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The State of Lake Policy in Wisconsin - A Legislative Update from Wisconsin Lakes

The Delavan Club Clubhouse
Delavan, WI

December 5, 2014 - 7:00pm

Wisconsin Wetlands

Association Annual Confernece

La Crosse, WI

February 18-20, 2014

Red Cedar Conference

UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI

March 13, 2014

Wisconsin Lakes

Partnership Convention

Stevens Point, WI

April 24-26, 2014

The eLake Letter

November 23, 2013

Wisconsin Lakes announces new executive director, also hires Membership & Development Director

Michael Engleson drops interim title to stay on as full-time E.D.; David Pausch joins as membership & development director

Wisconsin Lakes is pleased to make two major staffing announcements.

First, the Board of Directors appointed Michael Engleson as full-time Executive Director. Mike has served as Interim E.D. since July, and since 2008 filled the role of Communications & Membership Director for the organization. "Mike has served non-profits both as staff and in leadership roles on their boards for nearly fifteen years and is experienced in fund-raising, finances, policy, communications, and outreach," said Board President Mary

Knipper. "The Board and I are confident he will be a strong and capable leader of Wisconsin Lakes."

Joining Mike and current Education Director Susan Tesarik is Membership & Development Director David Pausch. Dave comes to Wisconsin Lakes most recently from the UW School of Education alumni relations department, and has worked as a fundraiser for a number of non-profit organizations in the environment and the arts, including the River Alliance of Wisconsin.

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DNR Proposes Changes to AIS, Lake, and River Grant Programs

Public comments on the changes, which affect grant deadlines in several programs, will be accepted until Dec 2, 2014

The Department of Natural Resources recently announced a proposal to streamline a number of grant programs by changing the deadlines for proposals as well as simplifying the reporting requirements.

New deadlines would include:

- A single fall deadline for AIS grants, and a single winter deadline for Lake Planning grants (currently these programs have two deadlines per year),
- The Lake Protection grant deadline would move from spring to winter, and
- River Planning and Protection grant deadlines would move from spring to



Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference

Drummond, WI
June 20, 2014

Recent posts from
[The Lakes Policy Blog](#)

The Lakes Policy Blog has been on hiatus, as we prepare for the move to a new site, with a new name. Watch for news on The Landing, coming soon!

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fall.

The new timetable would spread staff work on the grants more evenly through the year, and allow staff more time in the field in the spring and summer. "These proposals are part of our efforts to improve the grant process for the applicants and for DNR staff and to get these projects going more quickly," said DNR Lake & Rivers Section Chief Carroll Schaal.

DNR will be accepting public comments on the proposed changes until Dec 2, 2014. For more information and instructions on how to submit comments, click [here](#).

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The State of Lake Policy In Wisconsin

A free conversation on current and future lake policy before the Wisconsin Legislature, with lobbyist John Keckhaver and executive director Michael Engleson

December 5, 2014 ~ 7:00pm

**Delavan Club Clubhouse
1510 N Delavan Club Blvd
Delavan WI**

*This event is **free**. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.*

[Click here to register.](#)



Join new Wisconsin Lakes Executive Director Michael Engleson and lobbyist John Keckhaver for an evening of information and analysis of legislation related to lakes under consideration by the Wisconsin Legislature. Get the inside news on bills that moved through the legislature in 2013, and hear about what else might be on the horizon in 2014. Be a part of this lively discussion of present, past, and future policies impacting lakes.

POLICY UPDATE NOW: Can't attend the event, or want some info right now?

Read this [special policy update edition of The Landing, the Wisconsin Lakes blog](#) (we have so much info to put into this eLake, we're sending you to the blog to catch up on policy!).

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Time to name your choice for lake steward

Lake Stewardship Nominations now open until Feb. 7

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership presents the **Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship Awards** each year in celebration of the extraordinary volunteer and professional efforts made to protect and improve lakes in Wisconsin. The Stewardship Awards represent our best collective effort to honor and celebrate all the incredible work that goes into ensuring the future of our state's legacy of lakes.

Nomination materials are available on wisconsinlakes.org (click [here](#)), with nominations due by Feb 7, 2014.

The Awards will once again be handed out at a banquet at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention in Stevens Point, in April of 2014.

Other Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention deadlines:

The **Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention** will be held this coming April 24-

26, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. With the convention returning to Stevens Point for the first time in several years, this year's theme is "Back to the Point".

As in the past, the Convention will feature a **Poster Session** with displays on innovative projects and intriguing research. Submissions for posters are due Feb 17, 2014.

Also back for 2014 is the popular **Photography Contest**. Photo entries are due April 1, 2014.

For information on the poster session and photography contest, visit the [Convention's web page](#) from our friends at UW-Extension Lakes, and we hope to see you in Stevens Point!

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Other Lake News & Notes

In case you didn't hear - a new view on invasive species. Scientists Gretchen Hansen of DNR and Jake Vander Zanden of UW-Madison appeared on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Larry Meiller Show", discussing a study showing, contrary to popular wisdom, that invasive species typically don't completely overtake a habitat when introduced. Listen to the archived show [here](#).

Citizen Monitoring Grant recipients announced. Twenty-one Wisconsin organizations and projects will receive funding from the DNR to support volunteer-based programs that help carry out natural resources monitoring projects including monitoring shorelines and aquatic invasive species, observing and tracking wintering birds and conserving the bumble bee population in Wisconsin. Read more, [here](#).

Comments sought on economic impact of proposed changes to invasive species rule. Businesses, developers, scientists and citizens have through Dec. 31 to submit comments on the potential economic impact of proposed changes to a state rule to prevent the introduction of new invasive species to Wisconsin and to control or eradicate those here but not yet established. Read more, [here](#)

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