; networked with county and partners about the NCWMA Coordinator position. Scheduled Michelle for watercraft inspections and was available for questions/feedback. Networked with Iron River Area Lakes Association on smaller projects on the Pike Chain of Lake. Networked with Namakagon Lake Association and Diamond Lake Association on grant information, landing signage, and other AIS information. Laid to rest (hopefully) the controversy around fishing tournaments on Lake Namakagon.

Amanda is helping with the town ‘lake binder project’ and has entered in CBCW data for the Pike Chain of Lakes landings. Thanks Amanda!!

2009 CBCW (watercraft inspectors) lakes across the county:

Town	Lake	Landing
Iron River & Tripp	Long Lake	Town landing at Island Blvd
Iron River	Pike Chain – Twin Bear	County park landing
Iron River	Pike Chain – Buskey Bay	Hyde’s landing & town landing at Wheeler Rd
Delta	Delta Chain	County park landing
Barnes	Eau Claire Chain	The 3 public landings on Upper, Middle and Lower EC lakes
Barnes	Robinson Lake	Town landing
Barnes	Tomahawk Lake	Town landing (research lake)
Cable	Cable, Perry	Ownership unknown, town landing
Drummond	Tahkodah	Ownership unknown, video monitoring
Drummond	Lake Owen, N	USDA FS landing & Campground
Cable	Lake Owen, S	Otter Bay Resort
Namakagon & Grand View	Namakagon (& Garden)	Hwy D, USDA FS campground; video monitoring on Garden Lake & Funny’s Bay
Various	Lake Superior	Public landings along peninsula