

Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee
Education Ad Hoc Meeting

Location: Radisson Hotel
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Date: March 24, 2009
9:30 am – 11:30am

Education Ad Hoc Members at meeting:

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1. Welcome and Introductions – Cindy Samples, Chair, Upper Mississippi River NWR

Discussion: Education Ad Hoc committee structure was discussed. It was felt that the Education Ad Hoc has served its original purpose and that it could have a broader scope.

Action: It was proposed to combine the Education Ad Hoc with the Recreation and Water Use Technical Section.

The Executive Board has requested that the Chair of the Recreation and Water Use Technical Section develop a recommendation on how the Technical Section can be reorganized and combined with the Education Ad Hoc Committee to better serve the UMRCC membership.

To assist the Recreation Technical Section Chair in these efforts, the Executive Board formed a new ad hoc committee at the business meeting. Scot Johnson will lead the new committee's efforts to develop a recommendation with the assistance of Jeff Janvrin and Cindy Samples. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to make, please contact one of the ad hoc committee members.

2. Climate Change Connection with the Education Ad Hoc Committee

Discussion:

Cindy shared the new curriculum developed by the WI DNR.

Action: Cindy would provide the information to the group and to Heidi to put on the website.

Climate Change, A Wisconsin Activity Guide – Grades 7-12. Pub-EI-7051 2009

Electronic copies of the guide can be downloaded at:

www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/teacher/climatechangeguide.htm

Hard copies contact: DNRAirEducation@wisconsin.gov

Bureau of Education and Information, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707
608.266.6790

3. Possible Projects for Education Ad Hoc Committee:

Discussion: The committee participated in fleshing out a logic model to come up with project ideas. Several projects were discussed including, watershed poster, Habits and Habitats of Fishes in the UMR – update [Fisheries Tech Section is updating this booklet], Cell Phone tour expanded, website for external audience and how to incorporate outdoor activity into everyone's daily lives.

Action: Jeff Janvrin shared a Great Lakes Watershed poster and requested that the Ed. Ad Hoc committee present to the Executive Board (Jeff presented the request) and request funding for a similar Watershed Poster for the Upper Miss. He shared that he had received \$5,000 commitment from the EPA.

Action: Once website policies have been created for UMRCC, we will ask Heidi to create a page that is strictly information that an external audience would want.

4. Future Meetings/Conference Calls

The next Recreation and Water Use Technical Section meeting will likely be a Joint Meeting with Wildlife and Fisheries at Whitewater State Park in Southeast Minnesota this fall. More details will follow via email.