

Alaska Invasive Species Partnership 2026 Workshop

AGENDA

Tuesday, Oct. 28

- 8 - 8:30 **Registration, snacks and refreshments**
- 8:30 - 8:40 **AKISP Welcome:** Nicole Swenson, Board Chair
- 8:40 - 9:50 **AKISP board and committee updates**
Nicole Swenson, Board Chair
- Committee Updates**
Government relations: E.M. Reed,
Marine/EGC: Tammy Davis
Dreissenid: Tammy Davis & Kim Holzer
Outreach and education: Ashley Lutto
Elodea: Cody Jacobson
Northern pike: Parker Bradley
Workshop planning: Gino Graziano
Woody invasives: Joni Johnson
- Ad hoc committee updates**
First Detector: Gino Graziano & Tammy Davis
- Introduction of board nominees**
- 9:50 - 10:10 **Break**

Scanning the horizon

- 10:10 - 11:00 **KEYNOTE Green Crab Spread and Impacts.**
Catherine de Rivera, Portland State University
- 11:00 - 11:20 **Scanning the Horizon: Southcentral Alaska
Invasion Hotspot Surveillance Project Takeaways**
Katherine Schake, Kachemak Bay National
Estuarine Research Reserve
- 11:20 - 11:40 **Juneau's Uplift Meadows: Globally Rare and
Uniquely Vulnerable to Non-native Plant Invasion**
John Hudson, Southeast Alaska Watershed
Coalition
- 11:40 - 11:50 **Panel discussion**
- 11:50 - 1:20 **Lunch** (on your own)

Proactive survey and monitoring

- 1:20 - 1:40 **Survey and Monitoring of Northern Pike in the
Matsu**
Brennan Watson, Alaska Department of Fish &
Game
- 1:40 - 2:00 **The Status of Invasive Plants on the Tongass**
Laura Holloway, Abby Lund and Eric Rizzo,
U.S. Forest Service
- 2:00 - 2:20 **Beyond the Classroom: Invasive Species Capacity
Building through Place-based Education**
Ashley Lutto, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
- 2:20 - 2:30 **Panel discussion**

Proactive management

- 2:30 - 2:50 **Native Sod Mats for Proactive Restoration of
Disturbed Permafrost Landscapes**
Ethan Overton, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 2:50 - 3:10 **Keeping Ahead of the Curve:
Management of European Green Crab on
Annette Islands Reserve in 2026**
Nicole Reynolds and Ian Hudson,
Metlakatla Indian Community
- 3:10 - 3:30 **Break**
- 3:30 - 3:50 **Pedal to the Metal:
Alexander Creek Suppression Project**
Thomas Sitz, Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- 3:50 - 4:10 **Elodea: Proactively Developing Novel Herbicide
Control Strategies and Techniques—
Solutions on the Water**
Cody Jacobson, Department of Natural Resources
Division of Agriculture
- 4:10 - 4:25 **Panel discussion**
- 4:25 - 4:35 **Closing remarks**
- 7 p.m. **Invasive Species Trivia**
Devil's Club Brewing, 100 North Franklin Street
\$2/person
teams of up to 6 people

Wednesday, Oct. 28

8 - 8:30 **Registration, snacks and refreshments**

8:30 - 8:40 **Morning kick - off**
John Hudson, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition

8:40 - 9:30 **KEYNOTE Translating Information to Action: Real-World Application of Invasive Species Horizon Scans and Risk Assessments**
Katherine Wyman-Grothem, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Part 1: Data driving prevention and management

9:30 - 9:50 **Using Genomics to Help Us Understand Patterns of Dispersal and Adaptation in Invasive Northern Pike**
Mikay Reuter, Texas Christian University

9:50 - 10:10 **Planning for Prunus and Beyond: Turning Management and Restoration Strategies into Results**
Hannah Thompson, Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District

10:10 - 10:30 **Panel discussion**

10:30 - 11:00 **Break and poster set-up**

11:00 - 12:00 **Poster session**

12:00 - 1:30 **Lunch** (on-site)
Voting for new board members closes at 1 p.m.

1:10 - 1:30 **Awards**

Part 2: Data driving prevention and management

1:30 - 2:00 **Clean, Drain, Dry and Digitize: A Decade of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention at Alaska's Alcan Border**
Kim Holzer, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

1:20 - 1:40 **The Incident Command System: Introduction and Application to Invasive Species Rapid Response in Alaska**
Ben Wishnek, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

1:40 - 2:00 **Research Directions on Efficacy of Chokecherry Management**
Gino Graziano, University of Alaska Fairbanks

2:00 - 2:20 **Panel discussion**

2:20 - 2:40 **Break**

2:40 - 3:15 **Member rapid updates**

3:15 - 3:35 **Biggest invasive species geek round 1**

3:35-3:45 **Voting results**

3:45 - 4:45 **Breakout sessions**

Woody invasive species

Social media post development

Marine and green crab

Weed free products



Thursday, Oct. 29

8 - 8:30 Registration, snacks and refreshments

Better management empowered by people

8:30 - 8:50 **Implementing Harvest Incentive Programs: Lessons Learned from Invasive Species Managers**
Catherine de Rivera and Hailey Gatlin,
Portland State University

8:50 - 9:10 **Proposed European Green Crab Policy Changes Needed to Increase Management Options**
Barbara Morgan, University of Alaska Southeast

9:10 - 9:30 **Tag-Team Invaders, Tag-Team Response: Pike Derby & Elodea Showdown**
Emma Parker, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

9:30 - 9:50 **The Good News Talk from Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District: Successes and Approaches**
Masumi Palhof, Kodiak Soil and Water
Conservation District

9:50 - 10:10 Panel discussion

10:10 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:00

11:00 - 11:30

11:30 - 1:00

Pathways

1:00 - 1:20

1:20 - 1:40

1:40 - 1:50

1:50 - 2:00

2:00 - 4:00

Member rapid updates

Biggest invasive species geek challenge
round 2

Lunch (on your own)

Cook Inlet as a Pathway for Invasive Northern Pike —An Update on Research

Parker Bradley, Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Inlet Intruders 2: Monitoring for Invasive Northern Pike Using Cook Inlet as a Pathway in 2026

Eric Wood, Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Panel discussion

Closing remarks

New board member meeting

Keynote speakers



Catherine de Rivera, Professor of Environmental Science & Management at Portland State University, studies the spread, impacts and management of green crabs and other introduced marine species. She is interested in how biological invasions interact with climate change and—more recently—how the language surrounding introduced species affects perception and management.



Kate Wyman-Grothem is a fish biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Midwest Region aquatic invasive species program. She co-leads the Service's non-native aquatic species risk screening and assessment efforts, working with Great Lakes jurisdictions as well as other Service regions and external partners to address national and regional needs for decision support around aquatic invasive species prevention. Kate holds a PhD in Conservation Biology and M.S. in Statistics from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. in Biological Sciences from Wellesley College.

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