



Interdisciplinary Solutions to Instream Flow Problems

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State-of-the-Art Highlights at FLOW 2008!

Interest in instream flow protection is growing briskly in recent years, both here in the U.S. and abroad. Not surprisingly, approaches and concepts pertinent to the **science, policy and public dialogue** associated with instream flow protection are evolving quite rapidly. In the interest of bringing conference participants up-to-date on these developments and fostering an exchange of information and ideas, a panel of experts will discuss the “state of the art” in the field of instream flow protection. This is a “not to be missed” opportunity to learn about the innovations and progress being made.

-Moderator: **Brian Richter, Global Freshwater Team, The Nature Conservancy**

Science

The challenge of balancing the growing water demands of increasingly urbanized human societies and the water needs to protect water-dependent ecosystems is forecast to continue to intensify into the foreseeable future. This paper presentation reviews international progress in advancing the science of flow regulation, identifies key obstacles to further progress and seeks lessons from the ways instream flow science is being used in practice.

-**Geoffrey E. Petts, Vice-Chancellor, University of Westminster, and Editor of *River Research and Applications***

Policy

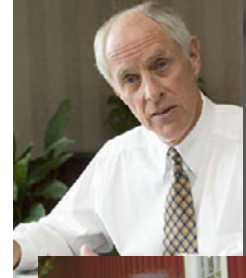
As public demand for healthy rivers grows, we are revisiting long-standing policies promoting various forms of river regulation for economic benefit. This paper presentation summarizes emerging policies for protecting and restoring stream flows in support of this emerging water management goal.

-**Larry MacDonnell, P.C., Water Attorney and Consultant, former Director for the Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado School of Law**

Public Dialogue

In the crowded arena of public policy it is difficult to have new issues “heard” by decision-makers. How can the need for new policies and programs to protect environmental flows rise above the voices of competing issues and agendas? This paper presentation will discuss how people, planning and events come together to set new agendas for the public, agencies and decision-makers.

-**Mark Smith, Director, Eastern U.S. Freshwater Program, The Nature Conservancy**



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