

## Speaker / Topic Ideas from 2007 Evaluations

### Fish & Wildlife

- "Stocking walleyes to achieve great fisheries" - Mike Staggs.
- When, where, & how fish are bred, raised, released - also who chooses locations, who makes decisions, can WAL affect decisions.
- VHS fish virus update.
- (3) Try to get Laura Erickson again. Would like to hear her presentation.
- Turtles & marsh birds and migratory waterfowl in the lakes.
- Reptiles - where are they going? Why are there so many lakes with declining walleye reproduction?
- Cooperation between lake orgs and fishing groups (case study).

### Lake Health

- Lake wide restoration studies, shoreland restoration - are we changing the culture of lake people.
- Sources of phosphorus in water - do fireworks over water contribute to the problem? How much?
- (2) Septic systems in lake areas - what kind are acceptable in Wisconsin.
- When will the right methods of beach and frontage management become the rule of the land? When will violators of the rules be held responsible? There is no bench mark reference to tell what a landowner has done on a year to year advance of shoreline urbanization. The slow or fast attrition of defoliation and sandy beaches on lake frontage without seeds (good or bad). Stop the progress.
- Permaculture for lakeshore owners.
- Finding common ground between lake, river, forest users to promote preservation and enhancement of our resources; protection of natural habitats through land purchases and trust development.
- All methods of treating EWM or any invasive species.
- Rain gardens
- Procedures for agencies to contact to eradicate known invasive infestations.
- Effects of big motors on small lakes (should be Sorge)
- Let's talk about phosphorus. Town perspective.

### Lake Ecology

- Lake ecology - a more detailed look from the base of the food chain to top predators to phytoplankton to zoo plankton to macrophytes, aquatic insects and other invertebrates. Encourage ecosystem management. This requires that we consider the negative impacts of management options on the entire ecosystem. More air conditioning.
- Remote sensing, trophic status, Index (TSI).
- Global warming & lakes
- More watershed topics.
- Lake levels - how to control the water level.
- I think Dave should come back for Geology or Shoreline Ecology again.

### Political/ Law /Economy

- Political advocacy for conservation - involve the DNR upper management / Governor's office / politicians (WI Senate and Assembly).
- Law enforcement of our lakes, more on zoning law.
- Easement - responsibilities and rights of?
- Invite Chamber of Commerce and Tourism people & have sessions about the financial benefits of healthy lakes.
- Lake & stream classification info - successful? Useful? To zoning officials, etc.?
- Talks on private property regulations, building permits, codes, etc.
- Effects of personal watercraft on lakes / importance of state rivers on economy.
- The impact that our housing and personal management has on our lakes.
- Dept of Tourism and Chamber of Commerce - Their responsibility for caring for our lakes.
- Taxes and tax breaks for caretakers.

- Enforcement - who does what (DNR vs. County Sheriff).
- GLFWC?

### **Lake Org/ Groups**

- I would like to see a standing committee organized between two state organizations (WAL and WWOA - WI Woodland Owners Assn) plus DNR and UWEX to implement a strategy to get more youth and young adults involved in lake and forest issues.
- How to get information out to the general public.
- Grant availability for lakes - DNR & other & how to apply, etc. A great deal of information, but to some degree it is preaching to the choir. Would like to see more actionable solutions on things that we can do, not just information but action we can take on the information.
- Knowledge of management grants.
- fund raising ideas for lake associations
- Ways to get lake citizens involved in lake matters.
- Renew focus on young people.
- How to keep your lake association interested & active. List of topics - speakers for lake association meetings.
- (2) Volunteer burn-out, Youth involvement.
- AIS grants / lake planning grants.

### **Other**

- Motivational speakers - someone to keep me going.
- Keep changing topics so next year there are new subjects.
- Pontoon classroom - Instructor sites have tall flags to mark where they are on the lake.