

## **It's worth fighting for: From Prevention to Control of Invasive Species in Yukon**

**Invasive Species Forum - April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9 am- 4:30 pm**

**Mt Mac, Grey Mountain Room**

Join the Yukon Invasive Species Council for a day of information and inspiration!

Zebra mussels, seven spotted lady beetle, chytrid fungus, cherry shrimp and bird vetch – what do they have in common?

Hear our speakers from Yukon and Alaska and learn how a cooperative effort can reduce introduction and spread of invasive species in Yukon.

Our keynote speaker Tim Stallard, the chair of the Alaska Committee for Noxious and Invasive Pest Management, will share his experience with bird vetch management and provide insight into managing Yukon populations.

### **Agenda**

#### **Introduction**

9:00-9:20 Welcome and Introduction to the Yukon Invasive Species Council (Marc Boulerice, YISC)

9:20-9:40 Status of Invasive Species in Yukon – (Bruce Bennett, Yukon Conservation Data Centre)

#### **Keynote**

9:40-10:40 Bird Vetch in Alaska and recommendations for Yukon – Tim Stallard

10:40-11:00 BREAK

#### **Prevention**

11:00-11:20 Spreading the Message Not the Mussel (Heather Milligan, Environment Yukon)

11:20-11:40 Grow Me Instead Program (Andrea Altherr, YISC)

11:40-12:00 Plight of the Transverse Lady Beetle (Syd Cannings, Canadian Wildlife Service)

#### **12:00-1:00 LUNCH PROVIDED**

#### **Early Detection/Rapid Response**

1:00-1:10 Reporting Invasive Species in Yukon – (Carmen Wong, YISC)

1:10-1:30 Update from the Invasive Species Intergovernmental Working Group (TBD, ISIWG)

1:30-1:50 The Amphibian Chytrid Fungus (Brian Slough, Independent Researcher)

1:50-2:10 Sweet Clover on the Dempster Highway (Julie Frisch, Friends of the Dempster Country)

2:10 -2:20 BREAK

**Active Management**

2:20-2:40 Reed Canary Grass Control on the Chilkoot Trail (Jami Belt, US National Park Service)

2:40-3:00 Weed Management in Organic Farming (Bart Bounds, Elemental Farm)

3:00-3:20 TBD Management of Sweet Clover on Yukon Highways (HPW)

3:20-3:40 Management of Bird Vetch at Range Point (Maxine White, YISC)

**Break and Brainstorm Session:**

3:40-4:20 Informal discussion of other invasive species issues in Yukon

**Wrap Up:**

4:20-4:30 Closing Remarks (Marc Boulerice, YISC)

**Pre Forum event:**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7-9 pm at Baked**

Movie screening

**Cane Toad: An Unnatural History**

Pet or pest? Come watch the highly acclaimed award winning wildlife documentary to decide for yourself. This unorthodox classic, described as a mix of Monty Python and National Geographic, follows the introduction of cane toads in 1935 to Australia.

After the movie Yukon Invasive Species Council is facilitating a discussion on the definition of an invasive species.