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Yukon Invasive Species Council

Webinar Wednesdays in November and December

Invasive Wild Pigs, Wildfire and Sweetclover, Earthworms and Zebra Mussels are brought to you by zoom webinars hosted by the Yukon Invasive Species Council (YISC)



Date: November 4, 2020

Time: 12:00pm

Title: Global, Canada, and Yukon Perspectives on the Ecology and Management of Invasive Wild Pigs

Issue: How much of a threat are Invasive Wild Pigs to the Yukon? European Wild Boar and their hybrids with domestic pigs, collectively called 'wild pigs', are not native to North America but have been introduced to Canada and the U.S. on multiple occasions. Ryan covers the history of introduction, the life cycle, the environmental damage caused by the wild pigs, and the potential of transmitting diseases to livestock, pets, wildlife and humans.

Following the presentation in the Q&A session, participants can discuss the issue from their perspective.

Speaker: Dr. Ryan Brook, Associate Professor at the University of Saskatchewan

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Date: November 18, 2020

Time: 12:00pm

Title: Fire and invasives in Alaska's boreal forest

Issue: Are invasive species driving fire danger? Are they spreading in burns and how likely are fire fighters to introduce invasives into a forest burn?

Speaker: Katie V. Spellman, PhD, Research Assistant Professor at the University of Fairbanks

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Date: November 25, 2020

Time: 12pm

Title: Tracking an Invasive: A Snapshot into Yukon's Exotic Species AND Earthworm Invasions in the North

Issue: The Yukon Conservation Data Centre maintains lists of species known to be exotic in Yukon. These species are primarily plants, however we are increasingly discovering exotic invertebrates (insects, worms, slugs). This presentation will look at what species are found, which are new, and what we can be looking for.

In most of Canada and the northern United States, earthworms were extirpated during the last glaciation. However, non-native earthworms were introduced with the arrival of European settlers and have since being spread across Canada. This has led to substantial impacts on plants, birds, invertebrates, and ecosystem functioning in invaded areas. Yet, little is known about the spread

and effects of invasive earthworms in northern Canada. In this presentation, I will discuss my research on earthworm invasions in the boreal forest of northern Alberta, and how it may apply to the Yukon, where we have recently started to investigate these invasions as well.

Speakers: Bruce Bennett, Yukon Conservation Data Centre and Dr. Erin Cameron, Assistant Professor at Saint Mary's University in Halifax

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Date: December 2, 2020

Time: 12pm

Title: Don't Move a Mussel: Riding Mountain National Park's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program

Issue: Brandice Hollier's presentation will provide an overview of Riding Mountain National Park's AIS Prevention program. The program began in 2015 and has evolved and grown over time. The program includes an inspection and decontamination program as well as education and monitoring programs. The presentation will discuss these programs and the efforts that have gone into preventing the spread of zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) to waterbodies within the Riding Mountain National Park.

Speaker: Brandice Hollier, A/Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator, Riding Mountain National Park

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New Spotter's Network On-line course

Our popular invasive species identification course is available on-line for free.

- Identification of common Yukon Invasive Species
- Management
- Quiz
- Certificate

It takes about 2 hour to complete the course. After completion participants receive a certificate and the popular key chain!

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New Video Library

Our 2020 Summer outreach coordinator Aven Knutson recorded educational movies of topics such as

- gardening - be plant wise
- prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species
- play clean go campaign

They are posted on our website!

Video Library

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