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Widening the Horizons of Restoration

October 29 & 30
Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center

Last Day to Register for Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium October 21st

Join the Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium 2024, a two-day event dedicated to sharing, discussing, and collaborating on conservation, restoration, and climate-adaptive projects in the Lake Superior Basin of Wisconsin. This symposium offers professionals the opportunity to network, exchange project updates, and engage in action planning for the future of restoration efforts. [Learn more about the Symposium here.](#)

[Register Here](#)

News & Updates

[Quarterly Climate Impacts and Outlook for the Great Lakes Region for June–August 2024.](#)



From June to August 2024, the **Great Lakes Significant Events** report highlights key drought conditions and water levels across the region. This update provides valuable information on climate trends affecting the Great Lakes, helping guide ongoing efforts in water resource management and conservation. [Read the full report here](#)

[Record 1,800 sturgeon released into St. Louis River](#)



At the end of September community members helped release nearly 1,800 young lake sturgeon into the St. Louis River near Brookston, Minnesota. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa invited the community to help with the stocking event as part of a continuing effort to reestablish the species where it once occurred naturally. [Read the full story by the Pine Journal.](#)

Upcoming Events & Trainings

Great Lakes Wolf Symposium

The Great Lakes Wolf Symposium provides an opportunity for researchers and other wildlife professionals to share research and knowledge regarding wolves in the Great Lakes region. The geographic scope of the conference is regional and centered on the Great Lakes region, including states, Tribes, and provinces that are within or adjacent to current wolf range.



Date: October 15–17, 2024

[Register Here](#)

Science on Tap at the Alley!

Dr. Tom Fitz returns to Science on Tap with an engaging presentation on the *Geology of the Apostle Islands* in Northern Wisconsin. Science on Tap offers the community a chance to hear directly from scientists about regional and relevant topics. Enjoy a beer, coffee, or simply good company while listening to a 30-45 minute presentation, followed by a Q&A and open discussion.



Date: October 15, 2024 6:30 pm CT

Location: The Alley, Ashland WI

[Learn More](#)

Wetland Coffee Break: Helping farmers, saving cranes

The Sandhill Crane, once nearly extinct in the Midwest, is a conservation success story. Improved wetland protection and the cranes' adaptation to agricultural crops have led to their resurgence. However, cranes now cause significant damage to corn crops by feeding on germinating seeds. Ryan Michalesko will discuss the International Crane Foundation's efforts to balance supporting farmers and protecting cranes and their habitats.

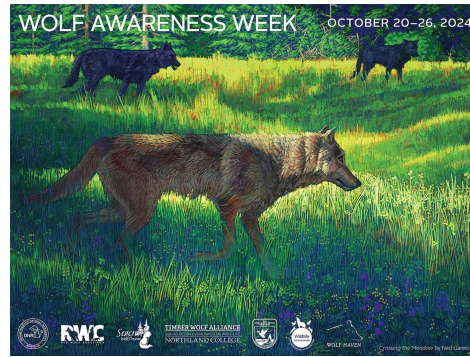


Date: October 18, 2024
10:30 am CT

[Register Here](#)

Wolf Awareness Week

In 1990, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson signed the proclamation of Wisconsin Wolf Awareness Week, a time to celebrate these important animals by highlighting the threats to their survival, spreading the word about what you can do to help wolves stay protected, and helping humans learn to live alongside them. The Timber Wolf Alliance is proud to carry on this tradition each year.

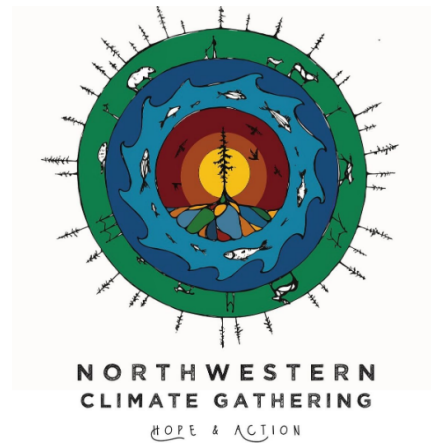


Date: October 20–26, 2024

[Register Here](#)

Annual Climate Gathering 2024

The second annual Northwest Climate Gathering takes place at Lakehead University's Faculty Lounge. Inspired by community voices highlighting how the Gathering has fostered connections among those passionate about climate change, this year's theme is "You Are Not Alone." It will be a day of connection and change with an intergenerational community of the climate-concerned and climate-curious.



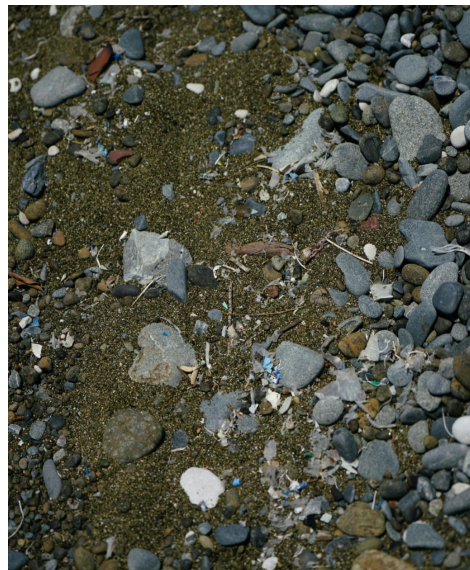
Date: October 19, 2024

Location: Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario

[Register Here](#)

IERQC Webinar: Monitoring and Risk Assessment of Microplastics in the Great Lakes

This presentation will provide more details about the IJC Interagency Ecological Restoration Quality Committee (IERQC) objectives and progress towards deliverables thus far as they wrap up their working group on microplastics comprised of subject-matter experts from Canada and the United States. The general objective of the working group is to develop coordinated frameworks for microplastics monitoring and ecological risk assessment and management for use in the Great Lakes.



Date: October 31, 2024 10:00 am CT

[Learn More](#)

The 2024 Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference

The Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) is a biennial conference that addresses all taxa of invasive species. In 2024, UMISC will celebrate 18 years of connecting the invasive species management, research, and policy community.

The goal of UMISC is to strengthen management of invasive species, especially prevention, control, and containment. There have been great strides in invasive species research, prevention, and management, but much work still must be done. The conference provides numerous opportunities to network with professionals, land managers, researchers, nonprofits, and others.



Date: November 12 - 14, 2024

Location: Duluth, Minnesota

[Learn More Here](#)

Climate Fast Forward 2024

Registration is open for Climate Fast Forward! This is the only statewide climate change action conference in Wisconsin that covers a wide range of climate change impacts and solutions. Now a two-day conference, attendees will be able to attend skills-based workshops, participate in collaborative spaces, and hear from engaging plenary speakers.



Date: November 14 - 15, 2024

Location: Rothschild, WI

[Register Here](#)

University of Minnesota Fish Recruitment Workshop

This workshop will take place at the University of Minnesota on **November 18-19, 2024**, focused on predicting fish recruitment using

environmental data. The Poor-Recruitment Paradigm (Gross, Sadler, Hoenig, 2022) will be introduced and applied to various species in the region, with hands-on activities. Participants are encouraged to bring their own datasets, though data can be provided if needed.



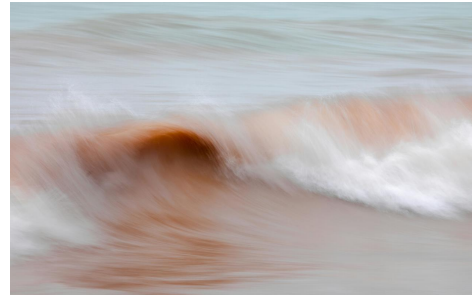
Date: November 18-19, 2024

Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

[Learn More Here](#)

Let's Talk Lake Superior! Invasive Species

Join the Environment and Climate Change Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as they dive into the world of aquatic invasive species and how they can disrupt Lake Superior's ecosystem. This presentation is part of the Let's Talk Lake Superior! webinar series.



Date: December 4, 2024, at 10 am CT

[Register Here](#)

The Stewardship Network Conference

The Stewardship Network Conference is the moment where theory meets practice and curiosity leads to solutions. Each annual convening unifies hundreds of professionals, students, and volunteers from a dazzling array of environmental fields. Here they share their setbacks and successes, compare advancements and techniques, and revel in diverse perspectives and creative expressions — all in support of our shared mission to care for the natural world.



Date: January 23- 24, 2025

Location: East Lansing, Michigan

[Register Here](#)

2025 Wetland Science Conference

Join wetland professionals from Wisconsin and the upper Midwest to share research, learn new techniques, explore wetland integration, discuss science and protection issues, and look ahead to future practices. This 3-day conference features keynotes, symposia, sessions, posters, field trips, and networking opportunities, drawing over 350 attendees annually.

Submit an abstract for general sessions by Nov 15, 2024



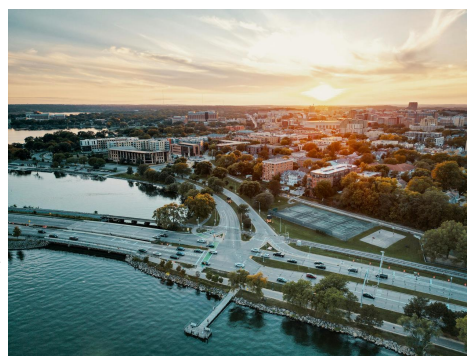
Date: February 25-27, 2025

Location: La Crosse, WI

[Learn More Here](#)

Midwest Climate Summit 2025

The Midwest Climate Summit is a three-day gathering of climate leaders, researchers, and professionals focused on expanding knowledge, accelerating climate action, and catalyzing new partnerships for an equitable Midwestern response to the climate crisis. It is the premiere event in the region for those responding to the climate crisis in the Midwest.



Date: April 30 - May 2, 2025

Location: Madison, WI

[Register Here](#)

Lake Superior Youth Symposium 2025

This event takes place every two years in a community on the shores of Lake Superior. The purpose is to inspire and motivate teachers and students in grades 8-12 to become stewards of Lake Superior and the Great Lakes.



Date: May 15-18, 2025

Location: Duluth, MN

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Funding Opportunities

Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is offering up to \$1.6 million in grants aimed at enhancing, preserving, protecting, and restoring natural resources along Wisconsin's Great Lakes coasts, which include nearly 1,000 miles of shoreline across counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. These grants support a wide range of projects, from coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration to nonpoint source pollution control and community planning.



Applications are due **November 1, 2024**. For more details, visit coastal.wisconsin.gov or contact WCMP staff at coastal@wisconsin.gov.

The Wisconsin Coastal
Management Program

NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants

Up to \$12 million in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding is available for NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants. This funding supports habitat restoration projects that provide significant and sustainable benefits for native fish species in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes face ongoing threats like habitat degradation, pollution, and invasive species. These projects aim to improve fish habitats, supporting fisheries, restoring wetlands, enhancing recreational opportunities, and increasing community resilience.

NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants

2025 Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Program

The purpose of this competitive grant program is to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of forest landscapes, leverage public and private resources, and support priorities identified in State Forest Action Plans.

Prospective applicants should use the [2020 Wisconsin Forest Action Plan](#) to align project proposals with state and regional priorities. The FY25 LSR Guidance and Instructions, Project Narrative Form, Budget Spreadsheet, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and other forms and resources are available on the [USFS LSR website](#) and [Grants.gov: Opportunity USDA-FS-2025-LSR-Northeast-Midwest](#).

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Program

Job Opportunities

Great Lakes Project Coordinator - Trout Unlimited

The Great Lakes Project Coordinator will support cold water conservation efforts in Northwest Wisconsin's Lake Superior Watershed. Key duties include conducting aquatic organism passage inventories, gathering data for habitat restoration, engaging with partners, and overseeing monitoring at project sites. The role also involves assisting with restoration projects, managing seasonal interns, writing grants, and coordinating with agencies and stakeholders. The position is based in Northwest Wisconsin, with location flexibility.

[Apply Here](#)

Research Engagement Specialist - Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan

Join a collaborative team of researcher-practitioners to engage stakeholders in designing socially relevant Great Lakes research. Through social science and engagement, this position ensures research is practical and useful for end-users, facilitating two-way interactions between researchers and stakeholders. The work bridges gaps between scientists and end-users, ensuring research outcomes are effectively applied in decision-making and operational contexts. Collaborate with government agencies and marginalized or underrepresented communities in the Great Lakes region.

[Apply Here](#)

Large Lake Specialist - Lake of the Woods - Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources

A Large Lake Specialist position is available for Lake of the Woods (Job ID 80557). The role leads the Large Lake Monitoring Program and supports fish management in the Baudette area. Lake of the Woods, Minnesota's largest natural Walleye lake, faces significant angling pressure and is an important statewide resource.

[Apply Here](#)

Grants Manager - Alliance for the Great Lakes

The Grants Manager, a new role on the Operations team, will take over grant management from the Senior Foundation & Corporate Giving Manager, improving processes for complex grant administration. Initially, they will manage a \$5.5M EPA grant for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in environmental justice communities. They will also oversee the organization's overall grants administration structure.

[Apply Here](#)

U.S. Policy Manager - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is hiring a U.S. Policy Manager to lead the U.S. side of the Mayors Commission on Water Equity and support water-equity efforts, including the Great Lakes Lead Pipes Partnership. The role focuses on mobilizing mayors to promote equitable lead service line replacement and advocating for policies and funding to meet water-equity needs, with a priority on including marginalized and Indigenous communities in these initiatives.

[Apply Here](#)

Development Associate - Alliance for the Great Lakes

The Development Associate supports the Alliance for the Great Lakes' Advancement Team by handling gift and data entry, acknowledgment letters, and correspondence. They provide administrative support for individual and institutional donors and help achieve operational excellence in donor stewardship, aligned with the organization's strategic plan.

[Apply Here](#)

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