Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area

Working Together to Protect Northern Wisconsin from Invasive Species

2015 Annual Report

2015 marked the 10th year as a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) for the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA). We celebrated with some special events and guests!

Thanks to everyone who has been a part of the NCWMA over the years and helped make it what it is today. I really value this partnership and all of the work that has been accomplished. Funding this year came from the US Forest Service as well as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - thank you!

I have applied for more funding for the NCWMA, and in 2016 we'll be up for a MOU update and will be looking for additional partners. Here's hoping for another 10 years of partnerships!

Pam Roberts,
NCWMA Coordinator

Dyes made from invasive species

The NCWMA is a collaborative group of state and federal agencies, Tribes, local towns, community organizations, non-profit organizations, lake associations, and individuals who have come together to combat invasive species in northern Wisconsin (Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron Counties).

2015 Events and Projects

Clean Boats Clean Waters

This summer our boat inspectors performed boat and trailer checks, disseminated informational brochures, and educated boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The Northwoods Cooperative Weed Area worked with the Bayfield County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program to manage the program, and through a cooperative agreement with the Ashland County LWCD, was able to fund Ashland County LWCD intern time on the project. In all, 1,923 boating groups were surveyed this summer at 4 primary boat landings: Superior Loon's Foot, Washburn Marina, Bayfield Marina, and Ashland Second Landing.

CBCW Inspector Brandon on the job

Invasive Species ID Day

Education and Trainings

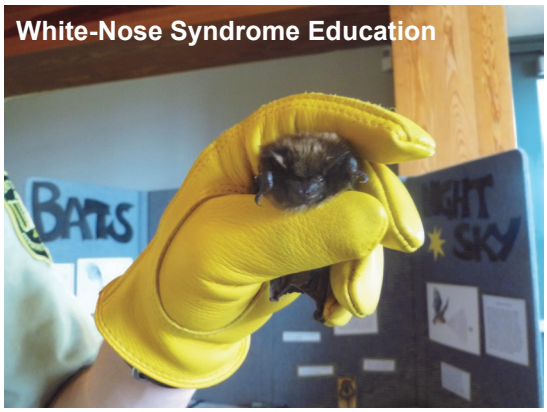
We attended a number of local events with our display, as well as put on our own events and trainings. We had a blast at trivia night where we had invasive species trivia, and paraded the streets of Iron River one hot July day with our message. Classrooms were visited to teach youth about invasive species, and trainings and presentations open to all helped to increase knowledge about invasive species.

Control

We continued to work on some priority species this year, which included knotweed, garlic mustard, and Phragmites. A Phragmites survey was conducted around the Bayfield and Washburn Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs). Garlic mustard pulls were held, and the Washburn WWTP garlic mustard site had both manual and herbicide treatments. Knotweed knockouts were held in Bayfield and Iron River.

"Knotweed Knockout"

Check out our 2015 Event Photos on the next two pages....



White-Nose Syndrome Education

Knotweed Knockouts

Invasive Species ID Days

Iron River Blueberry Fest Parade

Garlic Mustard Pulling With Washburn School

Training Presentation

Buckthorn Removal with Sea Scouts

Plant Hike At Copper Falls

AIS Poster Contest

Native Plant Sale

Rain Garden Invasive Species Removal

Paul Hlina Presentation

Lake Superior Day

Burdock Ball

Invasive Species Trivia at The Spot

Classroom Invasive Species Education in Superior

Milfoil Man Out Ice Fishing

CBCW Inspectors Brittany and Riley

Leadership Training

Mellen Garlic Mustard Pull

Garlic Mustard Monitoring

Bayfield County Fair

Fishing Expo

CBCW Inspector Adam

Cheq. Bay Birding and Nature Fest

WWTP Phragmites Surveys

2015 Budget

The table below details out all of the expenditures of the NCWMA program in 2015. This includes all expenses, including:

- NCWMA Coordinator Salary (including Premier Solutions and GeminiCares cut)
- Intern Salaries
- Bayfield Office Clerk Salary (financial assistance in County matters)
- Office Rent at the County Office
- All Purchases
- All Mileage Costs

Grant	2015 Expenditures
USFS GLRI	$37,840.58
DNR CBCW	$13,375.26
DNR WMA	$3,949.30
Total	*$55,165.14*

With the closing of GeminiCares, the NCWMA Coordinator became employed by Premier Solutions in June 2015. Bayfield County remains the fiscal agent for the NCWMA.

USFS GLRI = US Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding

DNR CBCW = Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Clean Boats Clean Waters Funding

DNR WMA = Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Weed Management Area Funding

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Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Dept.

Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission

Iron County Land and Water Conservation Dept.

Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve

National Park Service, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

National Park Service, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Chapter

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

USDA Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge

U.S. Geological Survey, Great Lakes Science Center

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