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Experts host panels in Manitowoc, Somers and Mequon about projected Great Lakes water levels and their impact

Great Lakes water levels have been at or near record highs in recent months, prompting concern among many Wisconsin residents.

Those interested in learning what's in store for Great Lakes water levels through spring and summer 2020 are invited to attend one of three upcoming informational meetings in communities along Lake Michigan.

At each session, attendees will hear from experts from Wisconsin Sea Grant, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Weather Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. There will also be time for attendees to ask questions. Seating at all sessions is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The three sessions are:

Manitowoc: Tuesday, March 17, 6 to 8 p.m.

UW-Green Bay, Manitowoc Campus
University Theater
705 Viebahn St.
Manitowoc, WI 54420

Somers/Kenosha: Wednesday, March 18, 6 to 8 p.m.

UW-Parkside
Student Center Cinema
900 Wood Rd.
Somers, WI 53133

Mequon: Thursday, March 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

MATC Mequon Campus
Lecture Hall, Room A289
5555 W. Highland Rd.
Mequon, WI 53092

Dr. Adam Bechle, a coastal engineering outreach specialist with Wisconsin Sea Grant, will speak at all three panels. Said Bechle, "We have worked with our federal, state, and local partners to host a couple of these meetings in the past few months that have been quite well attended. With Great Lakes water levels already breaking records this year, demand for information about water levels continues to grow. The presentations at these meetings can help folks understand the current water level situation and what some possible steps forward are to address high water level impacts.

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Those who are unable to attend the events in person may attend virtually through Zoom at this web address:

<https://zoom.us/j/152994777>.

Additionally, a recording will be posted on Wisconsin Sea Grant’s YouTube channel after the events. Search “Wisconsin Sea Grant” on YouTube or go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/UWASC>.

Questions about the events may be directed to Bechle at (608) 263-5133.

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