

2009 Conservation Lobby Day: Schedule of Activities

Preparation

Time: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, Ballroom

9:00 Registration begins

10:00 Welcome

10:15 Logistics
Issue briefings
Lobby training

11:00 Address by Legislative leadership:
Representative Spencer Black, Assembly Natural Resources Chairman
Senator Russ Decker, Senate Majority Leader

11:30 Lunch
Planning your lobby meetings in small groups

Lobbying and Other Activities

Time: 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Various Locations

Your Assembly Representative meeting and your separate Senate meeting will occur at some point during this time period (the folder that you receive during registration will provide more details). For times when you aren't in lobby meetings, there are several other activities to choose from:

- Peruse organizational displays in the Capitol Rotunda (2nd floor of the Capitol)
- Visit the "thank you" table to write a note to your legislator thanking them for meeting with you today (Capitol Room 400 Southeast)
- Deliver the letter from your folder to Governor Doyle's office (115 East State Capitol)
- Attend one of the following breakout sessions (Monona Terrace Meeting Rooms L and M):

12:30- 1:15 How to Hold Your Legislators Accountable

Presenter: Anne Sayers, Program Director, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters; Room L

Are you wondering how you can stay in the Capitol loop even after Conservation Lobby Day? Want to know how you can follow how your legislators are voting on the Conservation Priorities? In this session, conservation lobbyist Anne Sayers will walk you through how you can play a critical role in influencing conservation laws...from the moment a bill is introduced until it lands on the Governor's desk.

1:30-2:15 Conservation Conversation I

With Senator Pat Kreitlow and Representative Peter Barca; Room M

In this breakout session, discussion will focus on the opportunity Wisconsin has to grow our economy through good energy policy. Bring your questions and comments for Senator

Kreitlow and Representative Barca who are working to get Wisconsin on the road to a clean energy future.

1:30-2:15 Water Rights Law in the US: Implications for Wisconsin

Presenter: Steve Born, Emeritus Professor from UW-Madison, former national Board Chair Trout Unlimited; Room L

Once again this year, water plays a starring role in the Conservation Priorities. This breakout session provides a unique opportunity to spend time with Steve Born, a local water rights law expert. This is your chance to get an overview of some of the most critical issues in water policy and to discuss opportunities to protect Wisconsin's water.

2:30-3:15 Conservation Conversation II

With Senator Mark Miller and Representative Ann Hraychuck; Room M

As Chairs of important natural resource committees, Senator Mark Miller (Senate Environment Committee) and Representative Ann Hraychuck (Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee) will share their perspectives on this session's Conservation Priorities. Use this opportunity to gain valuable insight about the legislative process, effective citizen lobbying, or just to learn more about the issues themselves. Bring your questions!

2:30-3:15 Giving Radio Interviews with Style

Presenter: Lee Rayburn, Radio host and founder of Roots-Up Radio; Room L

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3:30-4:15 Conservation Conversation III

With Representative Cory Mason; Room M

Wisconsin is facing one of the toughest budgets in recent memory. As members of the Joint Finance Committee, Senator Lassa and Representative Mason will discuss how the current economic climate could impact natural resource and public health programs. Bring your questions and learn how you can be an effective advocate for natural resources in the budget process.

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Conservation Lobby Day Social

Time: 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Monona Terrace Ballroom

Celebrate the successes of the day with fellow Lobby Day participants, state legislators, and special guest Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton. Enjoy refreshments and a cash bar. Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton will address to the crowd around 5:30 pm. Cost is just \$5.

Thank you for attending Conservation Lobby Day 2009!