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## **AIS ACTIVITIES 8 Apr 2011 – 9 Jun 2011**

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### **Grant Updates:**

- County AIS Project grant – AIS project grant will be completely allocated by the middle of June. The new Grant will then begin to be used. This grant goes through June 2013.
- County CBCW Iron River & Delta Area grant –New Long Lake coordinator has been arranged and there are two inspectors for that lake. Pike & Delta Chain inspections have been occurring on weekends at Buskey Bay, Twin Bear, Town, and Delta landings.

### **Outreach/Workshops:**

- Attended Wisconsin Association of Lakes Conference April 12-14, 2011
- Held CBCW workshop on May 6<sup>th</sup> for Lake Owen and trained 4 new watercraft inspectors.
- Attended Barnes EWM Committee volunteer appreciation luncheon on May 6<sup>th</sup> to introduce myself, recruit volunteers and make a display
- Made three 45 minute presentations to Drummond school 4<sup>th</sup> graders on May 16<sup>th</sup> about AIS using Most Unwanted posters, specimens, and food web exercise
- Attended and assisted with Drummond Eco-Field trip program classroom exercises on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>
- Worked together with Jennifer Schierman to produce and distribute AIS Review Newsletter
- 1 hour AIS presentation to Washburn 5<sup>th</sup> grade class using Most Unwanted posters, specimens, and food web exercise
- AIS Display at Chequamegon Bay Birding festival at NGLVC
- Held CBCW workshop in Drummond with 12 attendees on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Purple Loosestrife beetle release with Drummond 4<sup>th</sup> grade class on May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Presented information on Project RED to Trout Unlimited Wild River Chapter on June 8<sup>th</sup>
- CBCW Training for Sea Grant inspector assigned to Bayfield County on June 1st

### **Meetings:**

- 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
- May 19- AIS Committee meeting
- June 8- DNR AIS Strategy meeting in Spooner
  - Meeting with Sheriff and Chief Deputy- Discussed transport law violation, CBCW inspections, and 4th of July Landing Blitz
- June 9- NCWMA Meeting- Farmers Markets, Round Table, and invasive species month
  - Pressure Washer Meeting

**Other Activities:**

- 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
- Coordination of Sea Grant inspections
- Eurasian Watermilfoil Man costume being developed
- Ordering and distributing outreach materials
- Submitted AIS Newsletter to all towns
- Started producing some maps using GIS

**Future Events/Activities:**

- June AIS month Brown Bag lunch presentation for county
- June 30 CLMN Workshop (tentative)
- June 18-19 Port Wing Fishing Tournament
- June 24 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Landing Blitz
- July 20- August 6 AIS Coordinator gone (National Guard training)
- Lake Association and Town Board meetings
- Library Presentations
- County Fair
- AIS monitoring of at least 11 lakes this summer