



Zoom Membership Meeting

November 12, 2020

Minutes

- Meeting Presentation available at <https://www.lowerdesplaineswatershed.org/meeting-presentations/>
- **Approve:** September 10, 2020 meeting minutes Motion by Jennifer Wasik, seconded by Ed Dolezal, motion carried.
- **Presentation: Changes in the Fish Assemblages of Chicago's Working Waterways Over 3 Decades**
Cities, including Chicago, were often built near rivers, leveraging them for transportation and water management, often to the detriment of aquatic communities. Since the passage of The Clean Water Act in the mid-1970s, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Great Chicago has monitored and sampled fishes in Chicago's waterways to assess how various policies and actions have enhanced our waterways. We illustrate how fish species richness, abundances, and assemblages have changed over the years since MWRDGC's expanded annual sampling program began in 1985. Presentation is posted at <https://youtu.be/8x6JLoFJNyo>
Presenter: Dr. Austin Happel, Ph.D. Research Biologist, John G. Shedd Aquarium & Dustin Gallagher, Aquatic Biologist, MWRDGC
- **Winter Seasonal Campaign Materials** Winter outreach materials were distributed in mid-October and are posted at <https://www.lowerdesplaineswatershed.org/winter/> Three new blog articles, new winter poster, a recorded webinar, a PSA video and nine new social media posts are now available. Please contact Lea Rodbarry lrodbarry@theconservationfoundation.org with questions or for help customizing materials.
- **Winter Deicing Workshops Wrap Up** The LDWG partnered with Lower DuPage, DRSCW and The Conservation Foundation to host three virtual winter deicing workshops in October and four "Winter Briefs" Technical Webinars from late October to mid-November. While the personal interaction was missed at these virtual workshops, the access and participation in these workshops was increased. Recording of the Winter Briefs webinars are posted at <http://saltsmart.org/workshops/>
- **2021 Membership Meetings:**
 - January 14 Annual Meeting