



WSNetwork News

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News on issues of common interest to Wisconsin's sporting, conservation, and environmental communities.

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CONFERENCE UPDATE:

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Announcing...

The Wisconsin Stewardship
Network's

2002 Annual Conference

January 25-26, 2002

Stevens Point, WI

- **New conference location: UW-Stevens Point.**
- **Issue sessions, effectiveness workshops, and more!**
- **In these uncertain times, we get strength from healthy natural resources...attend and feel great about the impact you're making.**

Very special event...

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Friday, January 25, 2002

Hear what the candidates for Wisconsin's Governor have to say on conservation, the environment, and other topics of interest to you!

- Reception beforehand — meet the candidates.
- The forum is free and open to the public, but conference attendees are guaranteed a seat in front.

Registration materials are in the mail and on the web. Check www.wsn.org for late-breaking news.

Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line

DNR Independence

DNR releases reorganization ‘fine tuning’ options

The WDNR has released a set of options for “fine tuning” the agency’s 1995 reorganization. Department Leadership Teams will meet Jan. 24-25 to review the input to the various plans being floated. According to a memo from DNR Secretary Darrell Bazzell dated Dec. 26, the following reasons have prompted the reorganization fine tuning:

- A perceived loss of program and professional identity;
- A need to improve internal communications among reorganized functions without compromising improved program integration;
- A need to strengthen communications, policy development, budget allocation and other work involving interactions between central office program bureaus and the field staff;
- A need for more technical training and guidance, and performance review related to disciplines, especially as retirements lead to newer field staff;
- Customer perceptions that hunting and fishing license, forestry and other moneys were improperly allocated in the agency, and worries about loss of forestry and other services; and
- A lack of clarity about who customers should contact in the department for assistance, information, etc.

The WSN has a copy of the options on the table in.pdf format. Contact us at www.wsn.org to review it.

SOURCE: WSN.

DNR may give reorganization update at WSN conference

As part of its efforts to fine tune its 1995 reorganization, top DNR officials will be meeting just prior to the WSN annual conference. Department Leadership Teams will meet Jan. 24-25 in Madison to review input to the proposed changes. If any decisions are made at this meeting, and if those decisions are communicated to the various internal DNR parties affected prior to the WSN conference, the DNR will be able to give an informal update on the changes at the WSN conference. Unfortunately, we won’t know how much can be presented to conference attendees literally until the day of the event.

SOURCE: WSN.

Reorg story quotes DNR regional director

A story in the Jan. 1 Marinette *EagleHerald* discusses the DNR's current reorganization, quoting Ron Kasmyrzak, regional director of the DNR's Northeast Region. The story has been posted at <http://www.thewheelerreport.com/papers/0103marinettereorg.htm>.

Factory Farming

Amendment would restrict CAFO waste treatment subsidies

From the January 6 Minneapolis *Star Tribune*: Minn. Sen. Paul Wellstone is pushing an amendment to the farm bill that would limit the amount of federal money available to CAFOs to store and treat animal waste. "This money shouldn't be hijacked for corporate welfare," according to Wellstone. He said he was concerned about consolidation in the livestock industry, especially hog operations. "We should not get into the business of subsidizing over-production of hogs and milk and cattle," Wellstone said. He said large producers should pay for their own cleanup without taxpayer aid. The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, supports Wellstone's amendment. Story at <http://www.startribune.com/stories/568/1012722.html>. Another version from the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*: http://www.pioneerplanet.com/news/wis_docs/222468.htm.

SOURCE: WDNR "Basin Briefs," 1-9-02.

New book reviews Minnesota environmental success stories

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy announces the release of *Renewing the Countryside*, a full-color bound volume that "tells 43 stories of Minnesotans protecting the environment and promoting our rural communities through innovative businesses and community projects." The book describes the ways in which residents of rural Minnesota are re-inventing their farms and communities: transitioning to organic and sustainable farming, forming independent marketing cooperatives, expanding local value-adding enterprises, revitalizing communities, generating renewable energy, and restoring local land and wildlife habitat. *Renewing the Countryside* is available for \$39.95 hardcover or \$29.95 paperback. You can order the book, or browse case studies and resources, at <http://www.mncountryside.org/index.cfm?mthd=sprt>.

SOURCE: Scotty Johnson, sjohnson@defenders.org.

Reporter looking for farmers not receiving federal subsidies

The NBC affiliate in Milwaukee is doing a story about the unfairness of federal farm subsidies. They asked me if I knew any farmers who didn't receive a subsidy payment in 2001. 44% of WI farmers didn't get one, so I know many of you are in that category. They would like to interview

you. Call reporter Maureen Mack at (414) 967-5381 or e-mail her at mack@touchtmj4.com. It would be really cool if she got a flood of calls.

Sam Gieryn, sgieryn@wi-citizenaction.org.

Inspector pleads guilty to giving CAFO special treatment

From the Dec. 20 Minneapolis *Star-Tribune*: A Rock County (MN) feedlot officer has pleaded guilty in federal court to mail fraud, admitting he gave preferential treatment to Global Ventures I Inc., a large hog operation in southwestern Minnesota. When asked in court why he though the company and a local bank that is part owner of the CAFO, arranged more than \$100,000 in new or consolidated loans for him, the feed lot operator responded, “Because they thought I would cut them some slack to help them keep in compliance (with environmental rules).” The CAFO operator has been indicted on bribery and mail fraud charges.

SOURCE: WDNR “Basin Briefs,” 1-3-02.

Kewaunee dairy seeking to expand

From the Dec. 19 *The Country Today*: Stahl Brothers Dairy of Luxemburg in Kewaunee County has applied for a WPDES permit so they can expand their Town of Red River dairy operation from 550 cows to 1,050 milking cows and additional young stock (the equivalent of 1,500 animal units).

SOURCE: WDNR “Basin Briefs,” 1-3-02.

Farm Bureau membership 5.1 million out of 2 million farms?

Last year nearly 500 family farmers a week went out of business according to Farm Aid, a national family farm advocacy group. During the same time period the American Farm Bureau Federation increased their national membership by 91,291 “members families.”

This brings farm bureau membership to a total of 5.1 million “families” during a time when the USDA reports fewer than 2 million total farms. While many question why the number of farmers can be dramatically decreasing while farm bureau memberships soars, the answer lays in the fact that the vast majority of farm bureau members are not farmers at all. Instead they are insurance customers who join the Farm Bureau in order to receive benefits such as rebates on Dodge and Ford trucks and other customer gimmicks. This has raised serious tax issues in the past as the portion of the insurance policy directed towards membership provides tax free income to the farm bureau for lobbying and other uses. While farm bureau leadership keeps the percentage of actual farmer members secret, some estimates place their farmer membership at less than 10%. See “Facts About Farm Bureau Membership” at <http://www.familyfarmer.org/sections/meet.html>.

SOURCE: Scotty Johnson, National Rural Community Outreach Campaign, sjohnson@defenders.org.

U.S. Senate resumes work on Farm Bill Jan. 23

On January 23rd, the Senate will reconvene and begin deliberation on the re-authorization of federal farm bill policy. During the next two weeks politicians will be assessing local support for their various efforts and it's a good time to utilize the local papers as a forum for expression and education. One way to do this is to send a letter to the editor (LTE) of your local paper pointing out how your Senator voted on the farm bill and detailing their support (or lack of it) in advancing a farm bill better for family farmers and conservation.

SOURCE: Scotty Johnson, National Rural Community Outreach Campaign, sjohnson@defenders.org.

Groundwater Protection

Jan. 16 public forum on central Wisconsin water problems

Water is in many ways the lifeblood of the Central Sand Plains economy and landscape. Water has played a critical role in shaping the region's economy through irrigated agriculture and the associated vegetable processing plants. It has also been a key factor in shaping the region's scenery and recreational values. What are the main challenges these waters face, and how will we manage this precious resource in the future? What are the costs and benefits of irrigated agriculture to the Central Sand Plains? What are the other values of the region's groundwater and surface water resources?

A panel of experts will discuss these issues in a forum for the public on Wednesday, January 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Portage County Public Library, 1001 Main Street, Stevens Point, (715) 346-1544). The forum, convened by UW-Stevens Point and the nonprofit Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, is part of "Waters of Wisconsin," the Wisconsin Academy's statewide initiative on water use and resources.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, wisconsinacademy.org.

Tests confirm safety of water bottled in Wisconsin

Wisconsin bottled water that was tested by the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in 2001 safely met state drinking water standards and was accurately labeled, according to a recent report. The report shows results for all water bottling companies tested, including both the common contaminants and secondary chemical compounds sometimes found in drinking water. No samples tested in 2001 exceeded standards for any of the potential contaminants covered in the report.

Consumers can find a copy of the report, Bottled Drinking Water, as well as archived copies and other drinking water information on a new bottled water page on the DATCP Web site at <http://>

datcp.state.wi.us. The page includes definitions of types of drinking water and links to the EPA and other water regulators.

SOURCE: WI DATCP.

Mercury Reduction

Metallic Mining

Appleton mining legislation meeting attendees hear from legislators

Just under 100 people attended a meeting in Appleton Jan. 14 to hear about the cyanide ban and “no special treatment for mining” bills passed by the State Senate. Legislators in attendance included the authors of the “no special treatment” bill, Reps. Judy Krawczyk (Green Bay) and Terri McCormick (Appleton), and Rep. Dean Kaufert (Neenah).

After brief presentations to the crowd on the bills, the floor was opened to questions about the bills. On hand to answer many of these questions was Dean Hambly, a longtime mining worker and consultant brought in for the meeting by the Forest County Potawatomi. Hambly answered numerous technical questions about cyanide toxicity, its uses in mineral extraction, and its concentration and degradation in mine tailings.

The biggest crowd applause of the night was handed to Stephen Dedow, president of the Winnebago County AFL/CIO. Dedow spoke about his concerns over the Crandon Mine’s Australian parent company, BHP Billiton, citing the company’s poor track record of employee injuries and environmental citations in some of its overseas mines, calling into question whether such a corporate citizen could be trusted to fulfill its environmental and worker safety obligations in Wisconsin. Also receiving a big crowd reaction was Ken Fish of the Menominee Nation, who spoke to the long-term risks to the state’s environment and tourism industry compared to the mine’s short-term economic benefits.

SOURCE: Todd Hanson, WSN.

Nicolet Minerals’ parent company spilled cyanide at two U.S. mines

The owner of the proposed Crandon mine was responsible for 31 spills of hazardous materials including cyanide, arsenic, and sulfuric acid during a four-year span at three mining operations in Nevada and Arizona. Nicolet Minerals Company (NMC) is owned by BHP Billiton, the company formed by the merger last year of Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP), Australia’s largest company and

South African/U.K miner Billiton. NMC is now attempting to get permits for the Crandon mine proposal. Research by the Mining Impact Coalition found records of hazardous materials spills by (BHP) in state and federal databases.

“In a span of less than four years, BHP spilled cyanide twice, caused a major mine waste spill that damaged Pinto Creek in Arizona, and caused 28 more spills of hazardous materials,” Blouin said. “Since Nicolet Minerals Co. (NMC) has never operated a mine, we must look to its parent company, BHP, for information. NMC’s claim — that it can safely handle cyanide at Crandon — isn’t credible when you look at BHP’s track record with hazardous materials and mine wastes. This is the track record of a chronic polluter, not a responsible corporate citizen.”

SOURCE: Dave Blouin.

Public Intervenor Office Restoration

Shoreland/Wetlands

DNR nonpoint source rules package on-line

The WDNR has posted the final copy of the nonpoint pollution rule revisions that are expected to go before the DNR Board Jan. 22-23. The individual rules are available along with public comments and responses. You can download the sections you’d like at www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/nps/admrules.html.

- Background Memo: 14 pages.
- Public Comments and Responses: 216 pages.
- Fiscal Estimate for NR 151.
- Fiscal Estimates for other 7 rules: 2-3 pages per rule.
- Environmental Assessment: 30 pages.
- Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: 9 pages.
- NR 120, Priority Watershed and Lake Projects: 86 pages.
- NR 151, Runoff Management (performance standards and prohibitions): 69 pages.
- NR 152, Model Ordinances for Construction Erosion Control and Stormwater Management: 57 pages.
- NR 153, Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program: 61 pages.
- NR 155, Urban NPS and Stormwater Management Grant Program: 54 pages.
- NR 154, Best Management Practices and Cost-Share Conditions: 27 pages.
- NR 216, Stormwater Discharge Permits (changes only): 10 pages.
- NR 243, Animal Feeding Operations: 33 pages.

SOURCE: WDNR.

Clean Water Coalition asks for help on nonpoint rules

Now is the time when an individual action from each Coalition member (and friend!) could make a great difference on whether or not the Natural Resources Board considers our proposal to phase in mandatory buffers. There are three things you could do. Please act on at least one:

1. Phone call to NRB member — Please call an NRB member who lives nearest you (see attached contact list).
2. Letter to NRB member — Please write to NRB member nearest you and cc: DNR staff and Bazzell (see contact list).
3. Letter to the editor — Please write to the local paper of the NRB board member nearest you, or respond to a recently published article.

Natural Vegetative buffers are one of the most important practices for curbing runoff pollution. Buffers need to be adequately wide to be effective. They also must be mandatory in order to ensure that all of Wisconsin's waterways are being protected from runoff. In the DNR's final version of the runoff rules, which go to the Natural Resources Board on January 22rd, mandatory buffers for agricultural land have been replaced with voluntary buffers. The main reason, according to DNR staff, is because if the program is mandatory we won't be eligible for federal CREP money.

The Clean Water Coalition has proposed this solution: phase in mandatory buffers over several years, beginning with exceptional waterways and impaired waterways. By phasing in the mandatory program, we will still be eligible for CREP, but it ensures that buffers will also be installed after the CREP money runs out. Although we aren't sure of the final impact of CREP, one estimate is that when CREP is done, less than 30% of the state will have vegetative buffers.

SOURCE: Steph Adams, cleanwater@wisconsinrivers.org.

Streamside scouring not being considered in buffer discussion

Something missing in this discussion is that the purpose of buffers is two-fold — to filter/stop runoff, but also to provide enough bank vegetation to prevent scouring. A 10' foot buffer will not do the first, but if someone can plow up to the edge, the second function is completely lost, too.

SOURCE: Lisa Conley, lconley@usa.com.

Fox clean-up comments due Jan. 21

Take action today — click this link to send a ready-made comment letter for the Fox River PCB cleanup <http://eactivist.actionize.org/view.php?refid=760868&action=1035>. Only two weeks left — comments are due January 21. For more information visit www.FoxRiverWatch.com.

Stewardship grant to buy land near trout stream

Gov. Scott McCallum has announced that the Wisconsin Farmland Conservancy has received a \$238,000 grant from the state's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to help preserve 461 acres of land in Pierce and Buffalo counties, including the acquisition of 84 acres adjacent to a high-quality trout stream in the town of Maiden Rock. The purchase includes land on both sides of a three-quarter-mile stretch of Pine Creek, where it flows into the Mississippi River. Pine Creek is a Class 1 trout stream containing native brook trout, with densities of more than 3,000 fish per mile. The creek is about three miles long and contains numerous springs.

SOURCE: WDNR.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program was established in 1989 to expand opportunities for outdoor recreation, restore wildlife habitat, preserve natural areas and protect water quality. The program promotes cooperation and partnership between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local units of government and nonprofit organizations.

To foster this partnership, the stewardship program provides 50 percent grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations. Groups interested in applying for a grant to acquire land for conservation purposes or undertake wildlife habitat restoration projects should contact their local community services specialist in the nearest DNR regional office.

Farmer interest in nutrient management rising

From the Dec. 26 *The Country Today*: Farmer interest in nutrient management plans has risen significantly in the past several years, but more money is needed to keep the program on track, according to Sue Porter, head of DATCP's nutrient management program. "We need funding, but it's not looking good until the watersheds start closing out, maybe in 2005," Porter told members of the DATCP Board at their Dec. 19 meeting in River Falls. A 1999 University of Wisconsin study found that 19 percent of the state's 1,407 farms had nutrient management plans in place. For the 2001 growing season, 53 counties reported nutrient management planning on 302,070 acres, an increase of 22 percent from 2000 when 38 counties reported nutrient management planning on 236,326 acres.

SOURCE: WDNR "Basin Briefs," 1-3-02.

Flood mitigation, stream easement projects sought

Are any of you working with or know of municipalities that need to do some flood mitigation work? In particular, acquisition of land and easements for providing flood storage or restoration of natural channels to help improve the flood-carrying capacity and natural and beneficial functions of watercourses. Preferably something that will also benefit your favorite local coldwater resource? I am in regular contact with a very good consultant who is willing to do the grant writ-

ing for a good project and he was fishing around for ideas — so I told him I'd check with Wisconsin TU leadership see if they had some specific ideas. See the blurb below for more information.

SOURCE: Laura Hewitt, Trout Unlimited, lhewitt@tu.org.

Eau Claire River tested for PCBs

From the Jan. 6 Eau Claire *Leader-Telegram*: Sediment in the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers are contaminated with toxic chemicals, including PCBs. Although not at a level to endanger human health, the contaminated sediments (which include chromium, dioxins, lead, and mercury) have some officials worried about their potential impact on aquatic and human life. During DNR testing, water-dwelling animals like those at the polluted site were exposed to water from a portion of the river with the highest level of contaminated sediments. Only 20 to 40 percent of the animals exposed to those conditions survived the tests. And a 7-acre section of the Chippewa River has the highest concentration of PCBs of any waterway in west-central Wisconsin, according to the regional DNR office. Story at http://www.leadertelegram.com/sunday/top_news3.htm.

SOURCE: WDNR "Basin Briefs," 1-9-02.

Erosion and sediment control compliance seminar Feb. 14

A program on "How to Select, Install and Inspect Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Best Management Practices for NPDES Storm Water Permit Compliance" will be presented Feb. 14 in Pewaukee, WI at the Country Inn Hotel & Conference Center, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee. For more info and registration form see <http://www.ieca.org/public/articles/index.cfm?cat=24>.

SOURCE: WDNR "Basin Briefs," 1-9-02.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prairie Enthusiasts conference March 8-9

We are electronically distributing the registration form for the 14th annual Prairie Enthusiasts Banquet & Conference March 8-9, 2002, at the UW-La Crosse Campus. Contact Barb Christie at (414) 421-5928 or EdBarbC@webtv.net for more information.

WSN CONFERENCE NOTES

Latest WSN conference sessions

The following are the sessions scheduled as of today for the WSN annual conference. Those sessions with a red asterisk (*) are in addition to those sessions previewed in the WSN conference mailer.

** An independent WSN: our plans to help your group achieve its goals*

The WSN experiment has worked! The WSN will soon be separating from its founding organization, Wisconsin's Environmental Decade. Find out what the WSN's Steering Committee has identified as the things the WSN can do to strengthen the groups in the network so they can better protect Wisconsin's natural resources. Presented by the Sierra Club's **Chris Nehrbass**.

** Beyond Perrier: addressing state and regional ground and surface water issues*
Hiroshi and Arlene Kanno and **Joan C. Schmidt** of Concerned Citizens of Newport (CCN) discuss CCN's lawsuit and its expected aftermath just days before the judge's ruling in Columbia County District Court. What are the implications of this suit on Wisconsin's Public Trust doctrine? Also covered will be an update on a groundwater video being produced by the WSN and CCN, plus an overview of regional, national, and international issues related to protecting our water basins.

Coming revisions to Wisconsin's shoreland management rules

Since shoreland management laws went into effect in the 1960s, shoreland development has increased 200% in Wisconsin. **Lynn Markham** of UW-Stevens Point outlines new changes to NR115 that will benefit both shoreland habitat and landowners.

Creating state-of-the-art electronic newsletters with Adobe Acrobat

WSN State Coordinator **Todd Hanson** walks you through the process of using Adobe Acrobat to create user-friendly newsletters that are perfect for the web and easy to archive. Hanson will go through the steps he uses to create both *WSNetwork News* and Trout Unlimited's "best TU newsletter," *Wisconsin Trout*.

** Environmental toxins from stray voltage to chemicals: models for local action*

Marilyn Wilson of Families and Friends for Social Responsibility discusses her personal battle to recover from health problems ultimately traced to "electrical pollution" in her house, and how a new bill before the Wisconsin Legislature would help utilities clean up similar problem buildings throughout Wisconsin. **Laura Olah** of Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger reviews the problems with using risk assessment as our primary method of responding to environmental toxins.

From Teddy to Tommy and beyond: politics and conservation in Wisconsin
Barry Ashenfelter, Ex. Director of the newly formed WI League of Conservation Voters, discusses the status of conservation and the environment in Wisconsin politics...and how the WLCV plans to make a difference.

Getting public records and making Freedom of Information Act requests
Attorneys **Melissa Scanlan** of Midwest Environmental Advocates and **Glenn Stoddard** of the Garvey and Stoddard law firm guide you through the process of using open records laws and the Freedom of Information Act to get the documents some don't want you to see.

Increase your visibility through effective use of the web
Join WSN webmaster and freelance writer **Will Fantle** for some ideas on how your group can start your own web site or better manage the one you currently have. What should the professionals do? And what can you do yourself?

Invasive species: getting action from the state
The WDNR's **Kelly Kearns** and The Nature Conservancy's **Nancy Braker** report on the recently released recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Invasive Species. Find out what this comprehensive plan entails and how it can be enacted to stem the tide on invasives.

* *Lobbying and testifying: what are the rules for nonprofit groups*
Wisconsin nonprofit organizations do not have free reign to advocate for bills or testify on administrative rules. **Pam Porter** of Wisconsin Citizen Action outlines what activities are permissible under state and federal law so you and your group do not run afoul of IRS or state ethics rules.

Mining groundwater modeling: predictions vs. reality at Ladysmith
Discover what we've learned about groundwater modeling by comparing the Ladysmith Mine's groundwater plan to what actually happened. What do our experiences at Ladysmith have to say about the proposed Crandon Mine? Presented by **John Coleman** of UW-Madison and **Jim Wise** of ECCOLA.

* *Passing the cyanide ban and "no special treatment for mining" legislation in the Wisconsin Assembly*
Two pieces of protective mining legislation have passed the Wisconsin State Senate in last couple months. Now groups and individuals are pushing to get these bills out of an Assembly committee for a vote. Hear the details on what these bills seek to accomplish from Trout Unlimited's **George Rock** and others.

The future of Wisconsin's waters: a report on the Groundwater Summit and the

Waters of Wisconsin Initiative

A diverse group gathered in Waukesha this past fall for the Groundwater Coordinating Council's "Groundwater Summit." WDNR Water Resources Specialist **Tim Asplund** and **Curt Meine**, Director of Conservation Programs for the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, lead a discussion of these results and the Academy's upcoming special Waters of Wisconsin activities.

** Your options when a factory farm wants to be your neighbor*

Ten years ago there were only a few factory farms in Wisconsin. Now there are 110, with many more on the way. Attorney **Andrew Hanson** of Midwest Environmental Advocates shares practical, straightforward skills to help citizens control the siting of proposed factory farms, as well as check existing factory farms' compliance with state and federal environmental laws.

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The WSN's Steering Committee consists of representatives from the following organizations: Citizens for a Better Environment, ECCOLA, Federation of Fly Fishers, Izaak Walton League of America, Lake Superior Greens, Madison Audubon Society, Muskies, Inc., Northern Thunder, Pheasants Forever, River Alliance of Wisconsin, Save Our Unique Lands, Sierra Club — John Muir Chapter, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Wisconsin State

B.A.S.S. Federation, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Wisconsin's Environmental Decade, and Wisconsin Trout Unlimited.

The WSN's mission is to build a cooperative network that recaptures and strengthens Wisconsin's stewardship ethic for the betterment of its people and natural resources.

Editorial contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome. Send news of your group's activities relating to the WSN's priority issues to State Coordinator Todd Hanson at wsn@chorus.net.

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