**AIS ACTIVITIES 24 May 2017—23 August 2017** LCC /AISC

**Grant Updates**

* *County AIS Project grant* 
  + WI DNR AIS Education, Prevention, and Planning (AEPP) Grant has $84,388.32 remaining.
* *County Clean Boats Clean Waters Iron River Area grant* 
  + There is $8,022.07 remaining to use on Long Lake, Delta Lake, and three Pike Chain of Lakes landings as of 8/18/17. I anticipate that we will completely use up this grant.
  + The Pike Chain is now using an increased number of volunteer hours and a power wash unit to clean boats at Twin Bear landing. The Pike Chain also has newly created boat wash stations posted at each landing, for boaters to voluntarily scrub/wash off plants, animals, and debris.
  + Hours worked (paid & volunteer) at each of these five landings are as follows:

-Twin Bear County Park: 367

-Buskey Bay Hyde’s Landing: 140

-Buskey Bay Town Landing: 115

-Long Lake: 180

-Delta Lake: 100

* *Lake Superior Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant*
  + There is $4,368.87 remaining in this grant. I anticipate that we will completely use up this grant.
  + Three Northland College interns and one Bayfield County intern will cover four landings: Washburn Marina, Bayfield City Boat Launch, 2nd Landing in Ashland County, and Loon’s Foot in Douglas County.
  + Hours worked at each of these four landings are as follows:

-2nd Landing: 357

-Washburn Marina: 262

-Bayfield City Boat Launch: 314

-Loon’s Foot: 271

* *NCWMA Boat Wash Grant-Lake Superior Basin*

-There is $6,893.45 remaining in this grant. We probably will not completely use it up this summer, but next summer is likely.

-Jeremy Bates provided invaluable assistance in getting the boat wash operational, maintaining the unit, and replacing the thermostat.

-Interns have run it regularly throughout the season

**Past Events/Activities**

* May 12th, June 23rd, July 14th, August 11th—Invasive Species ID Day at Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
* June 1st—Training Day for the interns at the office
* June 2nd—Clean Boats Clean Waters Training at Northland College
* June 3rd—Kid’s Fishing Day at NGLVC
* June 5th—assisted Ben and Travis with surveying a potential wetland scrape site
* June 6th—set up training for divers and volunteers in Barnes to ID differences between invasive and native look-alike aquatic plants so they can operate more effectively and efficiently
* June 7th—Train the Trainer webinar for AIS Snapshot Day
* June 9th—Land Conservation Committee Meeting, County Annex Building
* June 9th-11th—Drain Campaign weekend (statewide); our interns handed out about 100 ice packs
* June 12th, July 10th, August 14th—Barnes AIS Committee Meetings
* June 13th—Scouted knotweed sites in Bayfield
* June 14th—North Country Rod & Gun Club presentation at their Clubhouse
* June 16th—Northwest WI Lakes Conference in Hayward
* June 20th—Knotweed Knockout Day in Bayfield with WI DNR’s Colleen Matula and USFS’s Mike McNelly
* June 27th—Rotary Club presentation at Ashland Golf Course
* June 28th—the interns and I went to an Aquatic Plant ID training in Woodruff
* June 30th—Train the Trainer webinars for AIS Snapshot Day Coordinators and Project RED
* July 3rd—Early detection monitoring on the Iron River for curly-leaf pondweed with Jeremy Bates-and boy did we ever find it, starting ~200 feet downstream of the Tri-County Corridor
* July 5th—Lake Owen yellow iris flower and seed capsule cutting-received loads of assistance from Marisa and Emma, students at Northland College’s Burke Center
* July 6th—went Atkins Lake to cut and dig out yellow iris—assistance provided by Jim Wysocki and his son Scott; note that a fireman’s axe really seems to help in the removal process.
* July 7th—Knotweed Knockout Day in Iron River with Colleen Matula and volunteer Jane Swenson
* July 11-12th—Early detection monitoring with Jeremy Bates and Madeline Roberts on Drummond, Half Moon, and Long Lakes
* July 15th—Set up display and provided updates at Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area annual meeting
* July 20th—webinar for new AIS photo vouchering protocols
* July 22nd-23rd—Iron River Chamber Fair—spoke to over 150 people
* July 27th—miscellaneous stops in the southeastern part of the county for small projects and deliveries
* July 28th—Knotweed Knockout Day on the South Shore (mostly Herbster and few Cornucopia sites) with Colleen Matula
* August 5th—AIS Snapshot Day; rendezvous site at Barnes Town Hall; monitored at Pigeon, George, Breakfast, Island, Robinson, and Pickerel Lakes. Volunteers included Sally Pease, Paula Greenspan, Trish Bantle, and Charlie Bantle.
* August 10th-13th—Set up display, tent, and swimming pool of invasive plants at Bayfield County Fair-Sally Pease and Anna Short helped man the booth-contacted over 160 people
* August 18th—Attended Friends of the White River Annual Meeting in Mason and set up display

**Future Events/Activities**

* WI Coastal Wetland Invasive Species Monitoring-TBA
* September 8th and October 13th—Invasive Species ID Days from 10 AM—2 PM at the NGLVC.
* September 19th—Town of Barnes Town Board meeting-presenting Invader Crusader Award
* September 24th—National Public Lands Day
* April 20th-22nd, 2018—10th Annual Chapter meeting for the Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), Stevens Point, WI
* October 15-17, 2018—Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN