

LEECH LAKE RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN PROJECT UPDATE

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News of note

The Advisory Committee meeting on January 25 focused on: 1) developing an outreach plan and 2) continuing to refine the assessment of and potential obtainable goal levels for the Natural World Values.

Outreach Plan: A committee was established to develop an outreach plan to insure communication and feedback from stakeholders who are not able to participate in the AC meetings, such as townships and cities. The committee will develop shared materials to use when meeting with stakeholder groups for consistency in messaging. The outreach plan will be presented at the next AC meeting

Natural World Value Assessment: The AC continued to refine the assessment of the status and current level of implementation efforts of Natural World Values (see list on right). For each value, information regarding the data and planning documents available are outlined. Then current implementation actions, such as regulatory controls, best management practices, outreach, and data collection, are identified.

When this information is complete, the AC will develop a range of implementation actions that correspond to 4 different levels of goal attainment: 1) maintaining current level of effort, 2) enhancing resources, 3) restoring resources, and 4) protecting resources, with each level of including an increasing level of effort.

By doing so, the AC will develop recommendations for the Policy Committee to consider on the appropriate level of implementation that considers the current status of the resource and provides the greatest level of goal achievement.

Calendar

- February 16, 2018, 9:00 AM to Noon, Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation: Advisory Committee meeting to continue Natural World Values assessment and begin process for evaluating the Quality of Life, Leadership, and Climate and Risk values.
- February 16, 2018, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM; Cass County Board Room: Policy Committee meeting which will include an update of the AC and outreach committee activities and a discussion regarding governance and integrating county water planning with 1W1P efforts.

NATURAL WORLD VALUES
Lakes
Cisco/Tullibee
Wild Rice
Recreational
High Water Quality
Impoundments
Declining/Threshold Lakes
Impaired Lakes
Rivers/Stream/Drainage
Trout/Groundwater-dependent
Impaired Waters
Exceptional/Outstanding Water
Wild Rice
Channelized/Impaired/Disturbed
Wetlands
Connectivity with Lakes
Shallow Lakes
White Cedar
High Water Quality
Phosphorus-Source/Sink Effects
Groundwater
Quantity/Quality/Connectedness
Lands
Forests
Wildlife
Working Lands
Cities/Towns

Tidbits – It's Eelpout Time!



Burbot, better known as eelpout, is also referred to as Poor Man's Lobster. Many people are not inclined to eat this unattractive fish. But if you can get over its slimy feel you might find you enjoy eating this member of the cod family, due to its high fat content and buttery flavor. Eelpout are inactive during summer, living off their winter fat reserves. They spawn in the winter and then work up voracious appetites and can eat until their stomach distends. Other fish make up the majority of their diet, but they are opportunistic and will feed on a wide variety of food sources, including clams and crustaceans. If you can get past its unfortunate looks, try frying up some poor man's lobster!

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