

Updates for the SLRAOC that can be share during the Round the Table discussion at the Dec HTAC Mtg.

- Construction of the contaminated sediment remedy at Azcon Slip was completed in late November.
- Construction has begun at the U.S. Steel/Spirit Lake site, but only for the landward components.
- The MNDNR executed a partnership agreement with the USACE to design the Mud Lake habitat restoration project.
- No further action decisions have been made for Mud Lake West, Bunge Dock and Superior Ore Docks.
- If anyone missed our November Celebration of Progress, it can be viewed on the St. Louis River Alliance website. Go to the Resources tab, select Area of Concern, and look for the second video link in the left-hand column. In addition to an AOC update, this year's guest speakers spoke about birds in the estuary
- Several projects that were under construction this year are getting buttoned up for winter. They will resume next year and be completed in 2021:
 - Kingsbury Bay habitat restoration,
 - Grassy Point habitat restoration,
 - Interstate Island avian habitat restoration, and
 - Howards Bay contaminated sediment remediation.
- Our draft 2020 Remedial Action Plan update is open for stakeholder input until Monday Dec. 7. Go to the WDNR web site and Google "St. Louis River AOC" and you will be brought to the main page with a link to the document and instructions for submitting comments.
- Several important milestones will be reached next year:
 - Bio media will be placed at 40th Ave West.
 - Construction will begin at the Ponds behind Erie Pier remediation site in May.
 - WDNR will make decisions on whether remedies are needed at 5 sites.
 - WDNR will begin construction at their Pickle Pond site.
 - We will prepare documentation to remove the Degraded Fish and Wildlife Populations Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) in 2021; once EPA agrees to remove that BUI, we will have 5 more BUIs left to remove before the delisting process can start.

If anyone has questions, you can direct them to Matt, Melissa or me.

Thanks!

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