

Reconnecting on the Great River

The 78th Annual Meeting of the Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee

March 20 – 23, 2023

St. James Hotel

Red Wing, MN

Monday, March 20

10:00 – 12:00 pm	Conference	Mussel Coordination Team Meeting [MCT] : Laurentine Room	
12:00 – 1:00 pm		Lunch Break	
1:00 – 5:00 pm		MCT : Laurentine Room	OREIT : Mezzanine A

MTC meeting takes place in conjunction with UMRCC –

Email Dan Kelner [daniel.e.kelner@usace.army.mil] for more meeting information. Lunch not included.

UMRCC Attendees: 4:00 – 11:00 pm – Hospitality and Gathering Area, Second Level – Mezzanine BC

Tuesday, March 21

Technical Sessions

8:00 – 12:00 pm	Registration : Courtyard				
8:00 – 11:00 am	Conference	Mussel Tech : Laurentine Room			
		OREIT : Field Trip**			
11:00 – 1:00 pm		Lunch			
1:00 – 4:30 pm		Fisheries : Portside	H ₂ O Quality : Oak	Wildlife : Laurentine	Enforcement : Tasting Room
4:30 – 6:00 pm		Evening Break			
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Red Wing Shoe Interpretive Walking Tour : Optional				
6:00 – 11:00 pm	Evening Social : Summit Room / Jimmy's Pub				

**OREIT – Meet in St. James Lobby at 8:30am to carpool to the National Eagle Center and the Center for Aquatic Mollusks Programs.

Red Wing Shoe Interpretive Walking Tour: The OREIT Section welcomes all to join in the interpretive walking tour of Red Wing Shoes. Stretch your feet, put on your boots (Red Wings if you have them!) and learn about Red Wing Shoe's rich history. Meet in the St. James 1st floor Lobby.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres at Evening Social.

➤ *Evening Shuttle Service for Social*

Wednesday, March 22

Plenary Sessions

7:00 – 8:15 am	Executive Board Meeting and Breakfast : Oak Room	
8:00 – 12:00 pm	Registration : Courtyard	
8:20 – 9:00 am	Conference : Summit Room	Welcome : Brian Nerbonne, Central Region Fisheries Manager, Minnesota DNR
		Call to Order : Grant Wilson, Central Region Director, Minnesota DNR
		Opening Remarks : Barb Naramore, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota DNR
Keynote 9:00 – 10:00 am		A Tale of Two Rivers: Contrasting trajectories of development and conservation on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers Robb Jacobson, Supervisory Research Hydrologist, USGS – Columbia Envir. Research Center
10:00 – 10:15 am		Morning Refreshments
Session I 10:15 – 12:00 pm		Climate Observations, Trends, and Projections for the Upper Mississippi Kenny Blumenfeld, Research Scientist, Minnesota DNR
		Land Cover and Vegetation Changes in and along the Upper Mississippi River: c. 1890 - 2020 Nathan De Jager, Research Ecologist, USGS – Upper Midwest Envir. Sciences Center
		Creation of a Method for Spatially and Temporally Accurate Mapping of Emergent Aquatic Vegetation Benjamin Finley, Geographer, USGS – Upper Midwest Envir. Sciences Center
		Flooded Forests: Is There Any Hope in a Wetter World? Andy Meier, Lead Forester, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – St. Paul District
12:00 – 1:30 pm		Lunch Break
Session II 1:30 – 2:45 pm	Enjoying the Magic of the Mississippi River Abbey Rabine, Pro-Staff Field Team, Ice Fishing/Fishing Outreach Liaison, Baztec	
	The Forever Green Initiative: Developing a New Generation of Clean-Water Crops Mitch Hunter, Associate Director of Forever Green Initiative, University of Minnesota	
	Challenges - Past, Present and Future: An Indigenous Community on the Upper Mississippi Gabe Miller, Environmental Program Manager, Prairie Island Indian Community	
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Refreshments	
Session III 3:00 – 4:00 pm	Factors influencing wildlife diseases in the Upper Mississippi River watershed Jeff Lorch, Microbiologist, USGS - National Wildlife Health Center	
	From the Heart of the Amazon to the Head of the Mississippi: Rivers are a Continuum across Time and Space Phil Willink, Researcher, Illinois Natural History Survey	
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Evening Break	
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Social Hour : Historic Level – <i>optional</i>	
5:30 – 10:00 pm	Banquet, Annual Awards, Raffle and Auction : Summit Room	

❖ Evening Shuttle Service

Thursday, March 23

Plenary Sessions

8:00 – 10:30 am	Mornings Refreshments	
Session IV 8:30 – 10:30 am	Conference	PFAS: "Forever Chemicals" in Minnesota's Environment Summer Streets, Env. Research Scientist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
		Pool 9 Shovelnose Sturgeon Investigation Tyler Ramaker, Conservation Officer, Minnesota DNR Trevor Tracey, Conservation Warden, Wisconsin DNR
		From Global Glaciation to Plow-Based Agriculture: 20,000 Years of Change along the Upper Mississippi and Whitewater Rivers Andrew Wickert, Associate Professor, U of MN – Dept. of Earth and Env. Sciences
		Upper Mississippi River Archaeology Bradley Perkl, District Archeologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – St. Paul District
10:30 – 10:45 am	Closing Comments and Adjourn General Sessions	
10:45 – 11:00 am	Session Break	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	UMRCC Business Meeting (all members welcome)	
12:00 pm	Meeting Adjourn	