

**Memorandum of Understanding  
For  
The Establishment, Endorsement, and Support of the  
Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup**

**Among the**

**STATE OF ALASKA**

**and**

**NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**and**

**PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS**

**and**

**FEDERAL AGENCIES**

**(SEE SIGNATORY PAGES FOR LISTS OF AGENCIES AND  
ORGANIZATIONS)**

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and among the signatory parties.

**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish an Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup to minimize invasive species impacts in Alaska by facilitating collaboration, cooperation and communication.

The signatory parties propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities toward the goals outlined below.

**B. Goals of the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup**

1. Clarify the jurisdictional authorities of signatory parties as they relate to invasive species management.
2. Share the scientific and technical expertise of the parties related to invasive species management.
3. Encourage and enable signatory party employees or members to work collaboratively to optimize their respective capabilities to minimize invasive species impacts.
4. Collaborate in the development of a needs assessment and drafting of a statewide strategic plan for the management of invasive species.
5. Consider the formation by the State of Alaska, in collaboration with the other signatory parties, a formal structure for continued collaboration, cooperation and communication to minimize invasive species impacts in Alaska.

**C. It Is Mutually Agreed and Understood by Signatory Agencies:**

1. Specific work projects or activities which involve the transfer of funds, services, or property between the parties to this MOU will require the execution of separate agreements or contracts, contingent upon the availability of funds as appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature, United States Congress, or other applicable governmental units or provided by other parties to this MOU. Each subsequent agreement or arrangement that involves the transfer of funds, services, or property among the parties to this MOU must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations, including those statutes and regulations dealing with competition applicable to procurement and financial assistance activities, and must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.
2. This MOU in no way restricts signatory parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.
3. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate signatory parties to expend appropriations or to enter into any contracts or other obligations.
4. The workgroup coordinators and contacts for this agreement are listed under Exhibits.

5. Modifications within the scope of the MOU shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.
6. This MOU is executed as of the date of last signature and is effective through December 31, 2011, at which time it will expire unless extended.

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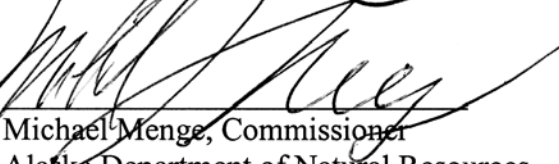
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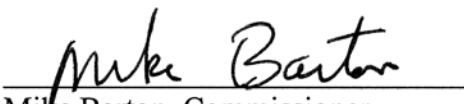
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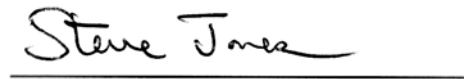
**THE PARTIES HERETO** have executed this instrument (State Parties):

  
Kurt Fredriksson, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
10-6-06  
Date

  
McKie Campbell, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
10/3/06  
Date

  
Michael Menge, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
9/26/06  
Date

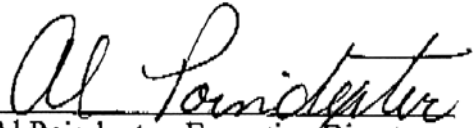
  
Mike Barton, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
10/21/06  
Date

  
Steve Jones, Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension Service  
9-19-06  
Date




## Exhibit C - Non-Government Organizations Signatories

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Prince William Soundkeeper

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Date

  
David Banks, State Director  
The Nature Conservancy in Alaska

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## Exhibit D - Private Organizations Signatories

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument (Private):

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## Exhibit E – Federal Signatories

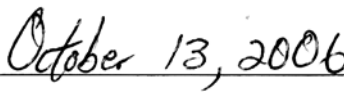
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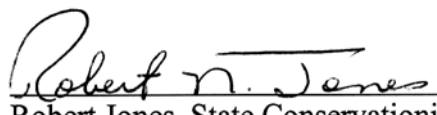
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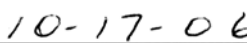
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Ann Ferguson, State Plant Health Director  
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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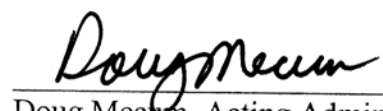
  
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Dennis E. Bschor, Regional Forester  
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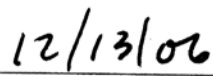
  
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Robert Jones, State Conservationist  
USDA National Resource Conservation Service

  
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### Exhibit E.2 - U.S. Department of Commerce

  
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Doug Mecum, Acting Administrator  
USDC National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Alaska Region  
By authority of Executive Order 13112 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

  
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### Exhibit E.3 - U.S. Department of Defense

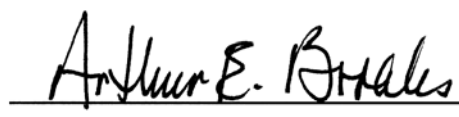
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USDD Army

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### Exhibit E.4 - U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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USDHS Customs and Border Protection

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US Coast Guard, REAR ADMIRAL

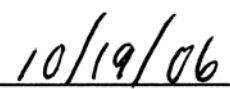


  
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Exhibit E.5 - U.S. Department of the Interior

  
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for Julia Dougan, Acting State Director-Alaska  
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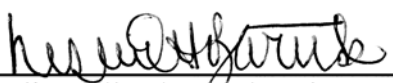
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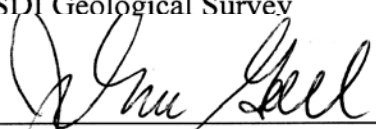
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## Exhibit F – BLM-AK Authorities Letter



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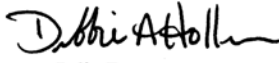
The Bureau of Land Management-Alaska (BLM-AK) is pleased to support the establishment of the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup. The BLM is also pleased to formalize its relationship with the other cooperating agencies or signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Since the majority of the signatories have signed the MOU, BLM would like to supplement the MOU to conform to our guidelines.

The MOU states, "*The signatory parties propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities towards the goals outlined.*" However, the MOU guidelines for the BLM specify we *identify the principle statutory authorities that authorize the cooperating agencies to enter into the MOU*. The authorities are essential elements under which the BLM-AK formally enters into the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup MOU. Please include the following authorities for the BLM-AK by attaching this letter as an appendix to the MOU.

1. Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)
2. Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 as amended by Sec. 15 "Management of Undesirable Plants on Federal Lands," 1990.(7 U.S.C. 2814)
3. Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C.4701 et seq.)
4. Lacey Act as amended (18 U.S.C.42)
5. Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species, 2/3/99

Thank you for the opportunity to increase federal, state and local cooperation and coordination on invasive species. Please find attached the signed MOU.

Sincerely,

  
for Julia Dougan  
Acting State Director