

Zebra Mussel Forum

With new populations of zebra mussels being found in NW Wisconsin residents and decision-makers are concerned about the effects zebra mussels will have on our water resources.

The Zebra Mussel Forum will cover a range of topics and case studies including:

- zebra mussel establishment, growth, and impacts to the ecosystem
- local decontamination actions to stop the spread of zebra mussels
- zebra mussel monitoring
- zebra mussel control research
- zebra mussel management options for Wisconsin

Forum Agenda

All times include presentation and time for questions/answers

9:00 Introduction and Microsoft Teams Overview

9:05 Introduction to Zebra Mussels

Establishment, Population Growth, and Impacts:

Maureen Kalscheur, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

10:05 Zebra Mussel Impacts on Fisheries

Greg Matzke, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

10:35 Break

10:40 Decontamination in NW Wisconsin

Decontamination Ordinance:

Lisa Burns, Washburn County Land & Water Conservation (10)

Lipsett Lake Pressure Washer Station:

Bob Baker, Lipsett Lake Association (20)

Bone Lake CD3 Station:

Cary Olson, Bone Lake Management District (20)

Indianhead Pro Muskie Tournament Decontamination Outreach:

Colton Sorensen, Polk County Land and Water Resources (10)

11:40 McKenzie Lakes Prevention Efforts: CBCW and Signage

Sandy Swanson, McKenzie Lakes Association

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Zebra Mussel Monitoring

AIS CLMN Monitoring for Zebra Mussels:

Paul Skawinski, UWEX-Lakes (15)

St. Croix Watershed Veliger Tow Project:

Marian Shaffer, National Park Service (15)

1:15 Zebra Mussel Control Research

Angelique Dahlberg, Ph.D. University of Minnesota

2:15 Zebra Mussel Management Options for Wisconsin

Tyler Mesalk, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

3:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn



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Virtual Microsoft Teams

Meeting opens at 8:45 a.m.

Forum Access

To receive the Microsoft Teams Meeting access information, email

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The Zebra Mussel Forum is presented by:

Balsam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Bone Lake Management District

Burnett County Land Services Department

Deer Lake Conservancy

Deer Lake Improvement Association

Harmony Environmental

Lake Wapogasset & Bear Trap Lake Improvement Association

Lake Wapogasset & Bear Trap Lake Sanitary District

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