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## AIS ACTIVITIES Aug 2009 – Jan 2010

LCC Meeting, 05 Feb 10

### Grant Administration/Grant Updates:

- The first WDNR AIS Control Grant is closed: all reimbursements have been received. Final payment/match figures: \$75,001.19 / \$75,523.58 Final report was produced and will soon be available on the LWCD website and hard copies will be distributed.
- Second county AIS Project grant started July 1 and of to date, approximately \$32K out of \$82K is spent. The first reimbursement will be submitted in mid Feb 2010.
- The Coastal Management Program Grant to help bring AIS into the schools is proceeding well. 2009 expenditures were \$918.75 out of \$7,720.00 total. A grant extension was requested to push the end date from June 30, 2010 to October 31, 2010 to be able to work with teachers one more semester. A progress report was submitted
- Another WDNR AIS Control Grant was awarded to the county to help fund Clean Boat Clean Water Programs on the Pike and Delta Chain of Lakes and Long Lake for 2010 and 2011.

### Outreach/Workshops/Field Work:

- Aug 22 – Ashland Farmers Market – Available to talk one on one with interested market browsers and sellers about AIS issues. Displays & handouts and live plant specimens. Approx 22 contacts.
- Aug 27 – 30 – Bayfield County Fair – Had an elaborate 3-table display set up in the backside of the fair office with live plant specimens, preserved plant specimens and plenty of literature. Clean Boat Clean Water staff from Twin Bear Park volunteered for two-hour shifts to answer questions and discuss issues with fair-goers. An individual from the Nat'l Park Service also volunteered. At least 157 contacts of which 48 were children. It was c-c-cold Friday and Saturday, Sunday the weather was better.
- Sep 9 – Drummond Middle School. Powerpoint presentation and hands-on activity to two classes of 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Drummond school. This was the precursor AIS education to a field trip the following day set up by the Property Owners Asso. of Barnes/Eau Clair Area Lakes.
- Oct 23 – Teachers In-service – Drummond Schools. Dovetailed on a Cooperative Education Service Agency (CESA)-sponsored in-service for regional schools. Had a display of educational materials and how the AIS Project could help teachers. Also did two short presentations to science teachers advertising a workshop and feedback to make this project a success. Passed out a brochure for an upcoming workshop also asking for teachers feedback to best dates.
- Nov 12 – Seminar - Northland College Invasive Species class. Presented a 50 minute Powerpoint presentation on the success of the county AIS project highlighting the Pike Chain and Town of Barnes case studies.

### Conferences/Trainings:

- Sep 16 – Working with Volunteers – UW Superior Continuing Education Workshop. All day training to learn more about obtaining and sustaining volunteers in an organization. Summarized workshop and passed along information to NCWMA group. Will make information available to lake groups.
- Oct 21-22 – Statewide AIS Coordinators Conference – UW Stevens Point. Attended this conference to learn about state updates in their AIS Program, network with other AIS Coordinators, learn about new research with AIS, communications, better techniques.

### Meetings:

- Sep 15 – county AIS Committee (minutes on web site)
- Oct 6 - NCWMA meeting - NGLVC
- Nov 3 – NCWMA meeting - NGLVC
- Dec 10 – NCWMA meeting - NGLVC
- Jan 12 – county AIS Committee (minutes on web site)

**Other Activities:**

Produced, in collaboration with Heart Graphic, a bookmark-like “Thank You” card for AIS prevention to be placed in as many tax bills as possible throughout the county. This needed to be coordinated with each municipal Treasurer—the inserts could go only on their approval. The majority of municipalities agree that it was a good idea and accepted the inserts to place in their tax envelopes. Unfortunately, because of the short time frame to work (3 weeks), the coordination involved with the Property Lister, and the communication needed between each Treasurer, some municipalities fell through the cracks.