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AIS ACTIVITIES 20 Aug 2010 – 8 Oct 2010

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Grant Administration / Grant Updates:

- A reimbursement request and progress report is in progress to submit to the WDNR for the county AIS Project. The Coordinator will submit this when most of the expense invoices have been paid out. There are a few still outstanding.
- Expenses are being made to the Iron River and Delta Areas WDNR AIS Control grant. Staff expenses for watercraft inspectors are finished. A reimbursement request and report will be submitted to WDNR when all invoices are paid.
- The Coastal Mgmt Grant is still in progress with an extension granted to 31 Dec 2010. The coordinator, however, is planning on closing out this grant by the end of November.

Outreach/Workshops:

- Aug 20 – Friends of the White River Annual Fish Boil – staffed a display with specimens and literature and answered questions about invasive species. This was in collaboration with the Bad River Watershed Association aquatic invertebrates from the river—complete with a crayfish for discussion!
- Aug 21 – Namakagon Lake Association Annual Meeting – set up literature and was available to answer questions. Gave a short presentation on purple loosestrife.
- Aug 26 – 29 – Bayfield County Fair AIS Education Booth – An AIS education booth was staffed by the AIS Coordinator and volunteers. Children's crafts including decorating a visor and making finger puppets were available to draw children and their guardians into the booth to learn about AIS. The Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area also had an education booth next door focusing on terrestrial invasives. About 60 children and 40 adults came into the booth for activities and education. Most children left with a "goody bag" of some education brochures for their parents, stickers, Wildcards, and tattoos.
- Sep 17 – Drummond 7th grade classes – Brought specimens, "goody bags" of AIS prevention stickers and Wisconsin Wildcards-aquatic invasives and presented a slide show to 44 7th grade students. Presentation stressed the biological reasons why invasive species become a problem. This is in collaboration with the Barnes/Eau Claire Property Owners Association Lakes field trip project for the school district. Volunteers (retired and active professionals) take the students out on pontoons on the lake educating them on invasive species, water quality, shoreland habitat, fisheries and other things. This is the third such field trip in a 13 month period. The association has submitted a Lake Planning grant to obtain more funds to continue these field trips into the future for the 7th graders and maybe other grades.
- Sep 23 – AIS Educators Workshop – Iron River Community Center – Three teachers representing Maple, South Shore and Drummond School Districts attended this all day field and classroom workshop. The teachers learned about the Canoes on Wheels Program and how they can obtain canoes to get their students out on the water to discuss lake ecology and invasive species. They received a summary of the issues with aquatic invasive species and the priority species. Three lesson plans were developed that will be shared among all county educators.
- Oct 5 – Northwestern Elementary School - Brought specimens, "goody bags" of AIS prevention stickers and Wisconsin Wildcards-aquatic invasives and presented a slide show to 40 4th grade students. Presentation stressed the biological reasons why invasive species become a problem. This was a presentation initiated by new contacts from the AIS Educator workshop.

Meetings:

- Sep 7 – NCWMA – monthly meeting to discuss invasive species activities and plans and future grant possibilities.
- Sep 8 – Friends of the White River – monthly meeting summing up Fish Boil, possible future presentations, potential work day activities controlling invasive species.
- Sep 20 – Barnes EWM Committee – monthly meeting where a summary of the watercraft inspection and other prevention activities were discussed. Potential expenses and projects were discussed and possible funds needed from the Town (upfront and those eventually that will be reimbursed).

Other Activities:

- Sep 10 – Rittenhouse Inn, Bayfield – checked treatment effect on Japanese Knotweed at the site with Colleen Matula, WDNR Forest Ecologist and helped with further treatment.
- Sep 10 – Cable Lake – with members of the Cable Lake Association, cut and treated the small populations of purple loosestrife and surveyed the larger and more difficult to access populations. A treatment plan will be developed for this lake.
- Communicating with lake groups to get their CBCW data into the WDNR SWIMS database.
- Communicating with individuals of the WDNR Water Guard program.
- Preparing for county fair outreach booth.
- Preparing for September teachers' AIS workshop – collecting and printing material.
- Preparing for school presentations
- Collecting expense and match documentation for reimbursement requests.

Clean Boat Clean Water (Watercraft Inspector/Educators at boat launches):

Individual program data breakdown - from WDNR SWIMS:

Name of Program/Landing	Sponsor	# of boats inspected	# of contacts	# of hours
Cable Lake	Town of Cable/Cable Lakes Asso	421	905	549
Eau Claire Lake, Lower	Town of Barnes	1004	2065	513
Eau Claire Lake, Middle	Town of Barnes	1261	3001	457
Eau Claire Lake, Upper	Town of Barnes	1082	2092	602
Lake Delta	Bayfield County/ Town of Iron River	310	711	306
Lake Owen	Lake Owen Association, Inc	1342	3646	670
Lake Superior:	*			
Bayfield ,City launch	*	268	496	97
Bell Marina (Cornucopia)	Northland College	11	28	8
Bono Creek Access	Northland College	19	35	10
Little Sand Bay	*	34	91	18
Port Wing	*	53	119	32
Washburn Marina	*	155	321	73
Long Lake	Bayfield County/ Town of Iron River	137	289	215
Namakagon Lake – Cty HWY D	Namakagon Lake Asso., Inc.	312	688	285
Namakagon Lake – Funny's Rd	Namakagon Lake Asso., Inc.	51	119	83
Perry Lake	Town of Cable/Cable Lakes Assn	30	49	80
Pike Chain of Lakes:	Bayfield County/ Town of Iron River			
Buskey Bay (Hyde's landing)	Bayfield County/ Town of Iron River	181	367	139
Wheeler Rd (Town of Iron River)	Bayfield County/ Town of Iron River	26	56	18
Twin Bear**	Bayfield County/ Town of Iron River	1765	4143	718

Name of Program/Landing (continued)	Sponsor	# of boats inspected	# of contacts	# of hours
Tahkodah Lake	Town of Cable/Cable Lakes Assn	21	56	20
Tomahawk Lake	Lake volunteer	1	3	17

* coverage from a combination of WI Sea Grant, WDNR Water Guard, & a Bayfield County-Northland College agreement

TOTALS of 2010 CBCW Programs:

	# of boats inspected	# of individuals educated (contacts)	# of hours
All Bayfield launches	8,484	19,280	4,910
<i>Lake Superior launches only</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>1,090</i>	<i>238</i>