

Agenda Amended: 10/10/23

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Mississippi River Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda
October 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mississippi River Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will convene at 6:30 pm on October 11, 2023, via Zoom to review the agenda below. Please log on to the meeting at 6:15 pm so that we can assist with any technical difficulties before the meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

Meetings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress are public meetings and open to participation by any member of the public. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84948878143> to join the Zoom meeting or call in using 1-877-853-5257 (Meeting ID: 84948878143#).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. Organizational Matters

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Agenda approval or repair
- D. Review committee mission statement:

Within and to the support of Wisconsin Conservation Congress process; it is the mission of the Mississippi River Committee (MRC) to advise the Wisconsin NRB and Department of Natural Resources on issues, rules, or policies which affect the river and/or other associated natural resources.

The MRC strives to stay acquainted with current river resource management; the science in support or opposition to that management; and with public opinion thereof. The MRC encourages river management agencies to seek public participation in management decisions or policy. Influence stemming from the MRC shall be generated with greatest intentions toward long term benefits to all fish and wildlife resources; and with an emphasis toward preserving public access and harvest of game resources, (i.e., preserving outdoor heritage activities of hunting, fishing, and trapping).

E. Public comments

*Citizens who wish to address the committee should contact the committee chair (**Michael Britton at 715-234-0096**) prior to **October 09, 2023**.*

II. Information & Action Items

- A. Citizen Resolutions
 1. Restrict Guided Ice Fishing with Airboats ([060123](#))
 2. Fishing guide client safety ([420223](#))
- B. Department information items & updates
 1. DNR Fisheries updates – Jordan Weeks
 2. Law enforcement update – Bob Jumbeck
 3. Mississippi River Water Quality – Shawn Giblin
 - a. Rising nitrogen concentration in the Mississippi River.
 - b. Loss of water depth in the backwaters (sedimentation).
 - c. Restoring backwater connectivity.
- C. USFWS – Tim Miller
- D. US Army Corp of Engineers

- E. Update on Navigation Ecosystem Sustainability Program
- F. River system impacts of 2023 flood/drought.
- G. Update on Mississippi River Restoration Program
- H. Invasive Species Update
- I. Surface water use impacts
- J. Status of fish overwintering areas
- K. Status of Mississippi River floodplain forest
- L. Sauger recruitment. 15" size minimum to recruit the Sauger population.
- M. [Holding a YCC event on the Mississippi River—Reed Kabelowsky \(added 10/10/23\)](#)

III. Member Matters

IV. Adjournment

Give Us Your Feedback:

Following your committee meeting, please take the time to complete the WCC Advisory Committee Evaluation Form and provide leadership with input and feedback on how well the committee functioned.

Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html> and click on Advisory Committee Evaluation Form under Delegate Resources.

Committee Chair and Vice Chair:

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NOTE: Per the WCC Code of Procedures VII.J.3, committee members must notify the committee chair or vice-chair no less than 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting to confirm your attendance.