

**6th KISMA Steering Committee meeting notes from 8 May 2013 meeting, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
(15 May 2013 version)**

Michigan Tech Lakeshore Center, Room 107, 600 E. Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931

Agenda :

1. Introductions
2. Comments on notes from previous meeting (13 March 2013)
3. MOU update (Ian)
4. Eurasian water-milfoil update
5. Portable boatwash stations at local fishing tournaments
6. Venues for KISMA display board & "volunteer accompaniers"
7. Annual work plan
8. KISMA all partner meeting/event this spring (Baraga, June 7)
9. Public knotweed presentation
10. All-partner meeting Aug. or Sept. 2013
11. Additional items?
12. Schedule next steering committee meeting

1. Introductions:

Steering Committee members at meeting:

Karen Anderson (alternate, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, KBIC)

Shawn Hagan (The Forestland Group)

Bonnie Hay (Gratiot Lake Conservancy); conference call

Janet Marr (Keweenaw Invasives Species Management Area)

Danielle Miller (The Nature Conservancy)

Dana Richter (Michigan Technological University)

Darcy Rutkowski (UP Resource Conservation & Development Council); conference call

Ian Shackelford (US Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest); conference call

Robert Strittmatter (Michigan DNR, Ft. Wilkins State Park); conference call

Steering Committee members not present:

Sue Haralson (alternate: Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District, HKCD)

Mark Klemp (Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District)

Evelyn Ravindran (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community)

Mark Romanski (Isle Royale National Park)

Dave Tormohlen (Plum Creek)

Visitors:

Chris Cantway (The Nature Conservancy, Marquette)

2. Comments on notes from previous meeting (13 March 2013): Ian had made comments previous to the 8 May 2013 meeting. No comments were made at the 8 May meeting.

3. MOU update (Ian): The MOU was sent out for signatures in February 2013. All signatures have been obtained except for MSU Extension, KBIC, Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation

District, Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association, and Michigan DNR Forest Resource Division.

4. Eurasian water-milfoil update:

- HKCD to MI DEQ water quality grant proposal in March to survey the 40 highest priority lakes in BHK Cos for occurrences of EWM and seven other aquatic invasive species. Decision will be made by 1 August 2013.
- HKCD/MTU letter proposal to KBIC 2% fund: 2013 (map EWM in Pike Bay); 2014 (map EWM in Kew Waterway if further funding)
- MTU (Grt Lks Research Ctr & Biol Sci) preproposal to U/MI water center in March: remote sensing to map EWM, develop a model to ID likely locations for EWM and develop an "info clearinghouse" of EWM info/maps to help local groups (like Chassell Twp) with their EWM issue
- Pike Bay: Nancy Leonard email (May 4, 2013) "A committee has been formed. They are in the process of obtaining quotes for professional assessment and a remediation plan."

5. Portable boatwash stations at local fishing tournaments:

Dates of local fishing tournaments were discussed and Ian offered to provide a USFS portable pressure washers at each of the following events:

6/1/2013, Saturday. Knights of Columbus Pike/Walleye Tournament, Torch Lake (Lake Linden). Brad Fortin. Ends at 4PM ET. Awards at 6PM. Daryl Johnson from USFS will go. Bonnie will try to attend to answer questions and provide literature (Bonnie, its this true or am I improvising??) According to Ian, WePIC (Western Peninsula Invasives Coalition) has clean boats-clean water brochures that can be distributed (Ian, can we put on a sticker with more local contact info?)

6/8/2013, Saturday. L'Anse. Baraga County Lake Trout Festival. Ian is checking with them to see if they can come with the portable pressure washer (the USFS washer was there in 2011). Ian, if this is a go, helpful to have banner there, too? Maybe Daryl could bring with him from 1 June tournament at Lake Linden?

6/15/2013, Saturday. SPORT ride at Twin Lakes State Park. USFS portable pressure washer will be used to wash all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility vehicles (UTVs), off highway vehicles (OHVs). The washer is thus not available for Copper Harbor Longest Day Tournament on this day.

Darcy and Janet each has a large 2' x 6' banner entitled "Protect our resources, Stop aquatic hitchhikers" obtained at last year's La Crosse Invasive Plant Conference that will be available for display at fishing events through the summer such as the two listed above plus the Longest Day event at Copper Harbor on 15 June. Janet, need to get banner to Rob at Ft Wilkins ere June 15.



Ian and Bonnie, sound OK? Ian suggested posting informational flyers about aquatic invasive species on bulletin boards at DNR boat launches. **Ian, do you have a sample one for your part of the U.P.?** Bonnie suggested targeting local businesses dealing with boat sales/service such as Markham's Marina as well as individuals such as Doug Moyle, Tom Rozich, and Sam Raymond who may be interested in helping with outreach.

Janet will submit an article to the Daily Mining Gazette for publication on 31 May 2013 that will focus on aquatic invasive species including Eurasian water-milfoil and will advertise the boat wash station events. It was pointed out that June 8-16 is Michigan Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) week which would be another opportunity with local media to get the word out about local AIS issues (**Janet, check into**).

Ian that a bike-cleaning station is in the works at part of an Eagle Scouts project for the Pilgrim River watershed. Rob (Ft. Wilkins State Park) was interested in seeing design plans for this station as mountain biking is prevalent in his part of the Keweenaw.

6. Venues for KISMA display board & "volunteer companions"

The KISMA display board (3' x 6'), pictured below, with brochures and vase of plastic and live invasives is available to partners to display at difference venues. The one place it's been set up so far (HKCD tree sale pick-up) resulted in a report of a new garlic mustard location in Keweenaw County.

Area locations that were discussed where this board and accompanying information could be displayed included:

- Ft. Wilkins State Park (Fort's mess hall) and other state parks
- KBIC spotted knapweed pulling session (week of 22 July 2013)
- local libraries and banks
- KNHP visitor center in Calumet
- farmers markets, garden shows, county fairs
- **Do you have other suggestions or would you like to borrow the board for display purposes? If your group and KISMA plan to attend the same event, perhaps we can help each other out by taking turns staffing both displays. Please contact Janet about any of this (337-5529; jkmarr@mtu.edu) Thanks!**



For additional venue ideas, here is a website that lists various area events:

<http://www.keweenaw.info/calendar.html> At the end of these meeting notes, is a list that Janet obtained from the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce of events that usually occur every year.

Another suggestion to get the word out about KISMA and invasives was to design a poster (~3' x 4') that could be put on display in various locations. Danielle said that she would be willing to help with the design.

7. Annual work plan: Janet handed out a draft annual work plan for comments. An updated version (May 13, 2013) is at the end of these meeting notes. She requested that partners proof the draft plan and add any invasive plant/animal events that their group will be involved with in 2013. Janet is working on putting this information in a calendar format as well. Final drafts will be ready at the upcoming all-partner meeting in Baraga on June 7 for members to vote on. Ian will add the final versions to kisma.org

8. KISMA all partner meeting/event this spring (Baraga, June 7): Friday, June 7th, is the date set for the KISMA all partner meeting/event hosted by KBIC this spring. Details will be sent to partners closer to the date. We'll meet in Baraga for a morning meeting followed by lunch outside and a visit to the Sand Point restoration site.

9. Public knotweed presentation: The public knotweed presentation will be part of the afternoon session at the all-partner meeting on 24 September (see item #10).

10. All-partner meeting Aug. or Sept. 2013: Discussion about the fall all-partner meeting resulted in determining a date (24 September) and location (Houghton). Ian said that he would demonstrate various control methods for Japanese knotweed and Bonnie said she would give her experience with the knotweed issue in Philadelphia. Dana will check into availability of

rooms in the MTU Forestry Building and contact information for grounds personnel at MTU to get permission to demonstrate control methods at MTU's parking lot #26.

11. Additional items? Darcy said that the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) website now has a species alert feature at <http://www.misin.msu.edu/> You can create custom email alerts for new observations in your area of interest (such as Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Cos).

It was pointed out that RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at <http://www.wupdhd.org/retired-and-senior-volunteer-program-rsvp/> may be a source of volunteers for KISMA

Janet said that her KISMA coordinator contract is up this September (2013) and HKCD is discussing the next step.

12. Schedule next steering committee meeting: A summer steering committee meeting was not scheduled.

Draft annual work plan (version May 13, 2013) [ADD HERE](#)

List of 2013 special events and festivals obtained from Amanda Oppe, Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau, info@keweenaw.info, 906-337-4579

January 19, 2013 – 25th Annual Chassell Bay Ice Fishing Derby for Northern Pike & Walleye. For more information call (906) 523-4417.

January 19, 2013- Winternationals Snowmobile Hillclimb at Whealkate Bluff in South Range. Contact MASTERS at registration@mastersracing.net , or visit <http://mastersracing.net/winternationals.html> , for more information or to enter.

January 26, 2013 - Heikinpaiva Mid-Winter Festival in Hancock. Celebrate the halfway point of winter at various Hancock locations. Activities include a parade, smorgasbord dinner & dance, concerts, Tori Market, cultural demonstrations, the "Polar Bear Plunge" and more. For more information call (906) 487-7302 or visit www.pasty.com/heikki.

February 1 & 2, 2013 - John Dee Snowfest 2013. Backcountry rides, raffle/silent auction and a banquet with dancing and live entertainment. Pre-registration is required and is available at www.johndee.com .

February 2-3, 2013 - Keweenaw Nordic Festival in Houghton & Chassell. A full week-end of nordic skiing combining new and traditional events including the Copper Loppet, the Low Pressure Snow Bike race and the Copper Island Classic. For more information visit www.keweenawnordicfest.com .

February 6-10, 2013 – 92nd Annual Michigan Tech University Winter Carnival in Houghton and surrounding areas. Features snow statues, sporting events, fireworks, a torch light parade and the Sno-Ball Formal Dance. Sponsored by the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. For more information call (906) 487-2818 or visit www.mtu.edu/carnival .

February 14-17, 2013 - 8th Annual Antique Snowmobile Run For Fun in Copper Harbor. Bonfire & social, antique sled rides, live music, the Iron Man Run and more. For more information call 906-369-0627 or email dubya1965@yahoo.com.

February 23, 2013 – Tri Winter Cup in Copper Harbor. 8.67 mile ski, snowshoe and "anything" (must be human

powered) races. Choose 1 race or complete the Marathon of all 3 for a chance at the Tri Winter Cup. For more information visit www.copperharbortrails.org .

March 1-3, 2013 - CopperDog 150 sled-dog race in Calumet. The culminating "triple crown" of Lake Superior sled-dog racing (Beargrease, UP 200, CopperDog 150) beginning in Calumet and running north with a layover in Eagle Harbor and a stage rest in Copper Harbor. For more information visit www.copperdog150.com.

March 2, 2013 – Red Jacket Cyclotron, in downtown Calumet. As part of CopperDog 150 Weekend, this fat bike criterium includes snow bike races for men and women with awards. For more information visit www.rjcyclotron.com.

March 4-8, 2013 - Clean Snowmobile Challenge, hosted by Michigan Tech University. Intercollegiate design at Keweenaw Research Center. Static Display, endurance run to Copper Harbor and Awards Banquet. For more information contact Jay at 906-487-2750 or jmeldrum@mtu.edu.

March 8, 2013- Junior Bear Chase Under the Lights Cross Country Ski race at the Swedetown trails in Calumet. Race length varies with age group. Sponsored by the Ski Tigers. For information visit www.keweenawtrails.com/skitigers/junior.html.

March 9, 2013 – Great Bear Chase Ski Marathon. 26 km and 50 km classic & free style races, a 14k freestyle race and the Bear Chase snow bike race start and finish near downtown Calumet. Sponsored by the Copper Island Ski Club. For more information call the Swedetown Chalet at 906-337-1170, email info@bearchase.org or visit www.greatbearchase.com.

March 10, 2012 – Great Bear Chase Snow Bike Race and Midwest Snow Bike Championships. 10k and 25k snow bike races. 25k race will be the Midwest Snow Bike Championship. For more information call the Swedetown Chalet at 906-337-1170, email cts@bikethekeweenaw.com or visit www.bearchase.org.

May 1-31, 2013 – 8th Annual Keweenaw International Migratory Bird Festival in Copper Harbor. Visual presentations, guided bird walks, children's activities and more each weekend in May. For more information contact Hannah Rooks at 906-289-4813 or Karen Karl at 906-289-4588 or visit www.keweenawimbd.org .

May 18, 2013 – 2013 Da' UP Ride for the Red. Charity Ride Superior U.P. Chapter Red Cross Ride the beautiful U.P. with stop locations, meal, prizes. For more information visit www.upcruising.com

*June 1, 2013 – 13th Annual Walleye/Pike Fishing Tournament in Lake Linden. Tournament includes the waters of Lac La Belle, Torch Lake & Portage Lake. For more information call (906) 337-3260 or (906) 296-0139.

June 1 – July 15, 2013 – Pine Mountain Music Festival. Opera, chamber, and popular music throughout the Keweenaw. For more information call 906-482-1542 or visit the www.pmmf.org.

*June 9, 2013 – 40th Annual Lake Linden-Hubbell Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby at Rice Lake. Enjoy a family day of fun with prizes, lunch & refreshments. For more information call Dave at (906) 296-9431.

June 13-15, 2013 - Seafood Fest is held on the Houghton Waterfront in conjunction with Bridgefest. Come and sample your favorite seafood, listen to music and join in the fun. For more information visit www.bridgefestfun.com/seafoodfest.html or email admin@houghtonrotary.org .

June 15, 2013 - Keweenaw Chain Drive Festival Mountain Bike Race held in conjunction with Bridgefest. Cross country races & specialized kids races. Sponsored by the Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information visit www.chaindrive.org or email haus@chartermi.net.

June 15, 2013 - Longest Day Fishing Tournament in Copper Harbor. For more information call Don at (906) 289-4637.

June 16, 2013 - The 3rd annual Yooper Sprint Triathlon, at the Hancock Beach Park on M-203 west of Hancock. Point-to-point .5k swim in Portage Canal; a flat, out-and-back 28k road bike race on M203; and a 5k run through hilly Hancock. For more information visit www.yoopertri.com .

June 19-23, 2013- FinnFest 2013 – 5 days of events include lectures , workshops & demonstrations, the Tori market, music & food, concerts, performances, dances, exhibits, tours, sports, Midsummer bonfire, parade and much more. “Copper over gold, sauna over spa, and pasty over pate.” More information is available at www.finnfestusa2013.org.

June 21-23, 2013 - Bridgefest Celebration in the Houghton and Hancock areas. Parade, arts and crafts show, entertainment, jet ski races, dances and much more. Help celebrate the "Birthday" of the Portage Lake Lift Bridge. For more information visit www.bridgefestfun.com or email info@bridgefestfun.com .

June 29, 2013 – Pasty Fest, sponsored by Main Street Calumet. Events at Agassiz Park in Calumet include music, games and the annual pasty tasting contest. For more information contact Main Street Calumet at (906) 337- 6246 or visit www.mainstreetcalumet.com/events/pastyfest.htm .

July 1, 2013 – July 1, 2014 – 1913 Strike Centennial. A series of events commemorating the 1913-1914 copper miners’ strike on the Keweenaw. For more information contact the MTU Archives at 906-487-2505 or copper@mtu.edu or visit <http://1913strike.wordpress.com> .

July 4, 2013 – 4th of July Celebrations in communities throughout the Keweenaw from South Range to Copper Harbor with fireworks in Lake Linden on July 3 and in South Range and Copper Harbor on July 4.

July 6-7, 2013 – International Guts Frisbee Tournament at Agassiz Field in Calumet. For more information visit <http://gutsfrisbee.com>.

July 12-13, 2013 - Strawberry Festival, sponsored by the Chassell Lions Club. All-day events, arts & crafts, and lots of Strawberry Shortcake. For more information call Al at (906) 487-6708 or visit www.einerlei.com/community/strawFest/home.html .

July 13-14, 2013 - Run the Keweenaw, A Festival of Trails in Copper Harbor. A weekend of running on the beautiful and rugged trails of the Keweenaw. For more information visit www.RunTheKeweenaw.com

July 20, 2013 -The 38th Canal Run beginning at McLain State Park. The 10 mile run begins at 8 am (Eastern time) with the 10 mile walk beginning at 7 am. For more information call 906-483-1153 or visit www.HancockCanalRun.com .

July 20, 2013 – End of the Road Keweenaw Tour Classic Car Show in Copper Harbor. Bikes, Cars & Trucks are welcome. Food, refreshments, live music, awards. For more information contact Matt at (906) 337-3884.

*July 26-28, 2013 - Battery D 1st Michigan Light Artillery Civil War Encampment at Fort Wilkins State Park In Copper Harbor. For more information call the park at (906) 289-4215.

July 28, 2013 – 107th Annual Central Mine Reunion at the historic Central Church. 2 services at 9 am & 11 am. For more information call Dave Thomas at (906) 289-4579.

August 3, 2013- Copperman Triathlon at Ft. Wilkins State Park just east of Copper Harbor. Swim tranquil Lake Fanny Hooe, bike the rocky shores of Lake Superior & run through the wilderness on shaded roads. Sponsored by Aspirus Keweenaw. For more information contact Crystal Holzberger at cholzberger@aspiruskeweenaw.org or visit www.keweenawcopperman.org.

August 5-11, 2013 – Copper Country Mineral Retreat in Houghton and throughout Michigan’s Historic Lake Superior Native Copper District: the Keweenaw Peninsula. For more information contact the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum at (906) 487-2572 or dmcomfor@mtu.edu or visit http://www.museum.mtu.edu/copper_country_mineral/index.html .

August 10-11, 2013 - Eagle Harbor Art Fair at St. Peters by the Sea in Eagle Harbor. Sponsored by the Copper

Country Associated Artists. For more information visit www.ccaartists.org or call (906) 337-1252 or email ccartists@gmail.com .

August 12-17, 2013- Heritage Celebration. A parade, live music, historic displays, ethnic foods, arts & crafts, kid's games, etc. in Calumet's Agassiz Park. For more information contact Main Street Calumet at (906) 337-6246 or visit www.mainstreetcalumet.com/Heritage_days .

August 17, 2013– Great Deer Chase Mountain Bike Race. 17.5 & 27 mile mountain bike races with 3 & 4.5 mile youth races at Swedetown Recreation Area in Calumet. For more information call (906) 337-1300 or visit www.greatdeerchase.org.

August 16-17, 2013 - The Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club 7th Annual Gun & Sports Show at the Calumet Community Center. Gun raffles, good food, a 50/50 raffle, guns, knives, taxidermists, vendors & exhibitors and fun & games for all ages. For vendor info and reservations call 906-337-2799.

*August 17-18, 2013 - Art in the Park at the Community Center in Copper Harbor. A two-day craft fair featuring local and regional artists, including food and entertainment. Sponsored by the Copper Harbor Improvement Association. For more information contact Johanna at (906) 289-4363 or punkin906@yahoo.com .

*August 24, 2013 – Michigan Tech MTB Rondevous 2013 on the Michigan Tech trail system in Houghton. These 11 & 22 mile mountain bike races around the Michigan Tech trail system are on challenging but safe terrain entirely on trails with hills). For more information email jihaggen@mtu.edu or visit www.keweenawtrails.com/mturonde .

August 22-25, 2013 - Houghton County Fair at the Houghton County Fair Grounds in Hancock. Exhibits, carnival, demolition derby, logging show, draft horse pull and much, much more. For more information call the fair office at (906) 482-6200 or visit www.houghtoncountyfair.com .

August 31-September1, 2013 – Bell's Beer Copper Harbor Trails Festival. 17 & 29 mile mountain bike races, Jr. Fat Tire races, Enduro races, awards, food & beverages & live music following the race. For more information visit www.copperharbortrails.org.

*September 14, 2013 – Celtic Festival 2013 in Hancock featuring the Copper Hammer Highland Games. For more information visit <http://thecelticquarter.com> .

September 14, 2013 - Multi-Cultural Festival in the Houghton and Hancock areas. Parade, cultural food festival, games and entertainment. For more information call (906) 487-1890 or visit www.mtu.edu/international/events-programs/parade-nations .

September 22-27, 2013 – 15th Annual Finlandia University Sibelius Academy Music Festival. Concerts by world-class student-musicians from the Sibelius Academy of Helsinki, Finland. For more information call 906-487-7512 or visit <http://www.finlandia.edu/sibelius-fest> .

*October 12-13, 2013 - Keweenaw Cup Cyclocross Races in Copper Harbor. 2 days of cyclocross racing, dinner, music and more. For more information call 906-370-1997, email cts@redjacketcycling.com or visit www.keweenawcup.com .

October 17-20, 2013 – Lake Superior Performance Rally (LSPR), billed as one of the meanest, toughest pro rallies in North America. For more information visit www.lsprorally.com.

A complete calendar listing for the Keweenaw is available at www.Keweenaw.info

*Denotes a TENTATIVE date or event. 3/27/13