

Lake Superior Commons March 2021

March Events



Lake Superior Collaborative Virtual Symposium Theme: Adapting for a Healthy and Sustainable Lake Superior Friday, March 12, 8:30am-12:00 PM

This symposium is for organizations & individuals interested in networking with others working on conservation, public engagement, & climate adaptation projects in the Lake Superior basin of Wisconsin. Registration is free. This event features:

- Lightning Talks
- Networking opportunities
- Breakout discussions
- ... and more!

Information & Registration

March 3, 8:00-9:30 AM CT | Great Lakes Day

The 2021 Great Lakes Day Congressional Reception will feature remarks on Great Lakes priorities by regional leaders and members of Congress who play a critical role in shaping Great Lakes policies. Register in advance.

March 3, 2:00-3:30 PM CT | Winter on the Great Lakes: Ice, Evaporation, and Water Level Impacts

What do low-ice winters mean for Great Lakes water levels? Does this mean evaporation increases and lake levels decline? Does ice cover protect or hurt coastal shorelines and marinas? Leading researchers and practitioners will explain the rather complicated interactions of ice, evaporation and water levels impacts in the Great Lakes. Register here.



Panelists (from L to R): Allison Devereaux, Biidaabankwe Sierra Clark, Meghanlata Gupta, & Will Cushman

March 4, 2:00-3:30 CT - Crafting a Story: Journalist Perspectives on Media Storytelling

This webinar is part of the <u>Science Communication Strategies for a Changing Lake</u> <u>Superior series</u>. From podcasts to print news, there is an abundance of outlets and means of sharing your work. Attendees will hear from a panel of media experts on how to create engaging and inclusive stories for public audiences. Panelists include:

- Allison Devereaux, host & producer of Unsalted podcast
- Biidaabankwe Sierra Clark, reporter for The Traverse City Record Eagle
- Meghanlata Gupta, Founder and Lead Editor of Indigenizing the News
- Will Cushman, Science Writer & Associate Editor at PBS Wisconsin





March 11 - Lake Superior Events

Wisconsin Water Week includes a day of Lake Superior speakers and panels. Session topics include:

- Keynote: Sustaining Lake Superior: Hope for the Future in a Warming World
- Climate, outdoor recreation, & tourism
- Friends-of-the-water community-led groups
- Cultivating sustainable agriculture
- Ma'iingan (wolf) ecology & culture
- Superior makers, artists, & appreciation
- Green infrastructure & resilience

View full the schedule-of-events & register.



Dr. Nancy Langston, Lake Superior keynote speaker & author of Sustaining Lake Superior

March 10th, 16th, & 18th, 12:00-2:30 PM CT - Managing Harmful Algal Blooms in Tribal Waters Webinar Series

This three-part webinar series focuses on the impacts of marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms (HABs) and their toxins in tribal communities. Listen to and talk with Tribes from across the country about their experiences addressing the impacts of HABs and their toxins in fresh and marine waters. Learn about strategies to build tribal capacity for effectively collecting baseline data on HABs. Register here.

March 24 & 25, 2:00-4:00 PM CT - The

Message Box: Communicating Your Science Effectively

This two-part, interactive workshop is part of the Science Communication Strategies for a Changing Lake Superior series. Whether you're engaging with community members, journalists, distilling the latest



report, policymakers, or just explaining what you do on a virtual happy hour, this workshop will help you communicate clearly, concisely, and compellingly. Register here.

Lake Superior Scenic Byway receives national designation

The Wisconsin Lake Superior Scenic Byway was recently designated a National Scenic Byway by the Federal Highway Administration. Visit lakesuperiorbyway.org to learn more.



In the News



Job Opportunities

Lake Superior Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, View position description & apply.

Climate Change Specialist, Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, View position description & apply.

J. Philip Keillor Fellow, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program & Wisconsin Sea Grant, View position description & apply.

Aquatic Resources Field Technician, Trout Unlimited, View position description <u>& apply.</u>

Northern Wisconsin Project Coordinator, Trout Unlimited, View position description & apply.

Conservation Field Technician, Iron County, View position description & apply.

Lake Technician, Iron County, View position description & apply.

Spring Events

April 7 & April 14 | Using iNaturalist & the Great Lakes **BioBlitz to Enhance Your Curriculum**

Join Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grant for a two-session workshop series that integrates nature observation with art, cultural appreciation, geography, math, writing, biology & more. Open to any formal, non-formal, or informal educator in Minnesota or Wisconsin. Space is limited. Register by March 24.

April 5 - May 24 | Online Adaptation Planning and Practices for Recreation

This unique opportunity provides free hands-on training in considering climate change information and identifying adaptation actions for outdoor recreation management. Participants will receive coaching and feedback on their own realworld climate adaptation project throughout the course. Applications accepted until March 15.

Funding

Smart Great Lakes Mini Grant Program - Great Lakes Observing System

This program will advance the development and deployment of smart technologies to improve the monitoring of Great Lakes ecological health, effective data management, and the creation of information tools that serve stakeholders' needs. **Applications are due March 12.**

Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant Program - Great Lakes Commission

Nonfederal units of government, tribes, or incorporated nonprofit organizations are eligible to receive assistance for reducing phosphorus contributions to waters within the Great Lakes basin and other efforts to achieve measures of progress under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III. Sediment and nutrient reduction activities can be associated with one of three project types: 1) agricultural non-point; 2) stormwater; and 3) Great Lakes shoreline or streambanks. Applications are due on April 16, 2021.

Wisconsin DNR - Multiple Grant Opportunities

Applications for the following grants will be accepted through May 1, 2021:

- Knowles-Nelson Stewardship local assistance grant programs
- Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks
- Urban Green Space grants
- Urban Rivers grants
- Acquisition of Development Rights
- Federal recreation grant programs
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Recreational Trails Program

Survey input needed

Indiana University and the Army Corps are conducting a survey throughout the Great Lakes watershed to assess communities' risk, vulnerability, and resilience to climate events. The goal of this study is to identify communities at high-risk from storm and climate impacts in the Great Lakes region. Take the survey.

The Lake Superior Collaborative was formed to facilitate collaboration and coordination among the governmental and non-governmental organizations and academic institutions that work to protect and restore natural resources in Wisconsin's Lake Superior Basin.

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