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## **AIS ACTIVITIES 13 Aug 2011 – 19 Jan 2012**

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### **Grant Updates:**

- County AIS Project grant – Final report and reimbursement submitted for grant that ended in June 2011, reimbursement for current grant will be submitted soon
- County CBCW Iron River & Delta Area grant – Application for new grant to fund Summer 2012 will be submitted by Feb 1, 2011. The plan is for this project to run 1 year, and then be rolled into the county grant application for 2013-2014. County board made resolution to support grant in
- Wisconsin CMP Grant- Application in review for funding Lake Superior AIS activities to include CBCW inspections, workshops, field trips, and town/ resident participation  
Project Review Committee: January 2012  
WCMC Meeting: February 2012  
Projects Selected: March 2012  
Projects Begin: July 1, 2012  
Project Completion: June 30, 2013

### **Outreach/Workshops:**

- County Fair booth had 6 volunteers who educated 292 people; Visors and totes were given to kids to decorate as prizes for participating in a "Find the AIS" game using a wading pool, while the kids decorated, adults received more AIS info
- Milfoil Man at County Fair
- AIS Review newsletter Volume 2 printed and is in distribution, emailed to over 100 contacts and was distributed to Lake Associations, local businesses, and towns
- Knotweed Removal in Cable, Iron River, Herbster, Bayfield, and Washburn
- Purple Loosestrife treatment in Barnes, Cable, and Namakagon
- Barnes Eco field trip and presentation at the school
- Fall tour Japanese Knotweed site visit with flier
- Purple Loosestrife Interpretive display/ rearing station to be on display at Cable Natural History Museum
- Communication with Friends of the White River to start partnership with that group
- Adopted and developed a bait shop contact plan from Ashland County and began work with 3 bait shops in the county using an outreach program developed by UW Madison, UW-Extension, and WDNR

### **Meetings:**

- Aug 15, Sep 19, & Oct 17- Barnes EWM Committee meetings- Discussed outreach methods, maybe use dinner place mats at restaurants, EWM in George Lake and Rapid Response grant, Monitoring efforts and methods
- Aug 16- Eco Field trip planning meeting- Met with John Kudlas, Jerry Kaiser, Criss Neff, and Fred of ECLPOA
- Aug 20- Namakagon Lake Association meeting- Introduced myself and spoke one on one with individuals addressing AIS concerns
- Aug 20- Eau Claire Lakes POA "Protect Property Values through Good Stewardship" – Set up display and spoke with attendees
- Aug 24- Meeting with Chief Clark to discuss AIS violation at Twin Bear- Discussed reporting methods and follow up to evaluate how situation was handled
- Sep 28- Bayfield County Lakes Forum "Celebrating Youth involvement in Conservation"- Attendance was very useful to promote AIS education efforts, establish partnerships, get ideas, and recognize youth. Better planning to nominate/ invite youth is required though as some youth which should have been recognized were not
- Oct 13- Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) meeting- received updates on invasive activities in 4 county area and provided update on Bayfield County AIS

- Oct 24,25- Statewide AIS Coordinator meeting at UMESC in La Crosse- Sharing of information from county coordinators, evaluation of effectiveness and future of Clean Boats Clean Waters Data collection methods, Strategic planning workshop, tour of AIS research facility, bait dealer outreach initiative, Water Guard warden panel, boat decontamination session
- Nov 3 & 28- Iron River Grant Planning meetings- Discussed past grant achievements, challenges and improvements and started to plan for next grant
- Nov 8- AIS Committee meeting
- Dec 1- Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) open house- Met with Douglas County AIS Coordinator to assist in their effort to write a “no transport” ordinance. Discussed Lake Superior research and work in Bayfield County with Lake Superior Research Institute (LSRI) Staff
- Dec 8-NCWMA Meeting-Found that Northland College pays \$3/hr towards salary of interns we hire from there, Darienne (NCWMA Coordinator) is developing an operating plan
- Jan 11-Northern Region AIS Coordinator Meeting- Attended meeting in Hayward with AIS Coordinators from Ashland, Douglas, Sawyer, Washburn, and Burnett Counties. Discussed each counties project, bait shop outreach, cooperative workdays, and plant workshop

#### **Other Activities:**

- Worked with DNR and Army Corps of Engineers workers to evaluate EWM infestations and to discuss further control efforts
- Put together sign installation kit and worked on better tracking of new signs; Conservation staff assisting
- Applied for CMP grant for AIS efforts on Lake Superior
- Addressed Chinese mystery snail concerns on Crystal Lake
- Prepared Summary for Statewide AIS coordinators meeting
- Reviewing past grant final reports
- Viewed Invasive Species display at Great Lakes Visitor Center, very well done and should be publicized
- Worked with DNR on Stream Surveys of Cranberry Creek and 18 Mile Creek
- Attended interactive mapping training
- Planned with Sawyer County AIS Coordinator on outreach/support for Muskie Inc tournament
- Entering Clean Boats Clean Waters data into DNR SWIMS database
- Contacted Washburn High School Science teacher to discuss possible AIS presentations and other work with Washburn Students
- Reviewed Annual statewide AIS report
- Developed work plan for Dec- May due to possible military leave of absence(Now Cancelled)
- Access to Great Lakes Early Detection Network

#### **Future Events/Activities:**

- Spring Project RED Workshop
- CLMN workshop tentatively June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Barnes,
- Douglas County AIS Coordinator participation in Barnes Eco Field trip
- Spring CBCW Workshlops