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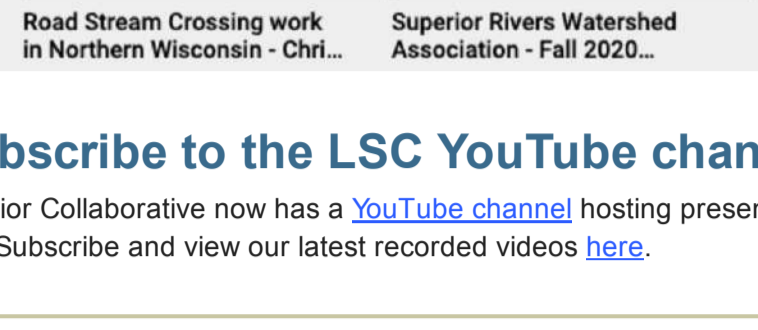
News from the Lake Superior Collaborative  
November 2020



North Fish Creek Restoration Project, Image credit: Ted Koehler

The Lake Superior Collaborative (LSC) was formed to facilitate collaboration and coordination among the governmental and non-governmental organizations and academic institutions that work to protect and restore natural resources in Wisconsin's Lake Superior Basin.

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The Lake Superior Collaborative now has a [YouTube channel](#) hosting presentations given by LSC members. Subscribe and view our latest recorded videos [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### St. Louis River AOC Celebration of Progress

November 17, [Information & Registration](#)

### Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting

November 17-19, [Information & Registration](#)

### Wetland Coffee Break: Protecting the "Bayou of the North":

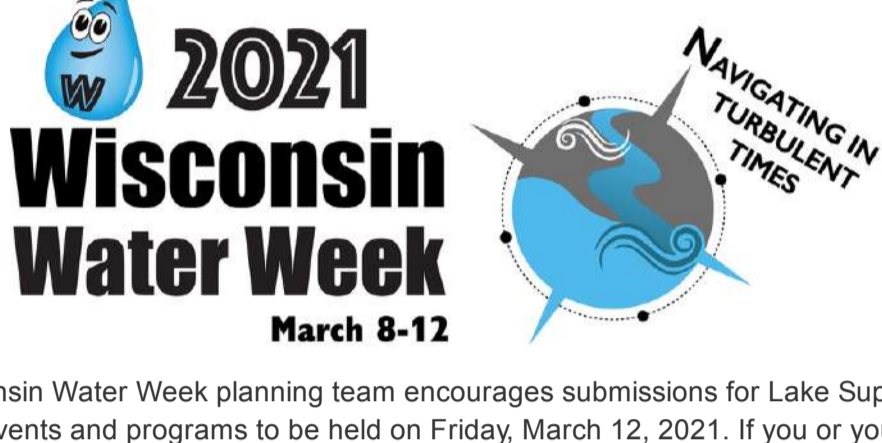
#### Kakagon/Bad River Slough

Naomi Tillison, Bad River Band's Mashkiizibii Natural Resources Department

10:30am on Friday, December 4, 2020, [Information & Registration](#)

### 2021 Wetland Science Conference

February 16-19, 2021, [Abstracts accepted until November 15](#)



The Wisconsin Water Week planning team encourages submissions for Lake Superior public outreach events and programs to be held on Friday, March 12, 2021. If you or your organization are interested in hosting an event, please complete [this form](#). Submissions will be included on the Wisconsin Water Week statewide activities map and website.

A formal call for Lake Superior presentations given on Thursday, March 11 presentations is forthcoming. To get involved in the Lake Superior regional planning efforts, contact either Erin Burkett, [erin.burkett@wisc.edu](mailto:erin.burkett@wisc.edu) or Alex Faber, [alex@superiorrivers.org](mailto:alex@superiorrivers.org).

## Recorded Webinars

### Great Lakes Stream Crossing Inventory ([view recording](#))

September 30, 2020, Host: Partnership for Watershed Restoration

Overview: In this webinar, Mike Rubley (Resource Analyst, Michigan Department of Natural Resources) provides an overview of the Great Lakes Stream Crossing Inventory, including how to contribute to the inventory and how to use the ArcGIS data hub to inform and prioritize stream crossing improvement projects throughout the Upper Great Lakes region, including northern Wisconsin.

### An Evaluation of Stressor Interactions in the Great Lakes ([view recording, slides, & report](#))

September 22, 2020, Host: International Joint Commission Great Lakes Science Advisory Board – Science Priority Committee

Overview: This review and exploratory analysis examined how multiple Great Lakes stressors interact. The project included a facilitated expert workshop and a review and assessment of the literature from within and beyond the Great Lakes basin. This was followed by focused consideration of 11 stressor pairs selected as important for the Great Lakes.

## In The News

### Nominations open for Wisconsin Sea Grant Great Lakes Champion Award

The Wisconsin Sea Grant 2021 Great Lakes Champion Award will acknowledge and celebrate work accomplished by an organization, individual, business, program that demonstrates an exceptional commitment to the Great Lakes. [Read on for more information.](#)

### Public Comment Period: Lake Superior Reserve Management Plan

The 2020-2025 Lake Superior Reserve Management Plan has cleared legal review and been posted in the Federal Register. It is open for public comment until December 2nd. [To review the plan and submit comments, please follow this link to the Federal Register.](#)

### Wisconsin Northwoods featured on America's Forests with Chuck Leavell

Northern Wisconsin forests, including the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, were recently featured on America's Forests with Chuck Leavell. [View the northern Wisconsin episode.](#)

### The Worth of Water: A Great Lakes Story now available on YouTube

This [feature-length documentary](#) follows the co-creators of [Walk to Sustain Our Great Lakes](#), Julia Robson & Alyssa Armbruster, as they embark on their 343-mile walk from the shores of Lake Michigan in Milwaukee, WI to Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The two women interview political leaders, educators, activists, and professionals to bring a greater understanding of Great Lakes issues and highlight the progress that has been made in restoring the lakes since the establishment of the Clean Water Act in 1972. [Watch The Worth of Water: A Great Lakes Story.](#)

### Public Comment Period: WisCALM Surface Water Assessment

The Wisconsin DNR is seeking comments on the updated Wisconsin Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (WisCALM). [WisCALM](#) provides guidance for how water management specialists evaluate surface water quality across the state of Wisconsin under the Clean Water Act. Updates for the 2022 cycle include reorganization based on assessment type, the addition of E. coli assessment methods, new Healthy Waters subcategories, and the addition of information on assessment timeline, automation, and total waters in the state.

The public comment period will be held from Oct. 12 to Nov. 20, 2020. Public comments on the latest WisCALM guidance can be submitted to: [dnrpairedwaters@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dnrpairedwaters@wisconsin.gov) or via mail to Ashley Beranek, DNR, Bureau of Water Quality, WQ/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/WisCALM.html> for more information.

## LSC Partner Spotlights

### Forestry Division, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The [Wisconsin DNR's Forestry Division](#) administers a range of programs that emphasize forest protection and sustainable forestry practices throughout Wisconsin. This includes providing technical, financial, and planning assistance to private forest landowners, conducting prescribed fires, contributing to reforestation efforts and urban forest health, and managing public lands. Access Division of Forestry publications online [HERE](#).

### Lake Superior Reserve System-Wide Monitoring Program

The Lake Superior Reserve's System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP or "swamp") provides consistent and frequent sampling to monitor the health of the St. Louis River Estuary. Designed to document both the short-term variability and long-term trends in water quality, the SWMP continuously monitors 7 critical water quality parameters that are logged every 15 minutes at 4 sites in the estuary. These readings are paired with monthly water sampling for nutrients, chlorophyll-a, and suspended sediments. Additionally, SWMP includes both meteorological and wetland plant community monitoring.

Researchers and natural resource managers use these data to understand how the estuary is recovering from historic contamination and to predict how the system may respond to climate change. These data are added to a nationwide database and are available for public use.

Access data through the National Estuarine Research Reserve Data Hub at <https://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu/dges/>.

## Funding

### Wisconsin Sea Grant 2022-24 Omnibus Funding

The University of Wisconsin Sea Grant College Program is inviting research and education project proposals for the next two-year grant period that begins February 1, 2022. Proposals must be led by an investigator who is a faculty member or person with principal investigator status at their institution in the University of Wisconsin System, or other Wisconsin college or university. Proposals are due January 15, 2021. More information available at <https://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/research/omnibus-funding/>.

### Waterway and Wetland Program

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Green Bay Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office is pleased to announce we are now accepting project proposals for a funding opportunity to help conserve, restore and enhance wetlands and aquatic species in Wisconsin. Please see the attached for more information. The application and RFP announcement will be posted on the DNR website soon at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wetlands/restoration.html>.

This announcement initiates a rolling request for proposals for this funding source. DNR will be reviewing applications annually each spring, shortly after applicable USFWS grants are awarded (e.g. National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership, see attached). For more information, contact Jessica Collier at [Jessica\\_Collier@fws.gov](mailto:Jessica_Collier@fws.gov) or by phone at 920-866-1728.

### Joint Solicitation for Groundwater Research and Monitoring

The State of Wisconsin invites proposals for scientific research that advances our understanding and management of Wisconsin groundwater. Recorded informational webinar and details available at <https://www.wri.wisc.edu/opportunities/state-of-wisconsin-joint-solicitation/>.

## Job Opportunities

### Stream Restoration Manager, Trout Unlimited

Trout Unlimited is hiring a Stream Restoration Manager to lead coldwater habitat projects throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula. More information on the position can be found through [this link](#).



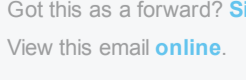
### Community Development Planner, Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Northwest Regional Planning Commission is the regional planning agency for ten counties in northwest Wisconsin. This position is responsible for assisting local governments with developing community and regional plans including recreation, land use, environmental, transportation, and other planning related activities such as grant writing and economic development. More information on the position can be found through [this link](#).

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