

Shallow Lakes Forum III - Agenda

April 5th

9:00 am Shallow Lakes Forum III - The Bigger Picture

Shannon Fisher, Water Resources Center (MSU) & MN River Board

9:10 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Harlan Madsen, Kandiyohi County Board & Association of MN Counties

Session A: Current and Future Status of Wetlands and Shallow Lakes

Moderator - Peder Otterson, MN Department of Natural Resources

9:25 am The Importance of Wetlands to Shallow Lake Management Strategies

Nicole Hansel-Welch, MN Department of Natural Resources

9:45 am Restorable Wetland Inventory and Strategic Management Tools

Rex Johnson, US Fish and Wildlife Service

10:05 am Break

10:30 am Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Assessment

Dave Weirens, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources

10:50 am Global Climate Change and the Future of Prairie Pothole Wetlands and Shallow Lakes

Carter Johnson, South Dakota State University

11:30 am Open Discussion - Question and Answer Session for the morning presenters

11:45 am Lunch

Session B: Landscapes, People, and Drainage Management - Shallow Lake Implications

Moderator - Mark Jacobs, MN Pollution Control Agency

12:45 pm Changing Demographics in Minnesota: Implications for Natural Resources

Tom Gillaspay, MN State Demographic Center

1:20 pm Reflection of Land Use, Farming, and Federal Policy in Shallow Lake Quality

Tim Gieseke, The MN Project

1:40 pm Using Paleocology to Establish Reference Conditions in Shallow Minnesota Lakes

Mark Edlund, Science Museum of MN & St. Croix Watershed Research Station

2:00 pm Shallow Lake Nutrient Criteria Development:

Implications for TMDLs and Shallow Lake Management

Steve Heiskary, MN Pollution Control Agency

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Session C: Stakeholder Cooperation - Working Together and Program Implementation

Moderator - Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited Inc.

- 8:00 am The Media, Conservation, and Public Opinion: Why Some Care and Others Don't
Chris Niskanen, Pioneer Press
- 8:30 am Minnesota River Citizen Survey, Grass Roots Efforts, and Working Together
Scott Sparlin, Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River and
Lori Nelson, Friend of the Minnesota Valley
- 8:50 am Teamwork Approaches in Watershed Management Techniques
Joe Montonye, Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District
- 9:10 am Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and USFWS Easement Landscape Impacts
Sheldon Myerchin, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 9:30 am US Department of Agriculture Programs
Tim Koehler, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 9:50 am Minnesota's Working Lands Initiative
Ray Norrgard, MN Department of Natural Resources
- 10:10 am Break

Session D: Watershed Management to Protect Our Shallow Lakes - Living by Example

Moderator - Tom Fischer, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources

- 10:35 am Wetland Restoration for Water Quality, Habitat, and Drainage Management
Kevin Kuehner, Brown-Nicollet-Cottonwood Water Quality Board
Brian Williams, MN Department of Agriculture
- 11:00 am Roads And Runoff: The Highway 23 Experience
Skip Wright and Bruce Gilbertson, MN Department of Natural Resources
- 11:25 am Lake Shaokatan Restoration and Yellow Medicine TMDL Implementation
Terry Renken and Dave Schuler, Yellow Medicine Watershed District
- 11:50 am Clean Water Cabinet Update and Agency Perspectives
Ron Harnack, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources
- 12:15 Closing Remarks and Shallow Lake Forum IV
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