Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region: Starting a Public Discussion

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What will global warming mean for our region? UW Sea Grant's "Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region" seminar series provided a forum for starting this important discussion. Between March and September 2007, eight experts spoke at seven sites around Wisconsin to discuss what is known, what is predicted and what can be done to adapt to a changing climate. Five of these presentations focused on the potential effects of climate change on the region's water resources, particularly rainfall and snowfall patterns, stormwater runoff, floods and public health, winter ice cover and water quality, and lake, stream and ground water levels.

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