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AIS ACTIVITIES 18 Feb 2011 – 19 May 2011

LCC /AISC

Grant Administration / Grant Updates:

- County AIS Project grant – AIS project grant was approved by WDNR and agreement was received 5 April 2011. The grant scored 30 out of 36 points, which was the second highest out of 13 applications. The grant also received praise for being very good with the “nuts and bolts.” Grant period is from April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013. The 2009-2010 grant is being used until exhausted (May/June).
- County CBCW Iron River & Delta Area grant – Need to hire a new Long Lake coordinator. Pike & Delta Chain coordinator has been in contact and has things going for the current season. Working with Forestry Department to continue weekday boat inspections conducted by permanent summer camper at Twin Bear Campground. Budget analysis done to plan for summer inspection hours.
- Coastal Mgmt Grant – All final expenses have been reimbursed and grant is completed.

Outreach/Workshops:

- Attended Clean Boats/Clean Waters(CBCW) and Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network(CLMN) Train the Trainer workshop in Rhinelander on March 29, 2011
- Held 2nd annual Bayfield County Lakes AIS Round Table Meeting on April 2nd at NGLVC. Tim Kane from UW Extension facilitated meeting. There were in total of 15 in attendance representing 6 Lake Associations/Property Owner Associations, 2 county departments, and 2 DNR offices, and the county AIS committee. A feedback form has been distributed to participants and will help to sustain and improve the event.
- Hosted Invasive Species Management Workshop for Municipal Employees and Right-of-Way Managers with Darienne McNamara of Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) on April 7th at Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC).
- Attended Wisconsin Association of Lakes Conference April 12-14, 2011
- Held CBCW workshop on May 6th for Lake Owen and trained 4 new watercraft inspectors.
- Attended Barnes EWM Committee volunteer appreciation luncheon on May 6th to introduce myself, recruit volunteers and make a display
- Made three 45 minute presentations to Drummond school 4th graders on May 16th about AIS using Most Unwanted posters, specimens, and food web exercise
- Attended and assisted with Drummond Eco-Field trip program classroom exercises on May 16th and 17th
- Worked together with Jennifer Schierman to produce and distribute AIS Review Newsletter

Meetings:

- Feb 21 – Barnes EWM Committee- Introduction to group and EWM treatment coordination
- Mar 7 - AIS Committee – Goal setting meeting, assign executors of tasks
- Mar 22 – Purple Loosestrife BioControl Meeting- Planning meeting to set work days, assign tasks, and allocate materials
- Apr 6 – County Administrator – Work out and finalize details of new grant and full time position
- April 8- LCC Meeting

- April 18- Barnes EWM Committee- Planned luncheon and CBCW program details
- May 2- Drummond Eco-Field trip planning meeting
- May 3- Meet with Sea Grant CBCW inspection coordinator- Toured Lake Superior Boat Landings and planned summer inspections
- May 9- NCWMA Meeting- Facebook page for group, treating Japanese Knotweed in city/town of Bayfield, member updates
- May 10- Northern AIS Coordinators meeting in Rhinelander
- May 16- Barnes EWM Committee- Review of luncheon, planning and discussion of Sand Bar treatment with John Skogerboe

Other Activities:

- Met with Iron River Lakes Association (Bill Swenson) representative and received prints to hang in courthouse and distribute.
- Met with Iron River area volunteer(Jane Swenson) regarding CBCW and CLMN workshops
- Purchased dissolved oxygen meter for use throughout the county
- Phone conversations and emails with WDNR Lake Superior Basin AIS Specialist(Maureen Ferry) regarding Project RED, CBCW, CLMN, monitoring activities, and other AIS issues
- Phone conversations and email with Iron River Lakes Association to be brought up to speed on treatment and history of Pike Chain
- Developing new table for AIS Strategic Plan goals
- Periodic meetings with Office Manager to discuss AIS grants, and budget/funding
- Communications with state personnel involved in the county AIS project
- Submitted vouchers to Office Manager
- Distributed 14 signs to be installed at boat landings throughout county
- Received 27 signs to install at access points to rivers throughout county
- Worked with County Conservationist to update NCWMA MOU
- Purple Loosestrife Cultivation Permit
- Purple Loosestrife field day and checks on plant growth at AERC center
- Contact with TU organizations about project RED
- Pike/Delta grant management
- Ordered parts for herbicide applicator backpacks and loaned out backpack sprayer for Twin Bear treatment and hand sprayer for Buckthorn treatment
- Discussions of obtaining a portable pressure washer through NCWMA and GLRI funds

Future Events/Activities:

- May 20-22 Birding Festival NGLVC
- May 23 Barnes Eco Field Trip at Boney Lake
- May 23 CBCW workshop in at Drummond Civic Center
- Another Purple Loosestrife collecting field day
- Purple Loosestrife Beetle release with Drummond 4th Graders

- AIS presentation with Washburn 5ht Graders
- June AIS month Brown Bag lunch presentation for county
- June 7 CBCW workshop at Northland
- June 8 AIS Strategy Meeting, Spooner DNR
- June 8 Wild River TU meeting
- June 9 NCWMA meeting at NGLVC
- June 10 LCC Meeting
- June11 CLMN Workshop (tentative)
- June 16 CBCW Workshop at NGLVC(tentative)
- June 18-19 Port Wing Fishing Tournament
- June 24 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference
- July 4th Weekend Landing Blitz
- July 20- August 6 AIS Coordinator gone (National Guard training)
- Lake Association and Town Board meetings
- Library Presentations
- County Fair