



Western States Land Commissioners Association

2018 Summer Conference on Lake Superior

Duluth, Minnesota | July 8–12 2018

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, July 8

3:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration	Conference Center Lobby
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting	Eagle Harbor Room
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Opening Reception <i>Speaker: Ryan Zinke, U.S. Secretary of Interior (invited)</i> <i>U.S. Rep. Rick Nolan, MN 8th District (invited)</i>	Lake Superior Railroad Museum
8:00 – 11:00 PM	Conference Networking	

Monday, July 9

7:30 – 8:30 AM	State Leaders & Affiliates Working Breakfast (invitation only) Conference call information: Delegate and Guest Breakfast	Northern Lights I Northern Lights II
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Welcome / Opening Remarks / State Roll Call (5 minutes each)	Northern Lights
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – Noon	Roll Call Resumes + Washington D.C. Report	Northern Lights
Noon – 1:15 PM	Lunch & Keynote <i>Strategies to Diversify Natural Resource Assets</i> Anthony Davidow, VP, Schwab Center for Financial Research <i>Fixed Income Strategies for Permanent Funds</i> Kathy Jones, Senior VP, Schwab Center for Financial Research	Northern Lights
1:15 – 2:30 PM	<i>Using Technology and Data to Optimize Operations</i> Mike Koutnik, State Government Account Manager, ESRI	Northern Lights
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 – 3:45 PM	IT Panel – <i>Data, Analytics and Decision-making</i> Moderator: Mike Koutnik, ESRI Panelists: <i>EnergyNet: Brandon Savage</i> <i>PCC: Seth Klaskin & Melissa Peters</i>	Northern Lights
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Committee Meetings – Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submerged Land & Water Management • Surface & Land Tenure • Communications & Data Sharing 	Northern Lights I Northern Lights II Eagle Harbor
Evening	Dinner (on your own)	
8:00 – 11:00 PM	Conference Networking	



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Tuesday, July 10

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Special Subsurface Breakfast Session: Roundtable Discussion on Well Shut-in to share state lease provisions, policies and discuss current issues.	Northern Lights TBD
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Committee Meetings – Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management • Subsurface Lands (session I) • Legislative 	Northern Lights I Northern Lights II Eagle Harbor
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – Noon	<i>The Future Opportunities for Natural Resource Based Economies</i> Rolf Weberg, Executive Director, Natural Resources Research Institute	Northern Lights
Noon – 1:15 PM	Lunch & Keynote <i>The Intersection between Conservation & Land Transactions</i> Larry Selzer, President & CEO of The Conservation Fund	Northern Lights
1:15 – 2:30 PM	<i>Mitigation Revenue from State Lands</i> Gray Stevens, Managing Partner, Sandy Creek Partners LLC	Northern Lights
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 – 4:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions Committee • Subsurface Lands (session II) • Wisconsin Board of Public Lands Trust Loan Program 	Northern Lights I Northern Lights II Eagle Harbor
Evening	State Leaders & Affiliates Working Dinner (invitation only) Delegate & Guest Dinner (on your own)	
8:00 – 11:00 PM	Conference Networking	

Wednesday, July 11

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Northern Lights
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Load Bus	Outside Conference Center
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Travel to U.S. Steel MinnTac Iron Ore Operations (Mountain Iron) <i>Bus presentations / presenters TBD</i>	
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM – 1:00 PM	MinnTac Tour	
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Load bus and return to Duluth	



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	<i>Box lunches on bus</i>	
3:00 – 5:00 PM	WSLCA Business Meeting	Eagle Harbor
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Board Vista Star	
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Vista Star Dinner Cruise on Lake Superior	
8:30 – 11:00 PM	Conference Networking	

Thursday, July 12

6:30 – 10:00 AM	Complimentary Hotel Breakfast & Departure	Hotel breakfast area
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WSLCA

Subsurface Lands Committee Agendas

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Central time

Special Subsurface Breakfast Session: Roundtable Discussion on Well Shut-in to share state lease provisions, policies and discuss current issues.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Central time

Subsurface Committee Leadership:
Drew Combs (ND) and Dale Sump (TX)

Royalty Working Group Leadership:
Billie Hunter (WY) and Brandon Jones (OK)

- 8:30 - 8:35 AM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)
- 8:35 – 9:25 AM **Coal Industry Update**
Mr. Jay Volk, Environmental Manager
BNI Coal
- 9:25 – 10:00 AM **COPPER: Who Has It, Who Will Get It, How Do You Mine It, and Why Mine It on State Lands!**
Francis R. McAllister, Vice President
Freeport-McMoRan
- 10:00 AM **Adjourn**

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Central time

Showcasing Minnesota’s Vast Mineral Resources

- 2:45– 2:50 PM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)
- 2:50 – 3:40 PM **Presentation Title:**
Ms. Kelsey Johnson, President
Iron Mining Association
- 3:40 – 4:15 PM **The Duluth Complex**
Mr. Frank Ongara, Executive Director
Mining Minnesota
- 4:15 PM **Adjourn**

The Duluth Complex in Minnesota is one of the largest undeveloped mineral deposits in the world. More than 4 billion tons of copper, nickel and precious metals have been here for millions of years, but we’ve only known about them for about the last 60 years. The technology to extract and process these deposits is now economical and can be done in an environmentally responsible way.
Source: Mining Minnesota



WSLCA Surface & Land Tenure Committee Agenda

Monday, July 9, 2018

4:00 – 5:30 pm Central Time

Surface & Land Tenure Committee Leadership:

Kim Christy (UT) and Shawn Thomas (MT) Co-chairs

4:00 – 4:10 PM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)

4:10 – 5:15 PM **Can Process Water be a Product Rather than a Waste?**

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Office of Water, will be on-hand to talk about the agency’s Produced Water Study. Outreach is current underway with states, vendors, academia and others to understand issues and evaluate approaches to dealing with waste water. To help frame the conversation, the following discussion topics are suggested:

1. Produced water management - pros/cons with the status quo.
2. Produced water management alternative options - technologies, availability, drivers, etc.
3. Current or future produced water management barriers to alternatives.
4. Concerns related to federal regulations that allow for the discharge of treated produced water to surface waters and/or to municipal wastewater treatment.
5. Challenges to permitting facilities that treat and discharge produced waters.
6. Appropriate level of treatment required for produced waters that will be discharged to surface waters and/or Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs).
7. Existing state regulations/requirements that conflict with a different federal approach to produced water management (e.g., water rights).

5:15 – 5:30 PM **Next steps - “What Can We Do Together?”**
Action plan for 2018/19

5:30 PM **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



WSLCA Communications and Data Sharing Committee Agenda

Monday, July 9, 2018

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Communications and Data Sharing Committee Leadership:

Jessica Grogis (OK) and Nikki Heck (AR)

- 4:00 – 4:10 PM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)
- 4:10 – 4:45 PM **FLIPCAUSE Demonstration and Discussion**
View a short demonstration and discuss using Flipcause services to manage fundraising and campaigns for the association moving forward. *Flipcause* helps growing nonprofits who have few staff to manage their websites and contacts, handle event “tickets” like conference registrations or invoicing, and raise awareness and funding with fewer resources.
Presented By:
- Flipcause video demo (Gloria Schindler)
 - Kathy Opp
- 4:45 - 5:00 PM **Affiliate Handout Discussion**
Discuss greater collaboration between state and affiliate members by defining a successful future that can provide the mutual value proposition we all desire.
Presented By:
Jessica Grogis & Nikki Heck
- 5:00 – 5:15 PM **Rebranding WSLCA Name and Image**
Discuss possible new names, images and communication initiatives related to our current strategic plan and the mutual value proposition for state and affiliate members.
Presented By:
Jessica Grogis & Nikki Heck
- 5:15 – 5:25 PM **Data Sharing Committee**
Discuss and review updated version of the data sharing website navigation instructions. Discuss and review links on the ASU site.
Presented By:
Jessica Grogis & Nikki Heck
- 5:25 – 5:30 PM **Next steps - “What Could We Do Together?”**
Action plan for 2018/19
- 5:30 PM **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



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Legislative Committee Agenda

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Central time

Legislative Committee Leadership:

Ryan Brunner (SD) and Kaleb Bennett (TX)

- 8:30 - 8:35 AM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)
- 8:35 – 9:25 AM **Regionalization of Department of Interior Boundaries and Potential BLM Headquarters Relocation**
- Draft map review (April 30th)
 - Develop WSLCA statements and/or possible resolution
- 9:25 – 9:40 AM **FLTFA reauthorization excluding member states**
Discuss and action plan development
- 9:40 – 10:00 AM **State and Affiliate member issue identification**
Next steps - “What Can We Do Together?”
Action planning for 2018/19
- 10:00 AM **Adjourn**



WSLCA
Submerged Lands & Water Management
Committee Agenda

Monday, July 9, 2018
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Central time

Legislative Committee Leadership:

Andrew Smyth (ID) and Elyse Quick (NV)

4:00 - 4:05 PM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)

4:05 – 5:15 PM **Working Session**

Comparative Study of State Submerged Land Usage & Fees

Most member states have vastly different roles and responsibilities for public trust lands in their state. Some have dock-out and leasing responsibility, some must manage aquatic invasive species, and others have no role in these governance areas. As a first step to understanding expertise and knowledge among members, this session will focus on facilitated data capture of various roles, instruments used and fees structures. Information gathered will be shared with all members after conference.

A panel of states (ID, OR, MT) will lead off discussion, followed by state-by-state sharing and *live data capture*.

Each state is asked to bring (or reference online) submerged land usage documents (permits or lease samples) and fees schedules.

5:15 – 5:30 PM **State and Affiliate member issue identification**

Next steps - “*What Can We Do Together?*”

Action planning for 2018/19

5:30 PM **Adjourn**