

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

June 27, 2013

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. CDT

Call in # 888-363-4734 Passcode # 5805677

Geography/Geology Classroom, UW-Marinette YMCA/Max E. Peterson Field House
Corner of University Drive and Shore Drive, Marinette, Wisconsin
([Google Maps link](#))

***Participating**

Mark Erickson (Co-Chair), Steve Zander (Co-Chair), Jim Cox (Tyco), Larry Wilson (Tyco), Jenny Short (WPSC), Ben Uvaas (WDNR), Keith West (UW-Marinette), Nancy Douglas (City of Menominee), Jon Kukuk (NestEgg Marine), Matt James (citizen), Betsy James (citizen)

*Technical difficulties prohibited conference call participation

Monthly Tyco Sediment Remediation Update – Jim Cox & Larry Wilson

Dredging continues around the clock Monday through Saturday, and is just over 25% complete with 63,600 cubic yards removed from the river. With roughly 40% of the dredging season over the project could be seen as behind schedule, but Wilson expects that the percentage difference will shrink as work continues since the current production rate is much higher than when dredging began. Over 80,000 tons have been processed, of which 67,000 tons have been disposed of at the landfill. Up to 230 trucks are leaving the site daily, and the onsite wastewater treatment plant has treated nearly 1.7M gallons of water. The onsite lab has tested and analyzed over 1,000 samples. Operations have been able to accommodate other's use of the turning basin, which was used twice in June.

- Q** When will dredging take place in federal navigation channel?
A Dredging is taking place there now and has been for perhaps a week.
- Q** Does the trucking route include the Highway 41 bridge?
A No. Disposal and product deliver should not be using the interstate bridge. Trucking companies have signed a contract with Tyco to use the specified trucking route over the Ogden Street bridge only.
- Q** Has the dry ferric sulfate (for treatment of sediment) supply issue been resolved?
A Yes. Tyco is maintaining stockpiles in Marinette, Menominee, and Green Bay while continuing to explore additional storage locations.
- Q** Is debris still an issue?
A Significant amounts of wood debris is still encountered in the river, but isn't negatively affecting production like it did in 2012.
- Q** Will Tyco be able to meet the November deadline?
A Hopefully. Wilson expressed optimism and confidence in the improved remediation process, but acknowledged that it is a tight timeline.

Monthly WPSC Sediment Remediation Update

WPSC has completed any remaining parking lot and vegetation restoration at Boom Landing. Monitoring of the sand cover continues. WPSC is waiting for approval of the monitoring plan from EPA, otherwise the project is complete. The CAC thanked WPSC for completing the work and contributing towards the restoration of the AOC.

- Q** Do you know when EPA will approve the monitoring plan?

A Not at this time. Uvaas will follow up with WDNR, EPA, and Bartoszek.

Menominee River AOC Video – Uvaas, WDNR

The video filming crew will be in Marinette July 31st - August 2nd. Committee members suggested booking rooms soon, as all local hotels will fill up on account of the dredging and Waterfront Festival. Uvaas described the general outline for the video including “who, where, and what”, and requested feedback from the committee. Video themes include: partnerships, remediation to redevelopment, bringing people to the waterfront, the CAC’s role, and restoration’s benefits to the environment. The draft interview list is:

- Brian Miller or Mayor of Marinette at Menekaunee Harbor
- Jon Kukuk at NestEgg Marine
 - It may be interesting to do a dual interview here, including WPSC, to help show the partnership theme
- Mark Erickson and Nancy Douglas at the Waterfront Festival
- Trygve Rhude along Seagull Bar

Zander also offered to do an interview if requested. CAC member’s suggested working with the M&M GLSF to film from the river or shoot an interview on the fishery. Douglas added that she will contact Senator Carl Levin’s Escanaba staffer and inquire about senator Levin’s interest in participating in the video. The CAC also suggested a variety of B-roll including: The Menominee Lighthouse, Menominee Dam tailrace, River Park Campground, Strawberry Island, and people using the river

Island Rookery Habitat Restoration – Uvaas, WDNR for Baker, MDEQ

Baker could not participate due to conference call technical difficulties. Uvaas confirmed that the Great Lakes Commission will be managing the funding for this project. Several weeks ago a team met to further refine the project scope. The Commission is currently using that scope to develop the bid request, which will be released in early July. The CAC instructed Uvaas to exclude them from the contractor selection process, but would like to help promote the project. Prior to work starting on the Islands, the CAC will contact Penny Mullins with the Eagle Herald to inquire about a special report on the project.

Agency Updates, Public Comment, and Other News

2013 Waterfront Cleanup - Uvaas inspected several commonly used sites around the AOC for garbage, and found that most site only had smaller amounts of litter. The CAC agreed that the AOC may not require a community waterfront cleanup event in 2013. Uvaas will follow up with the City of Marinette about a mattress along the shore near Riverside Ave.

Fish Passage Update – (see handout) Fish passage project partners are working together to finalize the settlement agreement. Significant construction on phases 1-3 has most likely been delayed until 2014.

Summer SPAC Meeting – Uvaas passed around the event flyer for the summer SPAC meeting July 10-11 in Muskegon, MI. No members of the CAC were interested and able to attend the meeting at the time.

Logging and Heritage Festival - Uvaas passed around the event flyer for the Logging and Heritage Festival July 12-14 in Marinette. West, Zander, and Erickson expressed interest in presenting the display for at least part of the event. West will send a follow up e-mail to coordinate the effort.

Menominee Waterfront Festival – There was only limited interest in presenting the display at the Waterfront Festival. Erickson will work to have the display setup at Spies Public Library (adjacent to these festival grounds) after the logging and Heritage Festival.

Identify Future Agenda Items & Meeting Date

The group agreed to cancel the July meeting. Please hold August 15th for the next CAC meeting. Send proposed agenda items to Uvaas or Baker.

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Online Resources

EPA – <http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/aoc/menominee/index.html>

MDEQ – http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_3677_15430_57388---,00.html

UW-Extension – <http://fyi.uwex.edu/aocs/>

WDNR – <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/greatlakes/menominee.html>