



## **New WDNR water division head Ambs to speak at WSN conference**

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Newly appointed WI Dept. of Natural Resources Water Division Administrator Todd Ambs will address attendees of the Wisconsin Stewardship Network (WSN) annual conference at Noon, Feb. 15, in the Alumni Room of the University Center at UW-Stevens Point.

Ambs will speak on the WDNR approach to water programs in light of both the new WDNR leadership and expected budget cuts to the agency.

Ambs' appearance will be somewhat of a homecoming. Ambs left the River Alliance of Wisconsin, a nonprofit river advocacy organization, to join the WDNR. The River Alliance is a member of the WSN, an umbrella natural resources protection organization composed of Wisconsin sporting, conservation, and environmental organizations.

## **Barlow, Glennon at WSN conference**

In addition to Ambs, the WSN Saturday conference will feature a closing address by University of Arizona law professor Robert Glennon. Glennon is the author of *Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America's Fresh Water*, a current Scientific American book-of-the-month pick.

Glennon will also be appearing Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:00 p.m. at UW-Stevens Point with Canadian water rights activist Maude Barlow and UW-Stevens Point Central WI Groundwater Center Director George Kraft in a "2003 WI Year of Water Forum."

Registration information is available by calling the WSN office at (608) 268-1218 or by visiting the WSN's web site at [www.wsn.org](http://www.wsn.org).

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