



AIS Activities Jan - Mar 2009

LCC – March 13, 2009 – Meeting

Presentation/Workshops:

- Jan 6th – AIS Control Grant Writing Workshop, Iron River; Jane Malischke, WDNR Financial Assistant Specialist co-hosted. 11 attendees
- Jan 27th – slide presentation of AIS program to date, Bayfield Co. Board
- Feb 12th – Northland College Career & Volunteer Fair; invasive species volunteer opportunities-employment opportunities based on grant awards; 18 contacts, 15 students signed up for more information, networked with other agencies
- Feb 13th – Bayfield County Lakes Forum Surface Water Consortium, NGLVC, AIS program accomplishment (NO NEW AIS DOCUMENTED IN COUNTY!!!!), participated in discussions of group priorities and how these can be met.

Meetings:

- Jan 13th – Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA), NGLVC, discussed workshops for municipal road crews for invasive species awareness and prevention, grant updates, possible work days for the 2009 season, upcoming events for possible outreach.
- Feb 10th – NCWMA, NGLVC, set up work days for season as well as beetle collection days for purple loosestrife and leafy spurge biological control, planned for three outreach events.
- Feb 12th – Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Northland College, met with other agency folk and SIGO and NC faculty to discuss NCs new curriculum and intern opportunities for students.
- Feb 16th – AIS Committee, Washburn; discussed fishing tournaments, county transport ordinance and possible penalty increase, grant update, Wisconsin Association of Lakes March Conference, business member replacement for committee.
- Mar 12th – phone conference – AIS Committee regarding ordinance and penalty structure of county

Grant Administration:

- Coastal Management Grant, NCWMA / LWCD completed: reimbursement payment received.
- A reimbursement request was submitted to WDNR for the county grant and payment received; this also included summary report of AIS activities.
- Final report and reimbursement request submitted to WDNR for the county park (Twin Bear and Delta) 2008 grant.
- AIS Control Grant submitted to WDNR for 2009-2010 for AIS programs in the Iron River and Delta Areas (including county parks); no status available at this time. Worked collaboratively with the Iron River Area Lakes Association as they also submitted a grant for control and manage the Eurasian Water-milfoil on the Pike Chain of Lakes.

Other Activities:

Writing letters of support for grants, co-nominating Town of Barnes for Lake Stewardship Award (Awarded!), working on AIS newsletter, planning workshops for the summer, writing other letters of official nature.



AIS ACTIVITIES Mar – June 2009

LCC – June 05, 2009 Meeting

Presentation/Workshops/Outreach:

- Mar 10 – Working Lands Initiative – Exhibitor – Display set up for the NCWMA. A few contact interactions during breaks regarding invasive species.
- May 7 – Clean Boats Clean Waters Workshop, Cable; Kristy Maki, Sawyer Co. AIS Coordinator co-hosted. Chief Deputy Susienka and Conservation Warden Schartner special presenters; 26 attendees
- May 8-10 – Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Festival – Exhibitor – Display set up for both BC AIS and NCWMA for passive outreach to festival participants and NGLVC visitors. Feedback from NGLVC is that many people were viewing displays. SS noted that many brochures and informational cards were taken—that's a good thing.
- June 3 – Clean Boats Clean Waters Workshop, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute; Jane Swenson, Iron River, volunteer extraordinaire co-hosted. 23 attendees

Conferences/Trainings:

- Mar 18-19 – Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) Conference – AIS Theme. Nan Olson, Chair, AIS Committee also attended: Town of Barnes received Lake Stewardship Award.
- April 8 – Train the Training CBCW/CLMN trainings – Phillips. Update on programs and tips on training others to host CBCW and CLMN workshops
- April 21 –Northern WI AIS Coordinators Meeting – Park Falls – updates on state programs, planning for the 2009 season, networking and discussion of prevention, education, outreach and monitoring ideas.

Meetings:

- Mar 17 – NCWMA – discussions of achieving a stronger working relationship with Northland College, the Community Tool Shed, summer work scheduling.
- April 9 – AIS Committee – acting on amendatory ordinance Sec. 16-2-3 to include a penalty section. Action passed.
- April 13 – Sheriff Committee – SS presented the committee with the amendatory ordinance to include penalty section. Committee voted to pass it onto County Board.
- April 14 – NCWMA – still waiting to hear about NFWF grant award but discussed desired KSAs for a project coordinator, discussions on ATV wash station at Valhalla Area and educational outreach at the station, discussion of other outreach events.
- April 28 – Co Board – SS presented amendatory ordinance with penalty section included. Action passed.
- May 12 – NCWMA – received award!! Discussions on job description, payroll, technical and administrative support.

Grant Administration/Grant Updates:

- Gathered and submitted requested information from the Clerks Office for the auditors for two WDNR AIS grants and one WDOA Coastal Management Grant.
- Tracking match and expenses for the 2006 WDNR AIS grant that will end 30 June 2009. Expenses automatically transfer to 2009 WDNR AIS grant.
- AIS Control Grant submitted to WDNR for 2009-2010 for AIS programs in the Iron River and Delta Areas (including county parks) **NOT FUNDED** \$4 million in request for 1.3 million available. Contingency Plan A put into action (Stealing from Peter to pay Paul ☺) WDNR approval to use AIS Coor untapped salary funds, DALA \$500 donation, possible IRLA donation).
- BC LWCD AIS School Education Project – Coastal Management Grant - **AWARDED!** (\$7,720 funds) – July 1st start date

Grant Administration/Grant Updates (con't):

- NCWMA/BC LWCD invasive species project grant - Sustain Our Great Lakes Program - **AWARDED!** (\$35,000 funds) – planned for Project Coordinator position and submitted job announcement to Gemini.

Partnership Networking

- Discussions with regional WDNR staff and Sigurd Olson Env. Ins. to get more watercraft inspectors on Lake Superior landings. WI Dept. of Workforce program “Water Force” employing individuals from across the state as watercraft inspectors. Program needs CBCW trainers and mentors, SS agree to be both. Hopefully some ‘Water Force’ folks will be on Gitchee Goomie landings soon.
- Multiple discussions with NCWMA partners to house a Project Coordinator for newly awarded grant. BL & M A-A agreed to have individual employed through Gemini Cares, Inc. and be housed in the BC LWCD office.
- Reconnaissance with NPS personnel of City of Bayfield Japanese Knotweed sites for upcoming Work day—Knotweed Knockout Friday June 12.

Other Activities:

Continuing to compile information about lakes and public access for the towns, initiated LWCD logo with graphic artist, ongoing planning for future outreach events and workshops, discussion with numerous entities regarding fishing tournaments in Namakagon Lake; press releases submitted for WAL Convention summary, Town of Barnes Lake Stewardship Award, fishing season opener, Sustain Great Lakes Program grant award, CBCW Cable workshop.

2009 projects across the county:

Town	Lake	Program	Funding Source
Iron River	Long	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant & in-kind
Iron River	Pike Chain	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant, county & donations
Iron River	Pike Chain	EWM Management	WDNR AIS Control Grant & IRALA
Delta	Delta Chain	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant, county, \$500 DALA donation & in-kind
Barnes	Eau Claire Chain	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant, town & in-kind, individual donations
Barnes	Sand Bar & Tomahawk	Research & EWM Management	WDNR AIS Control Grant, USA COE, town, in-kind
Cable	Cable, Perry, Takodah	CBCW & video monitoring	WDNR AIS Control Grant, town, in-kind, private funds
Drummond & Cable	Lake Owen	CBCW	WDNR AIS Control Grant & LOA contributions
Namakagon & Grand view	Namakagon (& Garden)	CBCW & video monitoring	NLA funds, individual donations
	Lake Superior	CBCW	WI Sea Grant/WDNR AIS Control grant



AIS ACTIVITIES June – July 2009

LCC - Aug 07, 2009 Meeting

Outreach/Workshops/Field Work:

- June 6 – Kid's Fishing Day, NGLVC – Exhibitor – Education of AIS to 382 children and 257 adults! Had a hands-on activity, take-home activity sheets, tattoos for children, and plenty of material to pass out. Danny Benzel of Iron County was also present to show an AIS education video he created. He is a high school student at Mercer High as well as the Charter School and did this as a special project. He assisted Stefania a great deal during this event.
- June 11 – Landowners along Hwy 13 to Bayfield – Dropped off educational material for property owners and talked to 2 landowners about the Japanese Knotweed along the road on their property.
- June 12 – Knotweed Knockout – City of Bayfield. Treatment of Japanese Knotweed in Bayfield.
- June 25– Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, AIS Monitoring Workshop, Iron River Community Center; Jane Swenson, Iron River, helped with training. 6 attendees.
- July 11 – CBCW Workshop - Namakagon Town Hall. Trained 3 members of the board of the Namakagon Lake Association for watercraft inspection. Gave them start-up materials for a CBCW program.

Conferences/Trainings:

- June 19 – Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference – Telemark Resort. Set up displays for Bayfield Co. AIS Project and the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area. Conference attendees appreciated the live specimens of EWM and Northern Milfoil to Nan Olson, Chair, AIS Committee also attended. Attendees also took tons of terrestrial invasive species information from the NCWMA table.
- June 24 – Performed CBCW on-the-job-training – Kreher park. Continued the training of the two WDW CEP Summer Youth Program watercraft inspectors—and are known as part of the “Water Force.” There are 55 inspectors across the state; Michelle Johnson is the one for Bayfield County, Crystal Norby for Ashland County.
- July 1 – took Michelle Johnson around the Bayfield Peninsula's landings and introduced her to some county individuals and Marina owners. Arranged for her to piggyback with some Sea Grant Watercraft inspectors for extra training and confidence-building.
- July 18 – Project RED Workshop - NGLVC. Participated in a Riverine Early Detection training to be able to help propagate this monitoring program to county river users.

Meetings:

- June 8 – NCWMA meeting - NGLVC
- June 18 – met with Matt Bushman, USDA Forest Service, and Carmen Chapin, US Park Service, to review applications for the Coordinator position for NFWF/NCWMA grant
- June 18 – Met with state AIS professionals and WI Dept. of Workforce Development supervisors to initiate the Summer Youth Program work supervisor process and met the young ladies who will assist Ashland and Bayfield County with watercraft inspections on Lake Superior.
- June 20 – Barnes Town Hall – Sandbar and Tomahawk homeowners meeting regarding the WDNR/US Army COE treatment study on the lakes. After first year of treatment—an unprecedented 100% die-off of Eurasian Water-milfoil. Another unexpected result—even though chemical concentration was applied $\frac{1}{4}$ of the recommended dose, chemical stayed in the water much longer than anticipated and therefore affected native plants. For more information, visit the Barnes web site: <http://www.barnes-wi.com/page.cfm/791>
- June 22 – Barnes Eurasian Water-milfoil Committee Meeting
- June 30 – AIS Committee meeting – in Drummond & Barnes. After the 3-hour meeting, a field trip was taken to the research lakes, Sandbar and Tomahawk in Barnes.
- July 7 – NCWMA meeting - Ashland
- July 11 – Namakagon Lake Association Meeting – presented the association with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and commented on fishing tournaments.
- July 18 – Diamond Lake Association Annual Meeting – introduced myself and answered questions.

Grant Administration/Grant Updates:

- The first WDNR AIS Control Grant ended 30 June 2009. Presently collecting match paperwork and receipts to submit final reimbursement request and final report.
- County AIS Project expenses now running under the 2009 WDNR AIS grant.
- AIS Control Grant submitted to WDNR for AIS programs in the Iron River and Delta Areas (including county parks) for FY for 2010 – 2011.
- 1 July – started the Coastal Management Grant – AIS School Education Project.
- NCWMA/NFWF Grant Coordinator hired – Darienne McNamara

Other Activities:

Put together an AIS Project display for the NW Lakes Conference highlighting the success of the county's program; networked with county and partners about the NCWMA Coordinator position. Scheduled Michelle for watercraft inspections and was available for questions/feedback. Networked with Iron River Area Lakes Association on smaller projects on the Pike Chain of Lake. Networked with Namakagon Lake Association and Diamond Lake Association on grant information, landing signage, and other AIS information. Laid to rest (hopefully) the controversy around fishing tournaments on Lake Namakagon.

Amanda is helping with the town 'lake binder project' and has entered in CBCW data for the Pike Chain of Lakes landings. Thanks Amanda!!

2009 CBCW (watercraft inspectors) lakes across the county:

Town	Lake	Landing
Iron River & Tripp	Long Lake	Town landing at Island Blvd
Iron River	Pike Chain – Twin Bear	County park landing
Iron River	Pike Chain – Buskey Bay	Hyde's landing & town landing at Wheeler Rd
Delta	Delta Chain	County park landing
Barnes	Eau Claire Chain	The 3 public landings on Upper, Middle and Lower EC lakes
Barnes	Robinson Lake	Town landing
Barnes	Tomahawk Lake	Town landing (research lake)
Cable	Cable, Perry	Ownership unknown, town landing
Drummond	Tahkodah	Ownership unknown, video monitoring
Drummond	Lake Owen, N	USDA FS landing & Campground
Cable	Lake Owen, S	Otter Bay Resort
Namakagon & Grand View	Namakagon (& Garden)	Hwy D, USDA FS campground; video monitoring on Garden Lake & Funny's Bay
Various	Lake Superior	Public landings along peninsula