Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Updates

1/30-2/10/2017

Andrew Teal

* Prepared and loaded up Northland College Job Fair materials (Adam Haecker took on the full load, as I fell ill the night before this event)
* Attended the Bayfield County Land Records Department training for the GIS Interactive Map-this will prove useful to identify landowners and approximate property lines for obtaining permissions to monitor for and control certain invasive species.
* Met with Roger Kumlien, a friend of local citizens who is interested in our expertise with invasive plants. He would like us to come out to the Steak Pit and check out the shoreline so they can find out if they have any invasive plants. I will be focusing on species I know about in the area that are also a problem. These include purple loosestrife, invasive Phragmites, knotweed, and if applicable, Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. This property is also close to the Washburn Marina, which is a concern unto itself, given the possibility of someone transporting these things accidentally or deliberately away from this site.
* Rescheduled meeting with Northland College student for 2/17/17. She is writing articles about invasive species for the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, and would like my input on a minimum of two species (purple loosestrife and Eurasian watermilfoil). I will also see if I can convince her to write about knotweed, as it poses more than ecological risks. You may recall that it contributes to soil erosion, bank destabilization, and can threaten the structural integrity of buildings.
* Wrapped up and submitted the final reimbursement and report for our AIS Education, Prevention, and Planning grant (#4) to the DNR. I will provide them with additional information as needed. I am working on the partial reimbursement for the #5 grant, which should go quickly as it is only 3 months of reporting, instead of 3 years.