

Alaska Invasive Species Partnership

2025 Workshop Agenda

INVASIVE SPECIES AT A CROSSROADS:
CHALLENGES, CHOICES AND CHANGES



Tuesday, Oct. 28

- 8 - 8:30 **Registration, snacks and refreshments**
- 8:30 - 8:40 **AKISP welcome -**
Gino Graziano, Board Chair
- 8:40 - 8:50 **Morning kickoff**
- 8:50 - 9:50 **AKISP board and committee updates**
Board accomplishments and accomplishments of the partnership – Chair Gino Graziano
Committee Updates
Government relations – Tim Stallard
Marine/EGC/Dreissenids Committees – Tammy Davis
Outreach and Education – Jen Chauvet
Elodea - Cody Jacobson
Weed free - Cody Jacobson
Northern pike – Parker Bradley
Workshop planning – Gino Graziano
Woody invasives - Hannah Thompson
Ad hoc committee updates
- 9:50 - 10:10 **Break**

Community science and outreach

- 10:10 - 10:40 **Best Practices for Citizen and Community Science: Tips from the Literature and Practitioners**
Malin Clyde, University of New Hampshire
Cooperative Extension Service
- 10:40 - 1 1:10 **From Sightings to Strategy: Harnessing iNaturalist for Invasive Plant Detection and Response**
Emily Reed, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition
- 11:10 - 11:30 **Invasive Species Awareness to Action: Working with Elected Leaders**
Diana Rhoades, Anchorage Park Foundation
- 11:30 - 11:50 **Building Local Capacity Through Invasive Species Management in the Copper River Watershed**
Colleen Merrick, Copper River Watershed Project / Copper River Native Association
- 11:50 - 12:00 **Panel discussion**

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch on-site**

Terrestrial insects

- 1:00 - 1:20 **On the Case (Bearer): Next Steps for Survey and Outreach After Confirmation of an Invasive Moth in the Anchorage Bowl**
Grace Graham, Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection
- 1:20 - 1:40 **Asian Defoliator Moth Survey**
Ramsey Sullivan, Alaska Division of Agriculture
- 1:40 - 2:00 **Ladybugs & Mantids & Commercial Biological Control Regulations – Oh My!**
Alex Wenninger, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 2:00 - 2:20 **Panel discussion**
- 2:20 - 2:40 **Break**

Marine invasive species

- 2:40 - 3:00 **European Green Crab on Annette Islands Reserve: Informing the Future of Management**
Nicole Reynolds, Metlakatla Indian Community
- 3:00 - 3:20 **Methods Developed to Locate European Green Crabs Using Conservation Detection Dog Teams**
Collette Yee, Rogue Detection Teams
- 3:20 - 3:40 **Panel discussion**
- 3:40 - 4:00 **Member rapid updates**
- 4:00 - 4:20 **Introduce the nominees**
- 4:20 - 4:30 **Closing remarks**



Wednesday, Oct. 29

- 8-8:30 **Registration, snacks and refreshments**
 8:30-8:40 **Morning kickoff**
 Bryan Scoresby, director of Alaska Division of Agriculture

Woody and ornamental invasive plants

- 8:40 - 9:00 **Mayday, Mayday, Not "Just An Anchorage Problem"**
 Tim Stallard, Alien Species Control LLC.
 9:00 - 9:20 **Bohemian Knotweed Control in Kodiak**
 Masumi Palhof, Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District
 9:20 - 9:40 **Cutting Costs and Trees: Results from Anchorage's Invasive Tree Removal Incentive Program**
 Hannah Thompson, Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District
 9:40 - 10:00 **Panel discussion**
 10:00 - 10:20 **Break**

Elodea

- 10:20-10:40 **State of the State Elodea: - Decision Point: Herbicide Control Strategies - Challenges, Choices, and the Road Forward**
 Cody Jacobson, Alaska Division of Agriculture
 10:40 - 11:00 **With a Little Help from My Friends: Partnership and Perseverance in Responding to a Novel Elodea Infestation in Crescent Lake**
 Jen Chauvet, Homer Soil and Water Conservation District, and Peter Frank, U.S. Forest Service
 11:00 - 11:20 **Panel discussion**

Aquatic invasive species

- 11:20 - 11:40 **Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind? The Unrealized Devastation from Invasive Northern Pike**
 Parker Bradley, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 11:40 - 12:00 **Inlet Intruders: Monitoring for Invasive Northern Pike Using Cook Inlet as a Pathway**
 Eric Wood, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch on-site**
 1:00 **Voting closes**

Aquatic invasive species

- 1:00-1:20 **Northern Pike Populations Pre- and Post-Suppression in the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District**
 Nicole Swenson, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District
 1:20-1:40 **Pike in Cook Inlet? Preliminary Results from Salinity Trials, Video Weirs and Cook Inlet Salinity Monitoring**
 Brennan Watson, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 1:40-2:00 **Panel discussion**

Invasion hotspots: Standardizing and sharing data methods

- 2:00 - 2:20 **Southcentral Alaska Invasive Species Hotspot Surveillance - A Collaborative Coordinated Approach to Early Detection**
 Katherine Schake, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
 2:20 - 2:30 **From Field Notes to Decision Tools: Building a Database for Alaska's Invasive Species**
 Justin Fulkerson, Alaska Center for Conservation Science
 2:30 - 2:50 **Break**
 2:50 - 3:10 **Modernizing Invasive Species Field Data Collection, Integration, and Distribution: Preparing for Invasive Freshwater Mussels**
 Marcus Geist, Alaska Center for Conservation Science
 3:10-3:30 **Cooperative Geospatial Attention for Alaska Invasive Species**
 Erin Trochim, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Svetlana Grill and Denys Metelenko, EPAM
 3:30 - 3:50 **One Thousand Miles to Nome: An Update on Nonnative Plant Occurrences In Select Locations Along the Iditarod Trail**
 Anjanette Steer, Alaska Center For Conservation Science
 3:50 - 4:10 **Panel discussion**
 4:10 - 4:30 **Biggest Invasive Species Geek round 1**
 4:30 - 4:40 **Voting results and board awards**



Thursday, Oct 30

- 8 - 8:30 **Registration, snacks and refreshments**
- 8:30 - 8:40 **Morning kickoff**
- 8:40 - 9:40 **KEYNOTE: A Need to Rethink Invasive Species Management in a Rapidly Changing Climate**
John Morton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, retired.

Tools and support

- 9:40 - 10:00 **Challenges, Choices and Changes in Approach to Setting Goals for Invasive Species Management**
Gino Graziano, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 10:00 - 10:20 **Panel discussion**
- 10:20 - 10:40 **Break**
- 10:40 - 11:10 **Member rapid updates**
- 11:10 - 11:30 **Season Extension Control for Woody Invasive Species**
Gino Graziano, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Biggest Invasive Species Geek final round and winner announcement**
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Lunch**
- 12:30 - 2:00 **Poster Session: Tool Demonstration; Roundtable/Expo Session; Survey 1,2,3, Data Portals; Field Maps; Herbicide Application; Calcium Sampling; and more...**
(Food will remain available during this session)
- 2:00-2:20 **Closing remarks**
- 2:20 - 2:35 **Pack-up posters and AV equipment**
- 2:35 - 5:00 **Board meeting**
Setting a time for the new board orientation and officer selection meeting



Keynote speaker: **John Morton, Ph.D., wildlife ecologist**

Dr. John Morton is a wildlife ecologist, now retired after 32 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Throughout his career of managing and researching wildlife, he has had to deal with invasives: brown tree snakes on Guam, nutria in Maryland, elodea in Alaska. Last at Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, John received the Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions from the Alaska Conservation Foundation in 2024; and Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alaska Invasive Species Partnership in 2020, and the Rachel Carson Group Award for scientific excellence from the USFWS in 2011. John continues to work on climate adaptation with nonprofits.

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