

Partnering For Watershed Restoration

Monthly Update



September - October 2017

PWR UPDATES

Greetings PWR members!

The bi-annual PWR meeting was held on September 28th in Watersmeet, MI at the Northern Waters Casino. This particular meeting had developed into a wild rice theme, and we were fortunate to be able to have some of the regions top experts in the field present at the meeting. Many thanks to: Roger Labine (Elder of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians), Peter David (Wildlife Biologist, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission) and Erin Johnston (Wildlife Biologist, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community) for teaching us all about Manoomin (wild rice) and it's cultural significance, lifecycle and ecology. Presentations from the meeting have been archived in PDF format, and are located [HERE](#). We had a great turnout at the meeting, with representation from many different PWR member organizations. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next gathering in Spring of 2018!



Roger Labine presenting the cultural significance of Manoomin (wild rice)



Roger Labine showing the group a Manoomin bed near Watersmeet

Do not hesitate to contact me if you are in need of assistance with a project, have any questions, suggestions or updates related to the Partnering for Watershed Restoration (PWR). Thanks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19, 2017

[DNR offers moose "Wildlife Through Forestry" forum in Ishpeming](#)

The forum will be from 6-9 p.m. EDT, Oct. 19 at the River Rocks Lanes and Banquet Center (formerly Red Rocks Lanes) in Ishpeming, MI.

Other regional events posted on the Great Lakes Information Network calendar:

[October](#)

[November](#)

[December](#)

PARTNER NEWS

Trout Unlimited had several very successful volunteer events in August and September for the installation of brush bundles in Cooks Run, near Iron River, MI. Photos by Mike Golas, event organizer.



Brush Bundle Volunteers



Constructing brush bundles

Eco Resource Consulting, Superior Watershed Partnership and the U.S. Forest Service hosted an Infrastructure Improvement Workshop on October 4th in Watersmeet, MI. This event was a follow-up to the webinars that were held on August 16 and 22. The recording of the webinar is available to watch at: [THIS LINK](#)

The group traveled to six locations in the Watersmeet area where stream crossing improvements have been made. Some great discussions were generated, and it was a good opportunity to see projects that had different methods of construction, goals and budgets. The purpose of the workshop/field-trip was to get local stakeholders engaged in pursuing Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) improvement projects within the PWR area, particularly in the Ontonagon River watershed. Photos by Jeff Koch.



Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River



McGinty Creek

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership \(MGLP\)](#)

Request for 2018 Aquatic Conservation Projects

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include state and federal management agencies, non-governmental organizations (e.g. conservation groups, community associations, watershed councils, cooperatives, civic groups), municipalities, universities, schools, private landowners, and local and tribal governments.

Eligible Projects: Projects considered for funding must align with the goals and objectives of the MGLP. Examples include: watershed-level projects; water quality and erosion control measures; riparian or in-lake habitat restoration and protection; barrier removal or construction; population or watershed assessments needed for project evaluation; prioritization and planning for future habitat projects; evaluating habitat conditions or lake water levels; and community outreach and education on the importance of and how to better protect fish habitat.

Most projects have received between \$10,000 and \$75,000 from the MGLP, but larger projects are possible for funding from the \$180,000 expected for distribution.
Proposals due **October 15, 2017**

USFWS, North American Wetland Conservation Act grants.

For wetland conservation projects with a 1-1 match.
Small grant proposals due **October 19, 2017.**

REMINDER: Please send me your updates for the next PWR newsletter!

