

Michigan Wildlife Conservation and Climate Trends: Implementation of the Wildlife Action Plan

March 12, 2009

Kellogg Center, Corniche Room

8:30am Sign in and Continental breakfast

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00am Andy Buchsbaum
Regional Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation, Great Lakes Regional Center

9:05am Opening Remarks

Rebecca Humphries
Director, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Plenary Session

9:15am Climate Change and Michigan's Natural Resources

Michigan Climate Issues
Christopher Hoving
Endangered Species Coordinator, MDNR Wildlife Division

Climate Impacts on Wildlife and Adaptation Strategies
Kimberly Hall
Great Lakes Climate Change Ecologist; The Nature Conservancy

Wild Link - Securing Healthy Habitat Corridors for the Future
Amy Beyer
Director, Conservation Resource Alliance

10:15am Panel Discussion

10:45 am Break (sign up for breakout groups)

The Michigan State Wildlife Action Plan

11:00am Introduction of the plan, current funding and implementation partners
Amy Derosier
Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator, MDNR Wildlife Division

Successful Michigan State Wildlife Action Plan Implementation Projects

- 11:20am Implementation –
- Overview of public lands efforts by DNR
Susan Tangora
LIP Coordinator, MDNR Wildlife Division
- Discussion by stakeholders/partners targeting different conservation priorities as outlined in the WAP. Illustrate successful partnerships in implementing the Plan.
- What are your groups doing to address the Priority Threats or Conservation Actions identified in the Michigan WAP?
- 12:10pm Lunch (provided in room)
Informal discussion
Kali Fox
Regional Manager for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

Funding for Natural Resources Adaptation in Climate Change Legislation

- 1:00pm Discussion of Adaptation funding: funding for Adaptation in climate change legislation; discussion of cap and trade proposals; how potential funds will be allocated; what this could mean for wildlife conservation in Michigan.
Derek Brockbank
Conservation Funding Campaign Manager, National Wildlife Federation

Revisiting the Michigan Wildlife Action Plan

- 1:40pm Working Session I
Breakout Groups:
A. The Management Response to Adaptation
- B. Shaping state and/or federal policies to fund adaptation strategies
- C. Implementation and/or revision of the current WAP?
- 2:45pm Break
- 2:55pm Working Session II (Repeat 3 breakout groups)
- 3:45pm Evaluations
- 3:50pm Report back to the entire group, wrap-up/closure, discussion of next steps
- 4:35pm Adjourn