

Governor's Task Force on Wild Rice: October 25 & 26 Meeting Agenda

North Central Research and Outreach Center - 1861 East US Highway 169, Grand Rapids MN 55744

Meeting 3 - October 25, Grand Rapids, 10:00 – 5:00

Objectives

- ✓ Continue to build community
- ✓ Integrate information from meeting two presentations
- ✓ Learn about wild rice protection, restoration, and best management practices
- ✓ Begin to generate ideas for recommendations regarding wild rice protection, restoration, and best management practices
- ✓ Generate a list principles to guide decision making

Agenda

- **Rational and Experiential Objectives (10:00-10:15)**
Welcome group and go over agenda, process, and logistics for the day. Discuss rational and experiential objectives for the meeting.

- **Public Comment Period (10:15-10:45)**

- **Discussion of Presentations from Second Task Force Meeting (10:45-11:15)**

- **Recommendation Decision Criteria (11:15-12:15)**
The Task Force will develop a list of interests and values, drawing from past and current conversations, to guide their recommendation decision process

LUNCH (12:15-1:00)

- **Wild Rice Protection and Restoration (1:00 – 4:45)**
Task Force members will explore wild rice protection, restoration, and best management practices. Members will engage in a structured activity to help integrate knowledge and develop ideas for moving forward.
 - Ø Panel presentations and Discussion (1:00-2:45)
 - Peter David, Wildlife Biologist, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
 - Dr. Alex Kahler, University of Minnesota, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics
 - Ray Norrgard, Wetland Management Specialist, MN Department of Natural Resources

Break (2:45-3:00)

Ø Consensus Building Workshop (3:00-4:45)

- **Wrap up (4:45-5:00)**
- **Group Dinner and Activity (6:00-8:00pm)**

Meeting 4 - October 26, Grand Rapids, 10:00 – 5:00

Objectives

- ✓ Continue to build Community
- ✓ Learn about existing wild rice waters lists and the need for lists
- ✓ Begin to generate ideas for recommendations regarding identification of Wild Rice Waters
- ✓ Learn about sulfate treatment options

Agenda

- **Rational and Experiential Objectives (10:00-10:15)**
Welcome group and go over agenda, process, and logistics for the day. Discuss rational and experiential objectives for the meeting.
- **Public Comment Period (10:15-10:45)**
- **Wild Rice Waters (10:45-2:15)**
Task Force members will learn about existing wild rice waters lists and the need for lists. Task Force members will explore possible criteria and processes for developing or refining a list for regulatory use.
 - Ø Panel Presentation (10:45-12:15)
 - Darren Vogt, Executive Director 1854 Treaty Authority
 - Gary Drotts, Task Force Member and former DNR employee
 - Ray Norrgard, Wetland Wildlife Program Leader, MN Department of Natural Resources
 - Catherine Neuschler, Task Force Member and Section Manager Environmental Analysis and Outcomes, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Ø **LUNCH (12:15-1:00)**
- Ø Group Discussion (1:00-1:30)
- Ø Small Group Workshop I (1:30-3:00)
 - How could the process that MPCA used to generate the regulatory list of wild rice waters be improved?
 - Report out to full Task Force
- Ø **BREAK (3:00 -3:15)**
- Ø Small Group Workshop II (3:15-4:45)
 - What measures would enable Minnesota to feel comfortable with an inevitably imperfect list?
 - Report out to full Task Force
- **Wrap up (4:45-5:00)**