

**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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Exhibit A - AISWG Contacts (primarily attendees of the April 2006 meeting in Anchorage)

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EXHIBIT B – State of Alaska Signatories:

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



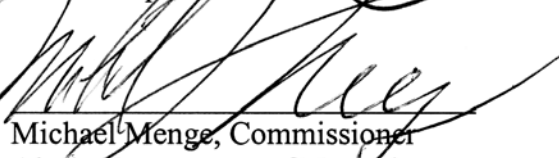
Kurt Fredriksson, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
10-6-06

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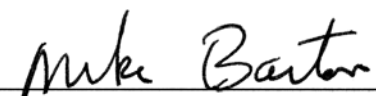
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Alaska Department of Fish and Game
10/3/06

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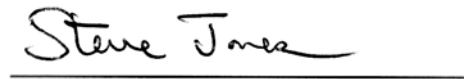
Michael Menge, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
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Mike Barton, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
10/21/06

Date

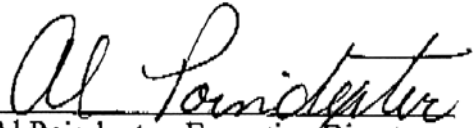


Steve Jones, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension Service
9-19-06


Date

Exhibit C - Non-Government Organizations Signatories

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11-2-06
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10/17/06
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Sharry Miller, Executive Director
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Date


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Exhibit D - Private Organizations Signatories

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument (Private):

Signature

Date


Exhibit E – Federal Signatories

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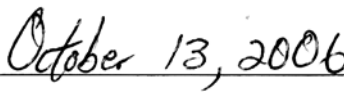
Exhibit E.1 - U.S. Department of Agriculture

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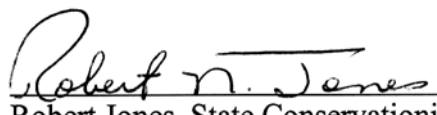
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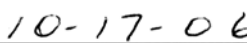
Dennis E. Bschor, Regional Forester
USDA Forest Service-Alaska Region



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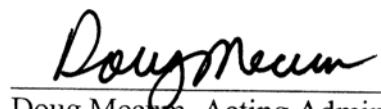


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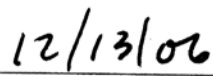


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Exhibit E.2 - U.S. Department of Commerce



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

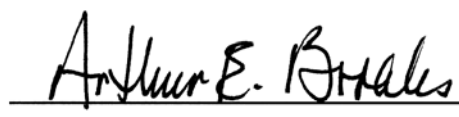
David L. Shutt, Colonel
USDD Army

Date

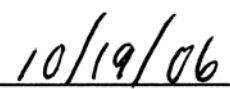
Exhibit E.4 - U.S. Department of Homeland Security

USDHS Customs and Border Protection

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US Coast Guard, REAR ADMIRAL




Date

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


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for Julia Dougan, Acting State Director-Alaska
USDI Bureau of Land Management

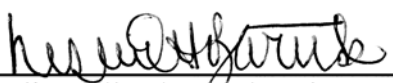
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Thomas O. Melius, Regional Director
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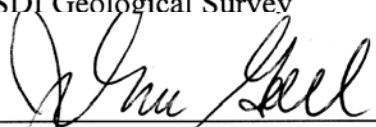
October 19, 2006

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10-6-06

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Exhibit F – BLM-AK Authorities Letter



United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Ms. Hebert:

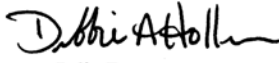
The Bureau of Land Management-Alaska (BLM-AK) is pleased to support the establishment of the Alaska Invasive Species Workgroup. The BLM is also pleased to formalize its relationship with the other cooperating agencies or signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Since the majority of the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