

December 2008 update

As processing of the 2008 samples from Alaska continue, we expect to report more findings of both *Phytophthora alni* subspecies *uniformis* (PAU) and the unnamed new *Phytophthora* species in Clade 8C.

As of December 15, 2008, several more isolates of PAU have been found, now a total of 8 since 2007. The new findings substantially expand the current map of PAU (+) locations to five sites. Testing of these isolates is underway to determine whether the organism is native or introduced.

Additionally, more isolates of the new unnamed *Phytophthora* species, now 12, have been found. All still have been found from a single location, Quartz Creek, on the Kenai Peninsula.

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