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*In the States...*

## **WI Celebrates Coastal Awareness Month, Publishes Great Lakes Chronicle**

September 2010 marks the twelfth year that Wisconsin is celebrating Coastal Awareness Month. The Wisconsin Clean Marina Program has also released the 2010 Great Lakes Chronicle, an annual publication to inform policy makers and educate the general public on initiatives and emerging issues to Wisconsin's Great Lakes coasts. To read Governor Jim Doyle's Coastal Awareness Month Proclamation, visit:

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=8232&locid=9>. The Great Lakes Chronicle can be found online at: <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=8239&locid=9>.

## **WI Coastal Grant Workshops**

In preparation for the 2011-2012 grant cycle, three coastal grant workshops will be held in September to introduce the grant program, application process, funding priorities and provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss potential project proposals with Wisconsin Clean Marina Program staff. The workshops will be held on September 2, 2010, in Milwaukee, September 8, 2010, in Green Bay, and September 15, 2010, in Ashland. For more information about the grant workshops, visit:

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/category.asp?linkcatid=751&linkid=65&locid=9>.

## **WI Marina Association and Clean Marina Program Workshop**

Mayor Thad Birmingham (Sturgeon Bay), Mayor Larry MacDonald (Bayfield) and Wisconsin Marina Association (WMA) Chair Jon Kukuk will be hold a press conference in conjunction with a WMA member meeting and Clean Marina Program best management practices workshop on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay, WI. A one hour lunch sail aboard the Harbor Lady will follow the press conference. The purpose of the event is to bring awareness to coastal initiatives that promote boating, the new Wisconsin Clean Marina Program, the WMA and Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association and how these projects benefit Wisconsin's economy, tourism, outdoor recreation and water quality of the Great Lakes. For more information, visit:

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=8231&locid=9>.

### **RI Ocean SAMP Available for Comment**

The Rhode Island Ocean SAMP (Special Area Management Plan) document, with all chapters and appendices, is available for official public comment until September 9, 2010. The full Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council will be holding three public hearings for the full Ocean SAMP document. The Council meetings on September 14, 2010, at 6:00pm and October 12, 2010, at 6:00pm, will continue to review the document. Agendas will be released in the near future. For a copy of the Ocean SAMP document, details on how to provide comments, and information about upcoming public meetings, visit: <http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/oceansamp/>.

### **CA Legislature Urges U.S. Congress to Adopt Adaptation Framework**

Both houses of the CA Legislature have approved a resolution by Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro (D-North Coast) urging the U.S. Congress to establish a comprehensive framework to adapt the nation's natural environment and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change. Assembly Joint Resolution 26 is now on the governor's desk. AJR 26 would request that Congress establish an all-inclusive framework, including dedicated funding, for adapting wildlife, habitats, coasts, watersheds, rivers and other natural resources and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change. To read the text of AJR 26, visit: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_0001\\_0050/ajr\\_26\\_bill\\_20100830\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0001_0050/ajr_26_bill_20100830_chaptered.pdf).

*At the Agencies...*

### **Mississippi River/GOM Watershed Nutrient Task Force Meeting Announced**

The EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds has announced that the 20th public meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force will be held September 30, 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to: discuss and approve initiatives to reduce nutrient loads to the Gulf; review and approve the FY2011 Annual Operating Plan and FY2010 Annual Report; discuss Task Force priorities; discuss potential impacts of the Deepwater Horizon spill on Gulf hypoxia; and receive public input on Task Force activities. The 1st annual Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Summit will take place October 1, 2010. The Summit is forum where state and federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations will discuss Mississippi's nutrient reduction strategies, culminating in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement. Both events will be held at the Tunica RiverPark & Museum in Tunica, MS. For more information and event agendas, visit: <http://www.tetrattech-ffx.com/tfmeeting/public20/index.htm>.

### **USGS to Host Briefing on Chesapeake Bay Restoration**

The U.S. Geological Survey will host an interagency briefing entitled "Science for the Future of the Bay" at 10:00am on September 10, 2010, in room 2353 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. Speakers include: Deanna Archuleta (Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, DOI); Scott Phillips (Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, USGS); John Maounis (Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, NPS); and Mike Slattery (Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, FWS).

### **DOI Releases Proposed Policy on Scientific Integrity**

In March 2009, President Obama charged each Federal agency to adopt procedures to ensure the integrity of scientific and technological information and processes upon which the agencies rely in decision making. The Department of the Interior's (DOI) proposed policy on scientific integrity was published in the *Federal Register* on August 31, 2010. Public comments will be accepted until September 20, 2010. Comments can be submitted by e-mail ([DOI\\_Science\\_Integrity@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI_Science_Integrity@ios.doi.gov)), letter, or in person at the address in the "Addresses" section of the notice. Once adopted, the policy will be added as a chapter in the DOI Manual. The text of the proposed policy can be found online at:

<http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/08/31/2010-21591/proposed-scientific-integrity-policy-of-the-department-of-the-interior>.

### **MPA Federal Advisory Committee CMSP Subcommittee Meets**

The Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee's (MPA FAC) Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Subcommittee met in Silver Spring, MD, August 11-12, 2010, to discuss recommended next steps for the FAC in relation to the National Ocean Policy and the Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force on CMSP. CMSP expert speakers and Cultural Heritage Working Group liaisons also joined the meeting. The Subcommittee will develop goals and priorities for the coming year and a work product to present at the next meeting of the MPA FAC, to be held November 2-4, 2010, in Santa Barbara, CA.

### *Announcements...*

#### **CA and the World Oceans Conference Program Released**

The program for the *California and the World Ocean 2010 Conference* (CWO '10) is now available. The conference program provides general registration and conference information, an overview of the agenda, and a detailed schedule of concurrent sessions being offered. CWO '10 is being organized by the California Ocean Protection Council, the California Natural Resources Agency, and the California Environmental Protection Agency, and will be held from September 7-10, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, CA. The program can be found online at:

<http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/cnra/cwo2010/docs/CWO%2010%20Program%20Guide.pdf>.

#### **Register for Working Waterfronts Symposium**

Registration is available for the Working Waterways and Waterfronts National Symposium on Water Access to be held from September 27-30, 2010, in Portland, Maine. Building on the inaugural symposium in Norfolk, Virginia, in 2007, participants at the September conference will learn about the economic, social, cultural, and environmental values of waterfronts, and the important role of water-dependent uses in sustainable coastal communities. A walking tour of the Portland waterfront and optional field trips will highlight Maine's working waterfronts and local efforts to preserve water access that have become national models. Symposium participants will work together to generate an agenda for maintaining and enhancing the nation's working waterfronts. The Coastal States

Organization is a co-sponsor of the event. For more information, view the symposium agenda, or to register, visit: <http://www.wateraccessus.com/>.

### **Register for the 8th Marine Law Symposium**

The Roger Williams University School of Law will host the 8th Marine Law Symposium from November 4-5, 2010 in Bristol, Rhode Island. The Symposium will examine the current and future state of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as a resource management scheme, including the integration of complex scientific, economic, and social information. For registration and additional symposium information, including a preliminary agenda and lodging options, visit: <http://law.rwu.edu/academics/institutes-programs/marine-affairs-institute/symposia>.

### **Register for Submerged Lands Conference Webinar Series**

The 29th International Submerged Lands Management Conference will hold a webinar series in the fall of 2010. Hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas (CAMA), the series will consist of eight sessions. Starting in September, a webinar session will convene bi-weekly, starting with Sea Level Rise and Property Rights, on September 9th from 3-4:30pm EST. Other topics include submerged lands with respect to the use of GIS, restoration, climate change, recreational boat use, cultural resources, conservation and management, and the oil spill. For more information, session topics and dates, and to register for a webinar, visit: <http://www.submergedlandsconference.com/>.

### **Coastal Zone 2011 Call for Abstracts**

The Call for Abstracts has been issued for the Coastal Zone 2011 Conference, which will be held July 17-21, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois. The overall conference theme is Winds of Change: Great Lakes, Great Oceans, Great Communities. Sessions will be organized around four conference tracks: Planning for Resilient Great Lakes, Coasts, and Ecosystems; Healthy Habitats, Healthy Coastal and Great Lakes Communities; Observing, Modeling, and Monitoring; and Vibrant Coastal, Great Lakes, and Marine Economies. Abstracts for panel, poster, special sessions, cafe conversations, and training workshops are due on October 8, 2010, and must be submitted online. Conference partners include NOAA, the Department of Interior, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information on submitting abstracts, visit: <http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/CZ11/abstracts.htm>.

### *Vacancies...*

#### **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Seeks MD State Coordinator**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is seeking a MD State Coordinator for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP). The ACCSP is a state-federal cooperative program for the collection, standardization, management, and dissemination of Atlantic coast marine and estuarine fisheries-dependent statistics. The MD State Coordinator is responsible for providing Information Technology support for MD

data collection, storage, and transfer. The position will also upload biological sampling data from developed datasets into the ACCSP Biological Module, develop new datasets for upload, act as coordinator for all online reporting issues, provide quarterly uploads of Maryland commercial data, and ensure that a modified licensing database or replacement system meets the standards being developed by NMFS for a national commercial fishing vessel database and a national recreational fishing registry. The position is based out of the Annapolis, MD office of the MD Department of Natural Resources. The application closing date is September 3, 2010. For more information about the position and application process, visit: <http://www.asmfc.org/>.

### **Waterkeeper Alliance Seeks Gulf Coast Regional Coordinator**

Waterkeeper Alliance unites more than 190 Waterkeeper organizations around the world and focuses advocacy on issues that affect waterways, including pollution and climate change. Save Our Gulf is an initiative by Waterkeeper Alliance to support the Gulf Waterkeepers fighting to protect the Gulf Coast's communities and environment from the long-term impacts of the BP oil spill. The Gulf Coast Regional Coordinator is tasked with working directly with the seven Waterkeepers directly impacted by the BP oil spill. These Waterkeepers are: Galveston Baykeeper in Texas; Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, Louisiana Bayoukeeper, and Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper in Louisiana; Mobile Baykeeper in Alabama; and Apalachicola Riverkeeper and Emerald Coastkeeper in Florida. The position will remain open until filled. For a detailed description of the position and information about how to apply, visit: <http://saveourgulf.org/updates/career-opportunity-gulf-coast-regional-coordinator-waterkeeper>.

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