

# Bear River Symposium

Agenda  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Garden City, Ut.  
Conference Center

## September 9, 2009

### Water Quality Trading Workshop

The Bear River Commission will be hosting a workshop for those interested in learning about water quality trading. The seminar will be held on September 9, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m and will include dinner. If you plan to attend the workshop, please contact Jim Bowcutt at 435-753-6029 x21 or R.S.V.P. to jim.bowcutt@usu.edu

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### Bear River/Bear Lake Symposium

Mitch Poulsen, Bear Lake Regional Commission, Conference Organizer  
Marc Gibbs, History of water in the Bear River, a political perspective.

### Moderator-Claudia Conder,

### **Drought, human and environmental adaptations to reality**

**9:00-9:50**

Wetland Response to Extended Drought-Rebekah Downard, Utah State University  
vulnerabilities of ecosystems to drought-Joanna Endter-Wada, Director of Policy and Environmental Systems, Utah State University

### **BREAK**

### Moderator-Claudia Cottle, Executive Director, Bear Lake Watch.

### **Response of native species to barriers (10:00-11:30)**

#### *Presenters*

Reconnecting Bonneville cutthroat trout migration routes-Kirk Dahle, Trout Unlimited.  
Balancing endemic and sport fisheries-Scott Tolentino, Fisheries Biologist, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.  
Whats for dinner? Winter food sources for Bear Lake fish-Dr. Chris Luecke, Department Head, Watershed Science, Utah State University.

11:30

### **LUNCH**

Moderator-Mike Allred, Water Quality Specialist, Department of Environmental Quality,  
**(1:00-2:00)**

**Evaluating historical perspectives on approaches to water quality**

Northern Utah climate model-Dr. Rob Gilles, Director, Utah Climate Center, Utah State University

Rich County Coordinated Resource Management- Bill Hopkin, Utah Department of Agriculture.

Planning for the Bear River Basin-Joan DeGiorgio, The Nature Conservancy Bear River Planning.

Preservation of Watersheds through local land use planning-Brian Carver, Bear River Association of Governments

Moderator-Don Newton, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, TMDL Coordinator

**Evaluating pollutant loading to sensitive waterbodies**

**(2:00-4:00)**

Mud Lake Monitoring-Cody Allen, USU

Citizen Monitoring Program-Nancy Mesner, Water Quality Extension, Assistant Dean, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University

Summary of Lake Area Catchment Studies-Jack Barnett, Bear River Commission  
Monitoring Historical Infrastructure for Pollutant Loads-Jim Bowcutt , University Extension, Utah State University.

Cove Decommissioning- Mark Stenberg, Pacificorp

**Break**

Moderator-Mike Leonhardt, Garden City Councilman,

**New threats to water in the Bear River Basin**

**(4:00-5:00)**

Response to disturbed land by an invasive species-Karin Ketterning, USU

Quagga Mussels-Utah's action plan-Larry Dalton

Idaho's role in preventing Quagga Mussel Infestation, Representative Eric Anderson.

**WRAP UP**

## Registration information

Fees for the conference attendance are \$20. Registration fees cover printed materials and food. They can be paid in advance or at the door. However, notification of attendance 10 days in advance is greatly appreciated. Please make checks out to:

Bear Lake Regional Commission  
P.O. Box 472  
Garden City, Ut. 84072

A packet of information will be provided at the door on the day of registration.

## Accommodations

Overnight accommodations can be obtained by clicking on “accommodations” at [www.bearlake.org](http://www.bearlake.org). There are a number of nightly rentals in Garden City with reasonable rates.

A limited number of registration fee “scholarships” are available on a first come, first served basis.