

Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee (UMRCC)

Recreation and Water Use Technical Section  
2009 Fall Technical Meeting

September 21, 22, and 23, 2009  
MDNR Whitewater State Park

Meeting Minutes

**Technical Section Members present at the Fall Technical Meeting**

Scot Johnson, Chair, MDNR, Lake City  
Cindy Samples, USFWS, UMRNWFR HQ, Winona  
Wendy Frohlich, Corps, Rock Island  
Brad Walker, IWLA, Upper Mississippi River Coordinator  
Ruth Nissen, WDNR, LaCrosse  
Scott Yess, UMRCC Coordinator, LaCrosse

**Agenda Item 1. Review Action Plan Accomplishments**

**Leave No Trace** – A letter to river organizations promoting LNT was signed by UMRCC Chair and distributed. We will continue to develop ways to help get the stewardship message out to river users.

**River Friendly Boating** – Brochure, ADA compliant brochure and simplified brochure all completed and to be posted on web page. We will continue to develop new ways to distribute the brochures and get the stewardship message out to river users.

**Water Trail Maps** – All available water trails have been posted/linked on the web page. A new Goose Island water trail map will be available soon from the FWS.

**Stronger and more Consistent Participation in the Recreation and Water Use Technical Section** - see draft recommendations to the Executive Board below.

**Greener Meetings** –The Southeast Minnesota Food Network provided locally produced foods and reusable dishes, silverware and cups at our meeting. Car pooling to the meeting was encouraged by holding a joint meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Technical Sections.

**Agenda Item 2. Review draft Recommendations to Executive Board**

The July 16, 2009 draft version of our recommendations was reviewed and discussed. Based on comments made over the course of our joint meeting with the Fisheries and Wildlife Technical Sections we made a number of revisions. This revised draft will be forward to the Executive Board prior to their next conference call.

**Agenda Item 3. Brainstorm ideas to implement recommendations**

Over the course of the three days we developed a work plan that supports the UMRCC Objective, "Promote preservation and wise utilization of natural and recreational resources of the Upper Mississippi River". Our recommendations to the Executive Board were made more specific based on our discussion.

**Agenda Item 4. Progress Report on Rec/Ed ad hoc Committee's draft recommendations**

We reviewed the draft recommendations with the Fish and Wildlife Technical Sections in a joint session. The draft recommendations were modified based on input from the Fish and Wildlife Technical Sections.