

Scott Sparlin Introduction Bio

Scott Sparlin presently resides with his wife Patricia in New Ulm, MN. He is the Executive Director of the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, a position he has held since 1989. Scott is also Watershed Initiative Coordinator for the Friends of the Minnesota Valley in Bloomington, Past President of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen and an IWLA Gopher Chapter member since his teen years. He has extensive experience in community organizing, public speaking, policy development, environmental review, program creation, development and implementation, event coordination and natural resource conservation advocacy. He is a Minnesota River guide and for 14 years hosted his own daily radio fishing show and weekly newspaper columns. Scott's work has been featured on numerous television specials, in the print media and as well in radio news broadcasts. He has been awarded the DNR Meritorious Service Award, 3 Governor's Commendations, Izaak Walton League of America National Service Award, The Minnesota River Board Tributary Award, The U.S Department of Interior Service Award, Take Pride in America Award, MASWCD Community Conservationist of the Year Award, and CURE Riverkeeper Award along with a number of others. Currently he maintains a significant network throughout Minnesota with a special emphasis in the Minnesota River Basin. Scott is also owner of Itasca Tree Specialties located near Northome Minnesota specializing in Christmas trees, wreaths and garland roping. For the past 41 years Scott has been and continues to be a professional singer, songwriter, musician, sound technician, event coordinator and musical administrative agent. He has recorded several compilations in varied genre's of musical styles such as Rock, Blues, Bluegrass, Folk, Country and Ethnic Old Time. One of the compilations includes a collection of original compositions which focuses on renewable energy, environmental and water quality related topics titled "Our Rivers, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". On the lighter side Scott is also a registered trademarks owner of "Ya Sure Ya Betcha" and "Oktoberfest" which both have a garment and novelty businesses associated with them. Scott has also written numerous songs about the saying so unique to Minnesota and the upper Mid-West. Scott's passions in life are his work, family and friends.

