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MRRPC Reviews Projects for Area

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The long-time PCB contamination of the Mississippi River by adjacent industrial users and the resulting closing of the Lake Pepin commercial fishery will be among the items discussed at the July Executive Committee meeting of the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC). The session will start at 10 a.m. on July 9, in La Crosse's Cerise Club.

At the request of Commissioner Herbert Meshun, Pepin County, an MRRPC staff member has looked into the physical effects of PCB in the food chain and the economic effects of the publicity surrounding the Lake Pepin closing. He will report on these and other aspects of the issue at the Wednesday meeting.

In the commission's role as clearinghouse for proposed federal spending in the region, the Executive Committee will review projects including a $16,000, six-acre picnic area and softball field in the Village of Ellsworth.

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