



WSNetwork News

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

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Award-winning outdoor & conservation writer Michael Furtman to speak at WSN conference Feb. 6-7



The WSN is pleased to announce that noted outdoor writer ([more](#))

Arrowhead-Weston Line

WSN issue chair: Logan Edinger, Save Our Unique Lands, edinger@centurytel.net

Ladysmith A-W PSC hearing runs past midnight

The [Ladysmith] hearing went well, a lot of great testimony against the Arrowhead-to-Weston line. It went into the wee hours of the night. Still 50 some people still there at midnight. The hearings closed with the Mole Lake drums urging the Public Service Commissioners to deny the utilities the right to build this line and energizing the opposition to keep fighting the good fight.

SOUL is very thankful to all those who attended and testified and with the tribes increased involvement we are extremely optimistic that we will be successful. We do however predict that the PSC will approve the line...going against public opposition that includes resolutions by nine full county boards and over 100 townships and groups, not to mention hundreds of individual testimonials. Our victory will be within the permitting process by the DNR and National Park Service and by the many landowners that have to allow them access to their property. It simply will not happen. Many people testified that as a last resort they will be standing with their families in front of the bulldozers and that it will take action from the National Guard to get this line built. With people this strong we can't lose!

SOURCE: Logan Edinger, SOUL, Edinger@centurytel.net.

Eastern U.S. blackout tied to FirstEnergy of Ohio

Associated Press writer Josef Hebert has reported that the August 14 eastern U.S. blackout “began with three power line failures in Ohio and should have been contained by operators at FirstEnergy Corp.” The story quoted Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham as saying “This blackout was largely preventable.”

SOURCE: Associated Press.

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Farm Bureau: livestock siting recommendations good for ag growth

Recommendations issued on Nov. 17 by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection’s Advisory Committee on Siting Livestock Facilities are well-balanced and forward-thinking concepts to help the state’s livestock sector grow, according to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. The Farm Bureau said the recommendations in this report and legislation that will be drafted in the coming months will establish standards on livestock siting to help Wisconsin’s communities and farmers be more dependable and predictable partners.

The Farm Bureau said it was impressed that agricultural, town and county government, and environmental leaders agreed that animal agriculture was important to the state, and that they agreed on solid recommendations to improve local decisionmaking and continue environmental protection of livestock facilities.

The Farm Bureau said it will be working with legislators and the Governor to develop a legislative package to strengthen the livestock siting process. The Farm Bureau said it will hold a roundtable discussion on livestock siting at its annual meeting December 8, at the Marriott in Middleton, with Rep. David Ward, the lead author of livestock siting legislation, Mark O’Connell with the Wisconsin Counties Association, and a representative from the WDATCP.

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A summary of the recommendations, a list of the committee members, and quick facts are available at www.datcp.state.wi.us/core/environment/landwater/siting.html.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, PO Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705-0550, Tom Thieding, Executive Director, Public Relations (608) 828-5709.

USDA calls 2003 year of 'growth and transition' for farm conservation

2003 was a year of growth and transition for conservation on working farmland in Wisconsin, with farmers lining up for conservation practices, reports State Conservationist Pat Leavenworth, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "This was the first full year under the 2002 Farm Bill, which focuses on working land and helping active farmers install needed conservation practices," said Leavenworth. Wisconsin received over \$20 million in the Farm Bill conservation programs through NRCS in 2003.

Demand from Wisconsin farmers has been overwhelming, with a backlog of applications in all programs, according to NRCS. With program funds ramping up, as authorized by the bill, existing staff were hard-pressed to keep up with farmers' needs, adds Leavenworth. For example, even though costshare dollars for EQIP were three times the 2002 amount, NRCS still reports a \$10 million backlog of applications. Funds did not arrive until after an omnibus spending bill was passed in April 2003, making it a challenge to deliver all the programs in a compressed fiscal year.

For more information visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at <http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

SOURCE:NRCS.

Mercury Reduction

WSN issue chair: Marc Looze, Clean Wisconsin, mlooze@chorus.net

Solberg prevents mercury rules from being on next NRB meeting agenda

Natural Resources Board Chair Tryg Solberg refused to allow the Mercury Rule to be added to the agenda of the December meeting of the Natural Resources Board.

SOURCE: WSN source.

Report: contributions correspond to voting record on mercury rules

The following is from the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign's new report entitled *Cash and Carry*:

"Committees in the Republican-controlled Senate and Assembly rejected a proposed Department of Natural Resources rule in August that would have required the state's four electric utilities to cut mercury emissions 80 percent by 2015. The committees' actions sent back the proposed rules to the DNR for revisions after business and utility interests told committee members that the 80 percent reduction goal is too strict, the plan will increase utility bills, cost the state jobs and a "Wiscon-

sin-only” rule will do little because mercury pollution travels across state lines.

The Assembly Natural Resources Committee voted 9-2 against the proposed rules. The nine opposing members received between \$2,443 and \$13,108 in campaign contributions from utility and manufacturing interests since 1993 while the two members in favor of the rule received only \$650 combined from those special interests during the same period. The Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee voted 3-2 against the rules. The three opposition votes came from lawmakers who received a total of \$118,125 in campaign contributions from manufacturing and utility interests while the two members in favor of the rule received a total \$9,175 since 1993 from those interests.

Overall, Republican members of the Legislature have received 3.5 times more campaign contributions than legislative Democrats — \$1,345,948 versus \$386,502 — from manufacturing and utility interests.”

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You can view the entire report at <http://www.wisdc.org/cashandcarryreport.html#merc>.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

Metallic Mining

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Pow-wow to celebrate Crandon Mine purchase

Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi holding a celebration pow-wow Dec. 6 in Green Bay. (See flyer at right for details). We would like to invite all tribal leaders, tribal members, grassroots organizations, sportfishing groups, environmentalists and all others who have been of assistance to tribes.

RSVPs are requested.

SOURCE: Tina Van Zile, (715) 478-7605.

**A POW-WOW
TO CELEBRATE THE
CRANDON MINE
VICTORY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2003

BROWN COUNTY ARENA
1901 S. ONEIDA AVENUE
GREEN BAY

GRAND ENTRIES AT 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

CELEBRATION FEAST AT 5:00 P.M.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE 11 DRUMS,
REPRESENTING THE 11 TRIBES OF WISCONSIN.

FROM HWY. 41, TAKE LOMBARDI AVENUE EAST 1.75 MILES,
THEN RIGHT ONTO ONEIDA AVENUE.
TURN RIGHT INTO THE LAMBEAU FIELD PARKING LOT.

**OUR CELEBRATION IS OPEN TO ALL AND
FREE OF CHARGE**

We especially welcome all Tribal Leaders,
Tribal Members, Grassroots Organizations,
Sport Fishing Groups, Environmentalists and
others who have joined us in this fight.

In order to help us plan this memorable feast,
kindly RSVP to 1-800-241-7053.

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Wolf Watershed Educational Project meeting Dec. 6

The Wolf Watershed Educational Project will meet before the pow-wow in Green Bay Dec. 6.

Shoreland Zoning & Water Protection

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and Donna Sefton, WI Assn. of Lakes, dfsefton@charter.net

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Third “Jobs Bill” hearing Dec. 3 in Wausau

The third hearing on Assembly Bill 655 and Senate Bill 313 will be held at 11:00 a.m. this Wednesday in Wausau. Groups and individuals concerned about the future of Wisconsin’s protection of the public’s waters, air pollution enforcement, and many other items, are encouraged to attend. The hearing will be at:

Northcentral Technical College
Room D101
1000 W. Campus Dr.
Wausau

Milwaukee site of second AB655 jobs bill hearing

The second public hearing on AB655, the so-called Job Creation Act of 2003, was held in Milwaukee Visit here for a Milwaukee *Journal-Sentinel* news story on the hearing: <http://www.jsonline.com/bym/News/nov03/188043.asp>.

Milwaukee hearing hears urban waterway concerns

Testimony at last week’s Milwaukee hearing on the so-called Job Creation Act of 2003 by Lynn Broaddus of Friends of Milwaukee’s Rivers focused on the urban water impacts of the proposed bill’s Chapter 30 navigable water provisions. Broaddus testified,

“I presume that you will hear from many people testifying about how these bills would impact the pristine waters of our state, especially those that are considered high quality in some way or another. But I am here to make sure that the impacts on urbanized and suburbanized watersheds are considered as well. In the Milwaukee River Basin, where roughly 20% of our state’s population lives, virtually all of the streams and rivers have been seriously impacted by development and pollution over the past century. Some of our streams have significant contaminants, including PCBs and the chemical cocktail used in creosote operations. We have miles and miles of streams that were ‘improved’ 30 years ago by being straightened and lined with cement. In places we have flooding problems, caused by development that did not take into consideration the cumulative impacts of hardening our landscape. We have erosion problems, trash problems, sewage overflows, and the list goes on.

“But despite all of these problems, Milwaukee’s waters are beginning to heal. Dams have been removed, and water quality in the Milwaukee River, at least, is improving. Stream bank restoration projects are in the works, and citizens come out to clean their rivers and streams each year. Fish

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are returning — with increases in both numbers and diversity. Along with this, the numbers of anglers and recreational boaters are increasing each year. Though Milwaukee's rivers and streams are not pristine, they are ours. The people of Milwaukee love their rivers, as is proven by the flood of residences and businesses moving back into our city and choosing to locate along the Milwaukee River. People are

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These changes will deregulate many construction activities along Wisconsin's lakes, rivers and streams, resulting in thousands of dollars in reduced permitting, oversight and consulting costs for builders.

Read the complete complaint at http://www.cwac.net/deregulation/stepp_ethics_complaint.html Sen. Stepp's reaction to the complaint is at www.thewheelerreport.com/releases/Nov03/Nov28/1128steppethics.PDF.

SOURCE: Rebecca Katers, Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin, (920) 437-7304, cwac@execpc.com.

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Cap Times: Gard, Panzer jobs bill an assault against WI values

A Nov. 16 Madison *Capital Times* editorial notes that "despite its appealing title, the Job Creation Act is not a program for reversing the decline in manufacturing employment that has devastated a number Wisconsin communities over the past several years. Rather, it is a grab bag of discredited proposals from lobbyists for business interests that want to eliminate basic regulations. The worst components of the act are those that target basic protections for the environment and consumers. Indeed, the Gard-Panzer proposal is so extreme that Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Hassett referred to it as "a big, monstrous package.

Legislators sponsoring AB655

Senators Panzer, Stepp, Kedzie, Zien, Darling, Leibham, Welch and Kanavas.

Representatives Gard, Kaufert, Johnsrud, Grothman, Montgomery, Suder, Kestell, Nass, J. Honadel, D. Meyer, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Owens, J. Wood, Ott, Townsend, Huebsch, Gielow, Jeskewitz, Gunderson, Hundertmark, Ladwig, and Hahn.

"It is that, to be sure. But it is, as well, a deeply troubling deviation from the Wisconsin way. While other states are moving to develop partnerships with business which respect entrepreneurship and the environment, Gard and Panzer and their allies are trying to turn back the clock a full century to before the days of the progressive conservationists. This is not the direction to go. And we think that responsible Democrats and Republicans will recognize that when they get a chance to review the 114-page bill."

Read the complete editorial at www.madison.com/captimes/opinion/editorial/61309.php.

SOURCE: *Capital Times*.

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Paper uncovers extent of lobbyist involvement in writing jobs bill

A *Capital Times* story by reporter Anita Weier on Nov. reported on the extent to which lobbyists for various business and industry groups contributed to the writing of the Job Creation Act of 2003. "Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce has repeatedly praised the 'Job Creation Act' authored by Republican legislators," the paper reported. "That's no surprise. Lobbyists for WMC and the Wisconsin Builders Association were heavily involved in drafting the bill, which would dramatically ease state regulations. A review of the Legislative Reference Bureau's drafting file for SB133 shows memos and meetings involving Jeffrey Schoepke, director of environmental

policy for Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce; Robert Fassbender, who represents WMC and other business groups; and Paul Kent, who represents the Wisconsin Builders Association. Senior legislative attorney Gordon Malaise, who coordinated the drafting work of eight Legislative Reference Bureau attorneys on the 114-page bill, said that many bills are drafted by trade associations instead of legislators.”

Read the complete story at <http://www.madison.com/archives/read.php?ref=tct:2003:11:14:288098:FRONT>.

Labor blasts jobs bill for hurting family-supporting jobs

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Republican State Senate and Assembly members along with the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) have proposed a cynical “Job Creation Act of 2003” (Senate Bill 313/Assembly Bill 655) that would severely undermine environmental regulations, plus make other changes to Wisconsin laws that have nothing to do with job creation. One of the provisions of this bill would prevent the Department of Workforce Development from setting standards for the number of apprentices on job sites. This actually destroys career ladders to family-supporting jobs. There is nothing in this bill that will create jobs! The bill makes no mention of critical job creation strategies such as targeted investment; worker education and training; and accountability standards for the use of public dollars as economic development incentives.

SOURCE: John Goldstein, President, Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53214 (414) 771-7070; afciojg@execpc.com.

ECCOLA receives GLAHN grant for shoreland campaign

“A multi-media advocacy campaign will be implemented to protect shoreland habitats in the Great Lakes watershed in Wisconsin. Timely and accurate information on the relationship of shorelands to clean water, good fishing, scenic beauty, and a healthy economy will be disseminated through a CD and website, The Shoreland Connection. This toolkit will be publicized via press releases, PSAs, ads, displays, and presentations. An outreach specialist will develop advocates. Project goals are to promote individual shoreland stewardship actions and to activate constituencies for more protective local and statewide shoreland zoning rules. This project builds on a successful pilot in the Headwaters Basin of northern Wisconsin involving several partner organizations.”

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SOURCE: John Schwarzmann, Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Lakeland Areas, eccola@newnorth.net.

Groups call builders and realtors for misleading NR115 information

Three statewide nonprofit groups and one based in northern Wisconsin recently criticized the Wisconsin Realtors Association and the Wisconsin Builders Association for a newspaper ad that contains misleading information about proposed changes in the rules governing waterfront property. Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, the River Alliance of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, and Minocqua-based Environmentally Concerned Citizens of the Lakeland Area (ECCOLA) are all represented on the Dept. of Natural Resources committee that negotiated the proposed changes, and all four groups spoke out against the ad placed by the realtors' and builders' associations. Those associations also have representatives on the DNR committee.

The ad focused on listening sessions on DNR shoreland zoning rules held Nov. 11 to 13 in Spooner, Lake Tomahawk, and Eau Claire. More will be held in December. The ad's text emphasized proposed changes that the realtors' and builders' associations oppose, but the nonprofit groups insist that the committee's proposals were mischaracterized.

"The ad says, for example, that the rules would prohibit 'lawns and the removal of brush and trees between your home and the water,' and that's simply false," said Rich Bogovich of the River Alliance. "There would be no restrictions on lawns or the removal brush and trees 50 feet back from the water, and there is some allowance for lawns right up to the water's edge."

"The rationale of the two associations that ran the ads was that the inflammatory language used in the ads was necessary to get their people to turn out," noted Jim Wise of ECCOLA. "That's like yelling fire in a crowded theater just to get folks to exit the room; this is not only unethical, it is also unprofessional and misleading."

Michigan verdict: state's water interests supersede bottler's rights

Mecosta County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Root has released his 67-page opinion in a lawsuit brought by Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation and plaintiffs R.J. and Barbara Doyle and Jeff and Shelly Sapp vs. Nestle Waters North America, Inc, formerly the Perrier Group. The suit brought by Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation and its plaintiffs in September 2001 challenged Nestle's claim that it can take 400 gallons per minute, or 210 millions gallons a year, of spring water that feeds a stream that is a tributary to the Little Muskegon River that flows to Lake

FINAL NR-115 LISTENING SESSIONS

- December 1 – Onalaska City Hall, 415 Main St.
- December 4 – Grand Chute Town Hall, 1900 Grand Chute Blvd.
- December 5 – Crivitz Village Hall, 800 Henriette Ave.
- December 9 – Madison, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection Central Office, the Board Room, 2811 Agriculture Dr.
- December 11 – Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 350 (the County Board Room), 515 West Moreland Blvd.

Websites for more information:

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/title.htm
www.theshorelandconnection.org
www.wisconsintu.org
www.eccola.org
www.wisconsinlakes.org
www.wisconsinrivers.org

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Michigan, for its own usage. Judge Root's ruling sets a precedent and clarifies many critical facets of Michigan water law, including important protections for the State's lakes, streams, and wetlands, which form an essential role in Michigan's natural resources, recreation, tourism, and economy. The ruling confined itself to the specific relationship between the pumping and diversion of water from the shallow unconfined aquifer that is part of nearby wetlands, two lakes, and the Dead Stream, a stream that Judge Root said "is not dead" but "a complex and beautiful ecosystem." Judge Root ruled that riparian rights in our state's lakes and streams are superior to an extraction and diversion of groundwater that feeds them, like Nestle's out of watershed sale of bottled water. "I hereby hold that riparian interests are superior to conflicting groundwater interests, and that the latter must yield to the former."

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Judge Root's ruling can be viewed in its entirety at www.envlaw.com. Based on his opinion, Judge Root issued an order that calls for the "termination of all water withdrawals by the Defendants from the well field at the Sanctuary Springs" within 21 days. The ruling does not affect Defendant's bottling operations related to the 175 gallon per minute groundwater well located at its plant eleven miles away from the Sanctuary site.

SOURCE: Lori Regni, wolfrun@newnorth.net.

Tribe, groups challenging DNR on Polar water bottling permit

Conservationists and the Menominee Tribe initiated legal action on Friday, November 21, in order to protect public water resources. The group, which is comprised of several chapters of Trout Unlimited, the Menominee Tribe, the Langlade County Waterways Association, and other individual parties, filed a Petition for Judicial Review, challenging at the WDNR approval of a high-capacity well permit for Polar Ice Water.

The DNR approval would allow Polar Ice to pump spring water for the purpose of water bottling and export from the watershed. The DNR has ignored the impact this well would have on Public Trust resources and failed to provide an environmental assessment of the overall impacts from the proposed project. Polar Ice would remove a substantial amount of ground water and may potentially damage the health of connecting surface waters, including the Rabe Pond and Creek, the Wolf River and surrounding wetlands.

"The reduced spring flow from the bottled water operation may harm the coldwater trout fishery in Rabe Pond and Creek and the waters to which they are tributary," said Mitch Bent, a member of the Antigo Chapter of Trout Unlimited. "The DNR has ignored our concerns by denying a hearing on the groundwater pumping. This legal action is now necessary to make sure the DNR does its job and protects our common public trust resources," he added.

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The Petition for Judicial Review challenges the DNR's failure to assess the environmental impacts, the DNR's approval of a high capacity well without protecting public trust waters, and the DNR's denial of a hearing on these issues.

SOURCE: Melissa K. Scanlan, Midwest Environmental Advocates, (608) 251- mscanlan@midwestadvocates.org.

Dane County hearing to address phosphorus restrictions

The Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission will hold a public hearing on a county-wide ordinance to restrict the application and retail display of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizer, on Thursday December 11, at 6:30 pm in Courtroom 2E, City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther

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Silver Lake TMDL, written or e-mailed comments will be accepted through Dec. 11. Address comments to:

**Jim Baumann, WT/2,
Department of Natural Resources,
101 S. Webster St., Madison, WI 53707-7921
or James.Baumann@dnr.state.wi.us.**

SOURCE: WDNR, (608) 266-9277.

New Fox River restoration web site available

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People can learn more about the Lower Fox River Natural Resource Damage Assessment and restoration efforts on a new page of the WDNR web site. The page outlines what the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) is about, contains trustee council meeting minutes, the joint restoration plan, fact sheets and consent decrees. View it at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/lowerfox/nrda.html>.

SOURCE: WDNR, Greg Hill, (608) 267-9352.

Dec. 10 workshop covers 2004 DNR river and lake grants

Is your organization considering seeking a DNR Lake or River Grant in 2004? Now is a great time to start preparing. Learn more about these grant programs at the Northeast Region Lakes and Rivers Grants Workshop. DNR grant staff will be present to answer your questions, as will staff from the River Alliance and Wisconsin Association of Lakes. To learn more about the workshop visit <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/uppergb/GrantsWkshp.htm>.

**December 10, 6-9 p.m.
Safari Steakhouse and Candleglow Banquet Facility
3080 County Road EE, Abrams, WI 54101**

SOURCE: Lisa Goodman and Diana Toledo, Local Group Assistance Program staff, River Alliance of Wisconsin, goodman@wisconsinrivers.org (608) 257-2424.

Rain garden CD in development

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Basin educators are putting together a Rain Garden Educational Packet for educators to use. We anticipate putting much of this material onto a CD, for gardening groups, school teachers, nurseries or vendors, etc. to use in putting together their own programs.

SOURCE: WDNR *Basin Briefs*, 11-12-03.

Grants available for small dam removal

Counties, cities, villages, towns, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and private dam owners can apply for grant funds to remove small or abandoned dams. Small dams are those with an hydraulic height of less than 15 feet and an impoundment of 100 surface acres or less at normal pool. Abandoned dams are those declared abandoned using the process under s. 30121(4), Wis. Stats. The DNR will fund 50% of eligible project costs, with a maximum grant award of \$50,000. Eligible project costs include labor, materials, and equipment directly related to planning the actual removal, the dam removal itself, and the restoration of the impoundment. Contact Meg Galloway, Dam Safety-Floodplain Management Section, (608) 266-7014,

SOURCE: WDNR *Basin Briefs*, 11-12-03.

AG settles Oconto County lake dredging/filling suit

Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager announced today that her office has filed and settled a navigable water protection enforcement lawsuit against an Oconto County property owner for violations of state water laws on property abutting Archibald Tower Springs, a natural navigable lake. Lautenschlager said that Steven P. Corrigan has agreed to pay \$25,000 in forfeitures, penalties and costs for violating state laws that regulate dredging, filling and grading on the beds and banks of state waters. According to the Department of Justice's complaint, Corrigan filled an area of lake-bed approximately 15,340 square feet in size and dredged an area approximately 23,500 square feet in size, without any contract or permit.

SOURCE: Brian Rieselman, (608) 266-7876, RieselmanBJ@DOJ.STATE.WI.US.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WWA annual meeting Dec. 4 at UW-Madison

The Wisconsin Wetlands Assn. will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 180 Science Hall at UW-Madison. Featured speaker will be Cal DeWitt, UW-Madison, on our conservation heritage. You can meet new WWA Executive Director Beck Abel, too. All are welcome. Contact the WWA for more information.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Wetlands Assn., (608) 250-9971, Katie@wiscwetlands.org.

WEEB cuts Focus on Energy grant category

The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board has announced that they will not be offering Focus on Energy grants this year due to cuts in the Dept. of Administration budget. Contact WEEB for details at (715) 346-3805.

Service helps track legislative actions by topic

Please pass this on to anybody you might think is interested. A new web service will allow citizens using the system to receive daily or weekly e-mails when specified legislative activity occurs. For example, users may choose to be notified about every action affecting a specific proposal, bills introduced by a particular legislator, activities of a specific committee, or introductions relating to a particular topic. This service is designed to make it much easier for citizens to follow the activity of the Legislature. Check out the service at <http://notify.legis.state.wi.us/Home.aspx>.

SOURCE: Peter Cannon, Senior Legislative Analyst, WI Legislative Reference Bureau, (608) 266-5446, peter.cannon@legis.state.wi.us.

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TU hires coaster brook trout project person

I am very pleased to announce that Trout Unlimited has hired Todd Breiby as our new Coaster Brook Trout Program Coordinator. He will work with me out of the Madison, WI office, but will

travel regularly in the Lake Superior basin. This is the first time we have a position dedicated solely to this important initiative.

SOURCE: Laura Hewitt, Trout Unlimited Midwest Office, Madison, WI LHewitt@tu.org.

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WSN Member Groups Get connected...join the WSN

Aldo Leopold Audubon Society
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Brown County Conservation Alliance
Central WI Chapter of SOUL
Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited
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Clean Wisconsin
Concerned Citizens of Newport
Coulee Region Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Door County Environmental Council
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The Muskellunge Club of WI
Twin Lakes Conservancy
Waterkeepers of Wisconsin
WI Association of Lakes
WI Conservation Voters Institute
WI Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG)
WI Resources Protection Council
WI Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
WI State B.A.S.S Federation
WI State Council of Trout Unlimited
WI Wetlands Association
Winnebago Audubon Society
Wolf River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Wisconsin State B.A.S.S. Federation, and Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, plus individuals who serve as at-large members.

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

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Michael Furtman confirmed as WSN conference speaker

Ducks Unlimited has named Michael Furtman Communicator of the Year at Outdoor Association of America Annual Conference. Furtman has also taken First Place in OWAA's Excellence in Craft Award, Natural History category, and Second Place in the Take Pride In America Conservation category.

View a list of some of Furtman's recent articles at <http://www.michaelfurtman.com/articles.htm>.

For a sample of Michael's writing, visit the Izaak Walton League's Outdoor America magazine at http://www.iwla.org/OA/summer/s3_wetlandsworth.html.

