

Wisconsin River Citizen Group Summit – agenda

Schmeckle Reserve, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 1-5pm

- 1:00 Welcome  
*Denny Caneff, River Alliance of Wisconsin executive director*
- 1:15 Group Introductions  
*All groups*
- 1:25 Wisconsin River Snapshot: Then and Now  
*Bob Martini, retired WDNR rivers coordinator*  
The Wisconsin River “then;” how regulation cleaned it up; why citizen groups are important in preventing “backsliding”  
*Scott Provost, WDNR water resources management specialist*  
The Wisconsin River “now;” an update on current water quality improvement efforts and the central role citizen groups have played
- 2:00 Group Policy Successes, Organizational Challenges  
*All groups*  
Groups each share one water quality success story and one organizational challenge that they are facing
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Interacting Effectively with Elected Officials, and Generating Some “Asks”  
*Denny Caneff*  
Ways to facilitate good interactions with legislators; group session to develop policy reforms and suggestions that promote a clean Wisconsin River
- 4:15 Engaging with Your Legislators: Delivering Policy Ideas to Lawmakers  
*All groups – conversation with state legislators from Wisconsin River districts*  
Participants present legislators with messages generated in previous session
- 5:00 Wrap up

