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Hi Lynette,

In response to the question during the HB 191 hearing as to which department would have oversight of invasive species, I offer the following. Currently, DF&G has oversight over invasive species such as Atlantic Salmon, D. Vex, Northern Pike, etc. (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=invasive.main>). However, DNR does have an invasive plants coordinator housed in the Plant Materials Center. DNR’s role focuses on plants such as spotted knapweed or Canada thistle that may impact agriculture (<http://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/index.php>). DF&G and DNR’s roles do somewhat cross over in regards to elodea, as it is an aquatic plant.

I am not sure about DF&G, but the noxious weed, invasive plant, and agricultural pest manager is created in AS 03.05.027 and in the text, it says the commissioner of natural resources shall employ this person.

It looks like in Sec. 7 of your bill (Version A), you repealed AS 03.05.027 and changed it so that the commissioner of Agriculture oversees invasive plants. I don’t think you have amended F&G’s statutes, but I would imagine it would be best to keep their invasive species coordinator there in fish & game as really only invasive plants would directly affect Agriculture.

I hope this helps,

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