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Arrowhead-Weston Line

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A-W line's Namekagon River crossing comments needed

The *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line Right-of-Way Crossing of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway* was released in March. A NPS open house was held this evening [April 20] to discuss the impacts of the transmission lines crossing the Namekagon River. While the National Park Service's EIS states that the least environmental impact to the river is the "no build option," the NPS current favored option is a "variant" of the utilities alternative plan, which moves towers away from the river edge, buries the shield wires below the surface of the river, and reduces the number of visible conductors to six from nine. The American Transmission Company's suggested option would have 125-foot-tall towers placed 950 feet apart, and would be more visible from the shore. Both options contain contributions from ATC to the National Park Service, one more than two million dollars, the other more than four million dollars, to establish an endowment to use as needed.

"We see this alternative crossing, its 'legalized bribe' to the Park Service, encompassing the same monetary rewards for construction they have stated they did not want, but reluctantly seem to live with, given today's reduced governmental spending for needs such as the Namekagon may have. This is the same pressure put on towns and counties in the impacted area, for a project that certainly does not stand on any need," said Tom Kreager, President of Save Our Unique Lands (SOUL), a party that has followed this issue both locally and at the federal level. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to:

Jill Medland
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
National Park Service
PO Box 708
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

They should be postmarked by May 31, 2004. A list of library sites with copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available at www.nps.gov/sacn/management/planning-docs.html.

SOURCE: Tom Kreager, Save Our Unique Lands, (715) 693-3143.

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Environmental Education Initiatives

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Science grants and teacher awards available

Please pass these links on to anyone you know who may be interested or eligible. “50 grants of up to \$10,000 each and a minimum of 20 ‘mini-grants’ of \$2,500 each are available to K-12 teachers of science.” More information at <http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm>.

Another program “honors educators who have shown special skills in giving their students a better understanding of the complex relationship between environmental protection and economic growth.” More at <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2331>.

As some of you know, I have recently taken a special interest in the nexus between ecology and economic development. If you know of educators who share this interest, I would greatly appreciate an introduction and contact information.

SOURCE: Bruce Lindgren, WSN Northwestern Regional Coordinator, bfind@cheqnet.net

Fair Motorboat Gas Revenue Allocation

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Forest & Habitat Fragmentation

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HEC to release national forest roadless report at May 5 Milwaukee rally

2004 is being celebrated as Wisconsin's Year of Forestry

The Habitat Education Center will be releasing their National Forest Roadless Report at a forest democracy and roadless area protection rally in Milwaukee May 5. The event will take place at

Noon at the U.S. Forest Service Region Headquarters in Milwaukee, 310 W. Wisconsin Ave. This peaceful and educational event will feature the following:

- A stilt-walking Ent. Ents are the walking trees from the Lord of the Rings;
- A giant inflatable tree stump;
- Ross (Perot) Tree-oh with his flip-charts outlining threats to the Great Northwoods;
- Forest experts answering questions about the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest and other national forests in the region.

The Forest Service will be releasing their decision on the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest in Wisconsin around May 7th. We want to remind the Forest Service, elected officials, and the media that over 19,000 comments in support of the roadless area rule came from Wisconsin's citizens and more than 90% of those citizen comments asked for maximum roadless area protection. The roadless area report will include the National Forest roadless areas of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. While only 0.3% of Wisconsin's timber base, these areas are incredibly important in terms of wildlife habitat, wetlands, and water. Read more at: <http://www.hecenter.org>.

SOURCE: Ricardo Jomarron, President, Habitat Education Center, 1345 Morrison St. #1 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 294-5930 ricjom@sbcglobal.net.

Governor Doyle presents Rainbow Flowage purchase to NRB

The Governor addressed the DNR Board last Wednesday asking the Board to approve the purchase of the Rainbow Flowage consisting of 5,167.4 acres primarily forested, undeveloped land located in North Central Oneida County, 15 miles north of Rhinelander. The purchase is contained entirely within the Northern Highland-American Legion Forest — protecting that great forest from future fragmentation and development. This results in:

- 63 miles of frontage on the Rainbow Flowage and nearby Pickerel Lake. Several miles of stream and river frontage on the lands to be purchased;
- 10 islands; and
- 5 boat access sites.
- In addition, approximately 3,639 acres of submerged land at the Rainbow plus 6,402 acres at the Willow Flowage will be donated. Total gift is 10,041 acres. The gift will aid in management and law enforcement work.

Attached are some additional highlights of the stewardship purchases made by Governor Doyle since he took office. This purchase of the Rainbow flowage shows why this program is vital and must be protected. If not for the Governor's vetoes of the funding cuts and Joint Finance Committee oversight this purchase may not have been possible or it would have been delayed and our opportunity would have been missed.

SOURCE: Patrick Henderson, Office of Governor Jim Doyle, Legislative Liaison, (608) 266-1338.

Managed Forest Law sends more money to counties and municipalities

Recent legislative changes to Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law, signed into law on April 13 by Gov. Jim Doyle, will funnel more money to counties and municipalities from private forestland newly enrolled in the tax-saving program. The changes will also require that applications for the program be filed earlier in the year.

“One of the most important changes for forest landowners to take note of is the earlier application dates for enrollment,” said Carol Nielsen, Department of Natural Resources tax law program manager. The application deadline is now July 1. Applications received by this date in 2004 would be enrolled in the program starting Jan 1, 2006.

“A second feature is an increase in the application fee to \$300 if the application is received without an already-prepared management plan. Fees are less for applications received with an acceptable plan. Landowners can contact their local DNR forester about what is required in a prepared plan.” Detailed information on Managed Forest Law and the recent changes is available online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/ftax/Index.htm>.

SOURCE: WDNR, Carol Nielsen, (608) 266-8019.

Boaters reminded to avoid spreading invasive species

With the fishing season opener likely to lure thousands of boaters onto Wisconsin waters tomorrow, May 1, state invasive species experts are encouraged that a recent survey shows more Badger State boaters are taking precautions to avoid accidentally spreading zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil and other invasive species to new inland waters.

Fully 80 percent of the Wisconsin boat owners who reported moving their boats to different waterbodies in 2003 said they took special steps to rid their boat, boat trailer, livewell, bait bucket or other boating accessory of any potential invasive aquatic species, according to a fall 2003 state study. That compares to 39 percent in a similar study conducted in 1994. For more information, including information on which lakes are infested with zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil, visit the DNR Web site, <http://dnr.wi.gov> and then use the drop-down menu and click on “invasive species,” and then on aquatic invasive species.

SOURCE: Ron Martin, (608) 266-9270.

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Shoreland Zoning

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NRB postpones emergency grading rules to May 10

DNR emergency rules for grading on the banks of lakes and streams [to implement the Job Creation Act] are pending before the Natural Resources Board. On Wednesday, the Natural Resources Board postponed a vote on the rules until a Board telephone conference call at 2 pm on Monday, May 10th. The rules have been a subject of intense negotiations between the DNR, the Wisconsin Builders Association, and conservation and environmental groups. Representing the conservation and environmental interests are Steve Hiniker, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, and George Meyer, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

The rules that were brought before the Board on Wednesday are supported by conservation and environmental interests. However the Wisconsin Builders Association has objections to the proposal. They are mainly opposed to the inclusion of a requirement that the 101 lakes on the Outstanding Resource Water list will require individual permits for grading on the shoreline rather than be covered by the general permit provisions. The position of the conservation and environmental groups is that grading permits on these waters which contain such premier lakes as the Chippewa Flowage, the Turtle Flambeau Flowage and the Willow Flowage should be afforded the more detailed review which is provided by the individual permit process. Affording this additional protection will not be contrary to the "regulatory streamlining" goal of Act 118. There has been an annual average of 500 individual grading permits pre-Act 118 and the average number of permits on ORW lakes have been 10. DNR has predicted overall that there will be 200 individual permits with these rules in place and the Wisconsin Builders are conceding the need for about 50. The position of the conservation and environmental groups is that the "finest of the fine" Wisconsin lakes should be afforded the degree of protection resulting from individual permits.

SOURCE: George Meyer, WI Wildlife Federation.

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Water Regulation & Protection

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Great Lakes water protection draft standard expected June 18

Clean Wisconsin and a number of environmental non-profits around the region have been working with the Council of Great Lake Governors to craft a standard by which large scale water diversions and consumptive uses are regulated and the effects are minimized. Last week I distributed to the Clean Water Coalition steering committee a number of informational sheets on this issue. I would be happy to send information to anyone who is interested in this issue. It appears that a

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draft of the standard will be released on June 18th. We will be organizing meetings to discuss the Annex, the draft, and our position soon after the release. Those of you who would like to be informed of these meetings please contact me and I will put you on the contact list.

SOURCE: Derek Scheer, dscheer@environmentaldecade.org, Water Policy Director, Clean Wisconsin (Formerly Wisconsin's Environmental Decade), 122 State Street, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53703-2500 (608) 251.7020 www.cleanwisconsin.org.

Groundwater Guardian annual meeting May 18 at UW-SP

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Persons who have inquired about the Groundwater Guardian (GG) program and water or natural resource professionals are invited to attend the 4th Annual Wisconsin Groundwater Guardian Meeting: *Keeping the Momentum Going*. The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2004 from 9 a.m.-3:30 in Room 115 University Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. We have a full schedule planned that includes guest presenters, time to share ideas, and the WI Groundwater Guardian Award Ceremony. You received this invitation because you have previously expressed an interest in the Groundwater Guardian program, or you are a water or natural resource professional that may benefit from the program.

The intent of the Wisconsin Groundwater Guardian program is to develop a statewide, grassroots-type groundwater awareness and protection effort at the local level. Each team conducts groundwater protection projects to increase local awareness of the groundwater resource. We currently have 10 GG communities and 4 GG affiliates, and are looking to start more GG teams across the state. Here is your chance to learn more about the GG program and to meet people already involved in the GG program. Attached is a tentative agenda, which includes guest presentations on current groundwater legislation, wellhead protection vs. development, and partnering ideas for membership. The agenda can also be viewed at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/gwguardian/wigg/mtg.htm>. Please note that breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided. We hope that you or another representative for your area/group will be able to attend this meeting. Please RSVP by phone or email by Friday, May 14, 2004. A limited number of spaces are available. For more information on the Wisconsin Groundwater Guardian Program, visit www.uwsp.edu/cnr/gwguardian.

SOURCE: Denise Kilkenny-Tittle, Coordinator, Wisconsin Groundwater Guardian Program, Center for Watershed Science & Education, College of Natural Resources, Room 224, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (715) 346-2722, dkilkenn@uwsp.edu.

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Minnesota House Passes Ban on Phosphorous Fertilizers

A story in the April 20 *The Forum* at <http://www.in-forum.com/articles/index.cfm?id=56223§ion=News> report "The Minnesota House rejected arguments from rural members and voted to ban phosphorus fertilizer from most lawns. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Denny McNamara, argued that phosphorus should be limited to keep lakes from turning green. 'One pound of fertilizer can grow 500 pounds of algae in the lake,' he said. 'And it costs approximately \$350 to remove just one pound of algae.' The bill allows homeowners to use phosphorus if they are seeding new lawns or reseeding lawns. A similar bill is moving through the Senate. After

an emotional debate, legislators defeated, by a voice vote, an amendment that would have returned control to local governments. They later passed the bill 88-40, with mostly rural members opposed.”

SERC *Wildlines Report*, April 26, 2004.

Milwaukee trying to attract industries needing water

A National Public Radio story reports on how Milwaukee is trying to attract industries that need abundant water — such as food processing and pharmaceuticals — by promoting its plentiful supply and low sewage rates. The city is already home to Miller and other breweries. A report by Anna Panoka of member WUWM is at <http://www.npr.org/features/feature.php?wfid=1843542>.

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Explosives detected in more residential wells near Badger

Preliminary test results show that another seven drinking water wells serving dozens of homes south of Badger Army Ammunition Plant may have dinitrotoluene (DNT) contamination. DNT is a cancer-causing chemical used in the manufacture of munitions. One well may have low levels of chloroform. Army officials said that initial test results were all below health standards but will be providing bottled water to around 40 homes as a precaution. More tests will be needed to confirm the findings, the Army said.

SOURCE: Laura Olah, Executive Director Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger E12629 Weigands Bay S., Merrimac, WI 53561 (608) 643-3124 info@cswab.org.

Duck's Unlimited says wetland losses 100,000 acres/year

In a statement issued by Ducks Unlimited (DU) last Thursday on Earth Day, data from the most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife report shows that “freshwater vegetated wetlands continue to disappear at a net rate of more than 100,000 acres every year.” DU says that about 105.5 million acres of wetlands remain in the lower 48 states, which is less than half of the 221 million acres estimated to have existed when the Europeans started settling America. Don Young, executive vice president of Ducks Unlimited, said his organization is committed to restoring wetlands and protecting those that remain. “With the help of our partners we have restored and protected more than 11 million acres of wetlands and other habitat in North America,” Young said. “But, we’re fighting an uphill battle in the U.S., and we continue to lose more than we’re able to put back.” More at <http://www.floridatoday.com/!NEWSROOM/columnstoryS0423S ARGENT.htm>.

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SOURCE: “Rural Updates,” 4-26-04, Scotty Johnson, sjohnson@defenders.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former Crandon Mine site open house May 15

On Saturday, May 15, there will be an open house at the former proposed Crandon mine site at Mole Lake. This will offer the public and public officials a chance to see the natural treasures acquired by the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community and Forest County Potawatomi Community last October. Tours will be given, and camping is available within tribal regulations (such as no alcohol, drugs or weapons). Elected officials and local, county, state, and federal government agency representatives are invited to attend the Open House.

We will be meeting at 10 a.m. at the Mole Lake Environmental Center on Sand Lake Road one block east of Highway 55. The site gate is about one mile down Sand Lake Road (turn left at the Center). The Wolf Watershed Educational Project will be meeting at the Environmental Center as the tours wind down at dusk. The WWEP will discuss support for the Wolf River Protection Fund. Information is at <http://www.WolfRiverProtectionFund.com>.

We will also be discussing possible nuclear waste storage in the Wolf River Batholith, and building public opposition to a dump before the 2007 decision is made by the U.S. Department of Energy. An Adobe Acrobat map of the 1985 study area for a high-level radioactive waste repository is at <http://www.alphacdc.com/treaty/nuclearroutes.pdf> with other background at <http://www.wnwd.org>.

SOURCE: Wolf Watershed Educational Project, c/o Midwest Treaty Network, Box 1045, Eau Claire WI 54702 (715) 833-8552/882-4800 mtn@igc.org.

Sustainability workshop in Madison May 14

The cornerstone of sustainability is behavior change. In order to achieve a sustainable future, we must encourage individuals and businesses to engage in specific actions (e.g., waste reduction, water and energy efficiency, pollution prevention, transportation, etc.) that will ensure beneficial change. To date, most programs that encourage such actions have relied on disseminating information. Research demonstrates, however, that simply providing information has little or no effect on what people or businesses do. But if not ads, brochures or booklets, then what? Over the last several years a new approach has emerged as an effective alternative for delivering programs to foster sustainable behavior.

This summer, a workshop will be presented in Madison, Wisconsin that will fundamentally change the way you think about program delivery. This full day workshop introduces the concept of community-based social marketing and provides participants with the knowledge they need to deliver effective programs. The workshop will be Friday, May 14, at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society, 2010 Whenona Drive Madison, WI from 9-4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Josie Pradella at (608) 221-0588 or info@wiscpsa.org.

TU launches coaster brook trout site

On Monday, April 19, Trout Unlimited will launch a web site on coaster brook trout at www.tu.org/conservation/coaster.asp that contains comprehensive information on the coaster

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restoration effort. A highlight of the site will be a directory of researchers, resource managers, and advocates working on coaster brook trout rehabilitation efforts across the basin.

SOURCE: Todd Breiby, Coaster Brook Trout Program Coordinator, Trout Unlimited Midwest Office, 222 South Hamilton Street, Suite 3 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 255-0361 tbreiby@tu.org.

Robinson Creek Preservation Assn cleanup May 8

Join Your Robinson Creek Preservation Association Friends Saturday, May 8 for our spring road-way clean-up day. Please respond to: J. Kaphengst, N2597 Fontaine Rd, BRF, 54615 or jfkjil@jackelec.com. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the corner of Hwy 27 & County Rd O. Gloves, safety vests, trash bags and soda will be provided.

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‘Complete Fundraiser program’ May 14-18

We’re planning our third Complete Fundraiser program ... this one for organizations in the Upper Mississippi region. This year-long program is designed to help organizations develop the fund-raising they need to succeed with a hard-hitting and muscular program. We believe that fundrais-ing depends on a clear program with compelling goals, and that it helps groups build the financial AND HUMAN base they need. We think these lean times are in fact a big opportunity, when groups can reconnect with and reenergize the grassroots to gain the income and the clout they need.

The program begins with a four-day workshop from May 14-18, in Marine on St. Croix near the Twin Cities. Overall, it provides training workshops, but also ongoing support to help fundraisers really implement the plans they make. It includes three workshops and 2 hours of consulting a month over twelve months. We’ve got a dynamite team of trainers -- in fact, the same team that made the first Complete Fundraiser such a success in New England. Amy, Kim, and Baird are back, this time with additional friends and resources. In New England, participating groups raised their income levels by around 25% over the course of the program.

If your organization or others you know about is interested, please check out our website at <http://www.icl.org/programs-workshops/complete-fundraiser.shtml>. The website also includes a program brochure and an application form. If you or others would like more information, please shoot me an email or give me a call at (301) 270-2900.

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SOURCE: Baird Straughan, Institute for Conservation Leadership, www.icl.org.

Walk for the Environment May 2 in Milwaukee

Do you want your environmental voice heard? Then here is your chance! On May 2nd, the Earth Day Coalition is organizing a Walk for the Environment. On this day, hundreds of volunteers will rally at Beulah Brinton Community Center to hear Robert Martin speak. Martin is a former EPA official who resigned on Earth Day 2002 to protest EPA decision-making under the Bush Admin-istration. After the rally, volunteers will be dropping off environmental literature to homes

throughout Milwaukee. The literature contains important information regarding state and federal environmental policy issues.

The FMR team will be going door-to-door in Wauwatosa. You do NOT need to knock on doors or talk directly to individuals. We will just be dropping literature at doorsteps. Rally at Beulah Brinton Community Center- 1pm-2pm Walk for the Environment- 2pm- 4pm Free food and drinks at Kelly's Bleachers (Wauwatosa)- 4pm- ? If you are interesting in joining the FMR team, please contact Robyn by this Friday.

SOURCE: Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, Robyn Calvey, WSN Southeastern Regional Coordinator, (414) 287-0207 robyn_calvey@mkeriverkeeper.org.

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FEC rulemaking update available

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) concluded its public hearings on the proposed rules for political committees. Thirty witnesses testified before the Commissioners, including Nan Aron, President of the Alliance for Justice. To read Nan's testimony, click on http://www.afj.org/spotlight/collection/spotlight_fec_testimony.html.

The FEC is scheduled to make a final decision on the proposed rules in mid-May; however, some Commissioners have publicly commented that they may take additional time to consider the volume of comments they received before taking any further action. The FEC received 140,000 e-mails and 11,000 faxes, the most comments filed on a single rulemaking in the FEC's history. While it is difficult to say what the ultimate outcome may be, the Alliance for Justice remains optimistic, particularly given the outcry from the nonprofit sector. We urge all nonprofits to continue their legitimate election-year activity within the parameters of current law. There is no need to change the efforts you have planned for this year, as the rules under discussion with the FEC are merely proposed-not the current law. We will continue to keep you informed regarding this rulemaking and other issues affecting the nonprofit sector. Stay the course of your current efforts and when in doubt, call us for guidance.

SOURCE: Ann Allegra, aallegra@afj.org, <http://www.allianceforjustice.org/signup/signup.asp>.

“How to Raise Funds” free workshop May 5

I received a mailing today from First Business Bank about a free seminar titled, How to Raise Funds! Looks like it is only one hour the morning of May 5. Says, “This presentation is designed for not-for-profit administrators, board members, volunteers, and development/fundraising managers.” More information can be found at <http://www.fbbmadison.com/whatsnew/seminars.htm>

SOURCE: Jim Shurts, Madison, jfshurts@mailbag.com.

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MEA seeking nominations for ag siting board

On April 13, 2004, Governor Doyle signed the Livestock Siting Bill into law for Wisconsin. While this legislation is a step backward for local democracy and sustainable agriculture, it is not too late to make sure we have a voice in livestock siting decisions. The Bill creates a 7-member Livestock Siting Review Board which has the power to overturn a local government's decision to approve or deny a permit for a livestock factory. The Siting Review Board will be appointed by the secretary of DATCP and will include three "other" members. Midwest Environmental Advocates will submit a list of recommendations to DATCP in an attempt to ensure that the Review Board is informed, diverse, and represents the interests of family farmers and local residents. If you know of someone who you think would be a valuable addition to the Review Board, let us know so that we can include them in our recommendations. With four seats potentially open to us to fill, it is critical that we send in as comprehensive of a list as possible.

We can still work together to protect and preserve Wisconsin's thousands of dairy farms, as well as the health and safety of Wisconsin residents. Let's continue to promote the local decision-making process by making our voices heard on the Siting Review Board.

SOURCE: Felicia Lin, Legal Assistant, Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc., 702 East Johnson Street, Madison, WI 53703 (608) 251-5047 advocate@midwestadvocates.org.

Energy seminar May 19 at Marquette U.

A seminar entitled *Energy: Economics, Efficiencies, Alternatives, & Renewables* will be held Wednesday, May 19, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 at Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union, 1442 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. This seminar will focus on how local business, industry, and government leaders can work together towards common goals related to renewable energy and energy efficiency. Featured speakers include:

- Peter Dreyfuss, Regional Director, U.S. DOE - Chicago
- Marc Marotta, Secretary, Wisconsin DOA
- Timothy S. Dantoin, Energy Advisor, Wisconsin Focus on Energy.

For more detailed information on the seminar or to register, go to www.kgmb.org/KGMB%20seminar%20brochure.pdf.

SOURCE: Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, (414) 272-5462.

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Welcome new WSN member organizations!

Citizens Natural Resources Assn. of Wisconsin

Contact: Jan Scalpone, 2033 Menominee Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54901 (920) 231-0063
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Mission: Preserve and protect natural resources of Wisconsin.

Musky Alliance of Wisconsin

Contact: Larry Slagoski, President (715) 359-3867 (no e-mail).

Mission: The Musky Alliance comprises about 24 musky clubs in the Wisconsin. One of the major purposes of the alliance is to provide an organizational framework in which clubs can share information and work together to improve our state's musky fishery.

Rusk County Waters Alliance

Contact: Ralph Heuschele, PO Box 361, Bruce, WI 54819 (952) 884-5944
heuschele@earthlink.net.

Mission: To preserve, protect, and improve the waters and shorelines of Rusk County for future generations. We are concerned about lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, habitat preservation and restoration, shoreland management, shoreland property owner education, and water-related citizen science.

WSN Member Groups

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Aldo Leopold Foundation
Anishinaabe Nijiji/ Protect the Earth
Badger Fly Fishers, Inc.
Brown County Conservation Alliance
Central WI Chapter of SOUL
Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Citizens for a Scenic Wisconsin
Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger
Citizens Natural Resources Assn. of Wisconsin
Clean Wisconsin
Concerned Citizens of Newport
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Door County Environmental Council
EarthWINS
Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Lakeland Areas (ECCOLA)
Families and Friends for Social Responsibility
Family Farm Defenders
Fox Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Frank Hornberg Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Friends of the Jump River
Friends of Milwaukee's River
Green Bay Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen
Green Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited
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Lake Superior Greens
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Muskellunge Club of WI
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Northern Thunder
Pheasants Forever - Sugar River Valley Chapter
Plover River Alliance

Random Lake Association
Ripley Lake Association
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WI Conservation Voters Institute
Wisconsin Deer Hunters Association
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