



Alaska Committee for Noxious & Invasive Plants Management

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Upcoming Events

State Invasive Weeds Awareness Week

June 21-27, 2015

Alaska

Alaskan Plants as Food and Medicine Symposium

June 22-24

Anchorage, AK

Media Spotlight

[Stevens to research detection of invasive species in cargoes](#)

[Urban gatherers find free salads outside their doors](#)

[What We Do to Stop Invasive Species](#)

[The Problem With Invasive Plants](#)

[Protecting Clean Water While Respecting Agriculture](#)

[B.C. Grants \\$1.7 million to fight invasive plants](#)

[Partners Push to Have National Fish Habitat Legislation Included in Sportsmen's Package](#)

[Alaska Needs to Demand Weedless Topsoil](#)

[Winter in Alaska, NOAA](#)

[Eat the Enemy: How you can help the planet, and your appetite, by dining on invasive species](#)

[Shedding their Secrets](#)

[Knocking Out Knotweed](#)

[Bioinvasions in a Changing World](#)

[Montana Governor signs executive order to combat invasive species](#)

[State, contractors fail to keep invasive weeds out of Chugach State Park](#)

Meeting Minutes

[June 2015](#)

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A New Way to Stop Invasive Pests - Clean Recreation

For years now, the U.S. Forest Service has been encouraging visitors to our nation's forests and grasslands, to not only enjoy all there is out there, but to play safe and play clean.

One example of this outreach effort is the PlayCleanGo.org: Stop Invasive Species In Your Tracks campaign.

PlayCleanGo has 130 partners, all fostering active participation in actions designed to interrupt recreational pathways of spread for invasive species. By becoming a partner, you can spread the message to stop invasive species in your tracks.

"PlayCleanGo is designed to give outdoor recreationists a clear call to action to be informed and attentive in helping stop the spread of invasive plants and insects and improving overall forest health," said Monica Lear, U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Protection Director. "These pests can expand like a different kind of wildfire, from forest to forest by unsuspecting visitors just looking for some fun and adventure."

From camping to fishing to hiking, getting outside and into nature is one of the many activities that our forests support. Outdoor recreation provides physical challenges, contributes greatly to the physical and mental health of individuals, provides economic benefits to communities, and has become an essential part of American culture. PlayCleanGo is helping these recreationists preserve the land they already love and enjoy.

Through positive messaging, the program provides simple steps people can take to avoid accidentally spreading invasive species.

This advice includes letting visitors know to stay on designated trails, remove mud and seeds from shoes and gear, and burn only local or certified firewood. For example, garlic mustard, an aggressive plant invader of wooded areas throughout the Northeastern and Midwestern US, can form dense stands and displace native species by competing for available light, nutrients and water resources. Garlic mustard seeds stick together when damp and adhere readily to small soil clusters, making it easy for them to stick to muddy boots, pant cuffs, and animal fur. Through easy actions like inspecting hiking equipment, clothing, and pets before going out on a hiking trail and conducting the same inspection upon leaving the trail, the PlayCleanGo campaign is helping slow the spread of invasive species.

PlayCleanGo was launched by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota departments of Agriculture and Transportation, and Explore Minnesota.

Creating a new and successful awareness campaign, like Smokey Bear and his fire prevention message, depends on broad, frequent exposure to the public. For this reason, PlayCleanGo invites public and private organizations to join the effort by becoming a partner.

See more at:

<http://blogs.usda.gov/2015/05/05/a-new-way-to-stop-invasive-pests-clean-recreation/#sthash.SzAlDqW.dpuf>



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Anchorage Elodea Eradication Project Public Meeting Update

On June 17th, 2015, at Sand Lake Elementary, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources organized a public involvement meeting to gather additional input to guide the DNR's response to invasive Elodea in the Anchorage waterbodies for eradication proposed with the use of fluridone. Several presentations were given: DNR presented the need for action, management alternatives, and the proposed action with the use of fluridone, Dr. John Morton (USFWS) presented on preliminary results of their Elodea eradication effort on the Kenai, and Dr. Andrew Skibo (SePRO) presented on the toxicity of fluridone. A panel discussion with the presenters, and representatives from ADF&G, USFWS, and a Kenai Daniel's Lake community landowner were able to address the public's questions, and provide more information on the Anchorage project. Input gathered during the public scoping process during the public meeting and the Environmental Assessment comments represents broad support for proposed fluridone treatment in Anchorage for DeLong, Little Campbell, and Sand lakes, with a few individuals in opposition.

FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND UPDATES REGARDING THE PROJECT, PLEASE VISIT:

<http://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/InvasivesNews.htm>

OR CONTACT: Heather Stewart, Email: heather.stewart@alaska.gov Phone: 907-745-8721.

You may also join the mailing list at

<http://list.state.ak.us/soalists/AnchorageElodeaManagement/jl.htm>

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Do you have an interesting story, announcement, or upcoming event you would like to share in the newsletter?

The more we contribute and share, the more we learn. Please email your submissions and photographs to Kim.Allen@alaska.gov

Name This Plant!

While not commonly found in Alaska, this plant has been spotted in Juneau and was probably unintentionally introduced as a kitchen herb. It has an invasiveness ranking of 70/100.

I am Garlic Mustard.

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