



Symposia – Putting Regional Conservation into Practice

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference
Convention Center - Courtyard 5
10:20 am – 4:20 pm Tuesday Feb. 14, 2023

MORNING

- 10:20 Midwest Landscape Initiative- Background and Overview: Kelley Myers, JD, USFWS - MLI Coordinator
- 10:40 Midwest Coordination of State Wildlife Action Plans: Claire Beck, Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, MLI Landscape Technical Coordinator
- 11:00 Connecting and coordinating conservation action across space at the regional scale: Dr. Alex Wright, USFWS, Landscape Science Coordinator, and Rachael Carlberg, USFWS, Spatial Analyst with NCTC
- 11:20 Question and Answer Session - Midwest Conservation Blueprint
- 12:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 1:20 Midwest Grassland Roadmap: Tyler Harms, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- 1:40 Translating habitat planning into delivery partnerships: Doug Gorby, USFWS, Upper Mississippi Great Lakes Joint Venture Coordinator
- 2:00 The National Fish Habitat Partnership- using science and partnerships to benefit fish habitat: Pat Rivers, MN Department of Natural Resources; Ed Schriever, Idaho Fish and Game; Gary Whelan, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- 2:20 Identifying high priority corridors- a tool for enhancing connectivity between aquatic habitats: S.G. Winikoff, University of Missouri, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit; Craig Paukert, US Geological Survey, University of Missouri, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit
- 2:40 Co-production of climate adaptation decision support tools for wetland conservation practitioners: Owen P. McKenna, US Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center & Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Leveraging Funding Opportunities to Increase Positive Conservation Impacts on the Midwest Landscape: Lorisa Smith, MDC, MAFWA MLI Executive Liaison
- 3:40 Moderated Discussion for Leveraging Funding Opportunities
- 4:20 Wrap up and Adjourn

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