

**Lower Menominee River Area of Concern
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 24, 2013
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. CST

Participating: Mark Erickson (Co-Chair), Jenny Short (WPSC), Brian Bartoszek (WPSC), Ben Uvaas (WDNR), Keith West (UW-Marquette), Trygve Rhude (Chappee Rapids Audubon), Sharon Baker (MDEQ), Michael Cramer (City of Menominee), Gail Clark (M&M GLSF), Tammie Paoli (WDNR)

Action Items

1. Ben will bring a copy of the new AOC display to the next CAC meeting and hand it off to Mark, Keith, or Trygve for exhibition at community buildings
2. Ben will ask CAC members to indicate their availability/interest in a spring waterfront cleanup, and select the best date possible
3. Trygve will report back to the group on potential for CAC/AOC involvement in the Bird City USA event
4. Keith will provide further details, including potential CAC involvement in the spring Lake Michigan Stakeholders Meeting in Marinette
5. Ben will ask the City of Marinette if they're interested in permanent outreach signage at 6th Street or Boom Landing on the sediment remediation projects
6. Sharon and Ben will request the fish passage partnership to develop a press release for the start of construction this season
7. Sharon and Ben will distribute minutes and develop an agenda for the next meeting

Monthly TYCO Sediment Remediation Update – Jim Cox absent, no TYCO update

Monthly WPSC Sediment Remediation Update – Jenny Short & Brian Bartoszek

- All coal has been removed
 - 25% more material was removed than anticipated
 - Some residual PAHs remain near cofferdam near Nest Egg Marine in the bedrock
 - A cap has been proposed, EPA is reviewing it
- Site Restoration
 - Shoreline vegetation will be re-established in spring
 - Outfall structure will be replaced
 - Reactive carbon mat down as barrier near former slough outfall
 - Asphalt repairs will be made, if needed, in spring
- Upland remediation
 - Remedial investigation has been submitted to EPA
 - Upland remediation will follow as needed
- Habitat restoration
 - Will re-establish upland vegetation
 - Not rebuilding sheet walls; will use rock riprap
 - Discussions ongoing with Brian Miller-Marquette
 - Nest Egg Marine has requested sheet wall placement along its property, approximately 85' of shoreline
 - WPSC is negotiating with Nest Egg, and may provide a cost share

- Post remediation depth
 - If cap is approved as proposed, final depths will be approximately 6-8'
 - Exact bathymetry can be shared once it's available
- Boat launch should be functional after ice-out

Planning CAC Activities for 2013

- Keith will reserve meeting room for third Thursday of each month, 7-9pm central
- Signage and displays
 - Kiosks-Ben and Sharon are working with Chad Cook and the City of Marinette on kiosk development and installation
 - Menekaunee Harbor kiosk timeline for installation uncertain
 - Indoor display-see example in room
 - Sharon to bring one next time she travel to Menominee
 - Mark, Trygve, and Keith indicated that they would be happy to take the display to different places: city halls, college, libraries
- 2013 Waterfront Cleanup?
 - Strong interest from those attending
 - Need to select a date
 - Earth Day Saturday, April 20th
 - Participant appreciation and other supplies on hand
 - Require support for trash disposal
- AOC Video
 - Shooting footage in summer of 2013
 - Interviews will be requested from CAC members, not mandatory
 - Highlighting unique attributes of the Lower Menominee AOC
- Marinette is now a designated a "Bird City USA"
 - Chappée Rapids Audubon to hold celebratory event, an outreach opportunity for the CAC
- Lake Michigan Stakeholders Spring Meeting
 - Group hoping to hold a meeting at UW-Marinette, May 22
 - Expecting ~60 participants
- Post remediation outreach
 - Letter from CAC
 - Cannot establish signage at SF sites (question from last month)
 - Will ask cities if they are interested
 - SF sites usually have a marker/monument noting the work
- Fish consumption advisory assessment ongoing
- Fish Passage Update-Ben and Sharon
 - Phases 1 & 2 work to begin this summer:
 - Downstream passage at Park Mill dam installing an angled bar rack and chute
 - Upstream passage at Menominee Dam installing the lift and sort station
 - Downstream at Menominee-2014
 - F & W posters at City Halls
 - Kiosk at fishing area-3 years out
- Dredging
 - Should we keep monthly updates? Yes!
 - WPSC plans to continue updates until restored
- Fish consumption-

- WDNR collecting fish for the MDEQ fish contaminant monitoring program to complete the 2012 collection needs
- GLNPO sediments team is expecting to sample sediments in the Upper Scott Flowage in 2013
- Refining Fish & Wildlife Habitat and Pops. Management Plan
 - We need to develop a focused list of habitat projects needing completion in order to remove these BUIs
 - EPA wants to see this before providing significant habitat related funding to avoid a “moving target”
 - Above and below the dams
 - Reliance on which species the fish biologist feel have habitat limitations
 - Plan target restorations for those species
 - Emphasis should be placed on fish populations and habitat
 - Habitat restoration after arsenic contaminated sediments removed
 - Discussed value and costs of arsenic removal and benthic habitat improvements between the current cleanup criteria of 50ppm and the final target of 20ppm
 - Discussed reconnection between south channel and Menekaunee Harbor

Agency Updates

- Title/deed search progress or results
 - Sharon explained the Bay Abstract was having difficulty completing the project due to inadequate information from City
 - Mike Crammer-City of Menominee explained that he thought that Bay Title would be doing the work not his staff.
 - Strawberry Islands BLM-will remain undeveloped
 - Blueberry Islands NAH-will manage as a natural area as part of the FERC
- Michigan PAC Support Grants
 - Out soon
 - Need a fiduciary-working to develop a briefing for Marinette/Menominee Community Foundation to explain CAC need so the subject can be placed before board
- 2012 RAP Update posted online, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/greatlakes/documents/RAP-UpdateLMR2012final.pdf>
- PCB TMDL meeting February 7th. Call in line will be available.

Public Comment, Other News

- Keith and Mark participated at the NEW North Summit in Appleton, WI discussing the Menominee AOC and CAC. The event was well attended and offered a unique networking opportunity. The CAC should keep an eye out for other similar community outreach opportunities.

Identify Future Agenda Items & Meeting Date

- February meeting, 3rd Thursday, February 21
- Habitat recommendations from Fish Data Roundup project
- MI PAC support grants
 - Invasives control on islands
 - Ben has prepared a proposal for this

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