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Contamination of Lake Pepin subject

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 10:00 a.m. on July 9, in La Crosse's Carise 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 the following projects:

- a \$16,000, six-acre picnic area and softball field in the Village of Ellsworth.
- a roadside erosion control program conducted by Monroe County's Soil and Water Conservation District.
- a 50-unit housing complex to be built under the auspices of the City of Viroqua Housing Authority.
- a concentrated effort by the Corps of Engineers to clear the lower Kickapoo River in Crawford County of snags and debris to reduce flood damages and to enhance recreation possibilities.

Further details are available at the Commission's office in La Crosse. The public is welcome.