

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Request approval to name the Dedic W. Bergstrom III Waterfowl Complex

FOR: May 2014 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: John Huff, Area Wildlife Supervisor

SUMMARY:

The Department of Natural Resources owns and manages a wetland composed of four connected cells near Shiocton which were created as a wetland mitigation site. These flowages provide habitat for wetland wildlife including waterfowl, wetland-dependent birds, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians, and insects and important recreational opportunities for both consumptive and non-consumptive recreationalists. In recognition of his contributions to wetland conservation in Wisconsin and internationally, the Department is naming this wetland area the Dedic W. Bergstrom III Waterfowl Complex.

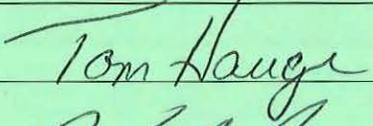
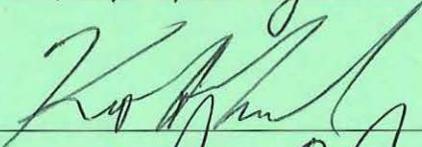
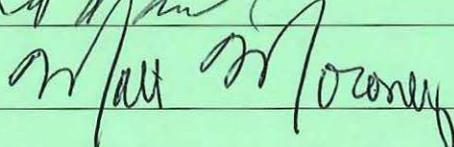
This wetland complex is managed as a part of the Lower Wolf River Bottoms Natural Resource Area. The complex is 411 acres and we will recognize the renaming with a sign that will be placed on the site.

Dedic was one of the founding members of the first local Ducks Unlimited chapter in the State of Wisconsin. He was a Life Sponsor in the organization and was instrumental in establishing the Davis Point Conservation Project in Manitoba, Canada. The thousands of acres in this project were part of the contribution of Wisconsin conservationists to the prairie pothole region that produces waterfowl for the continent. Dedic continued to contribute to this important work which benefits Wisconsin by protecting breeding grounds in the north. He was also a leader in the discussions that resulted in Ducks Unlimited committing to similar wetland conservation efforts within Wisconsin. These efforts have resulted in protection and conservation of almost 110,000 acres and expenditures of over \$22 million dollars within the State. More importantly, his contributions and leadership have fostered a strong and growing partnership of concerned Wisconsin citizens who cherish wetlands and waterfowl and who will work to preserve them for the future.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

- Background memo
- Site map
- Type name of attachment or type N/A if not applicable
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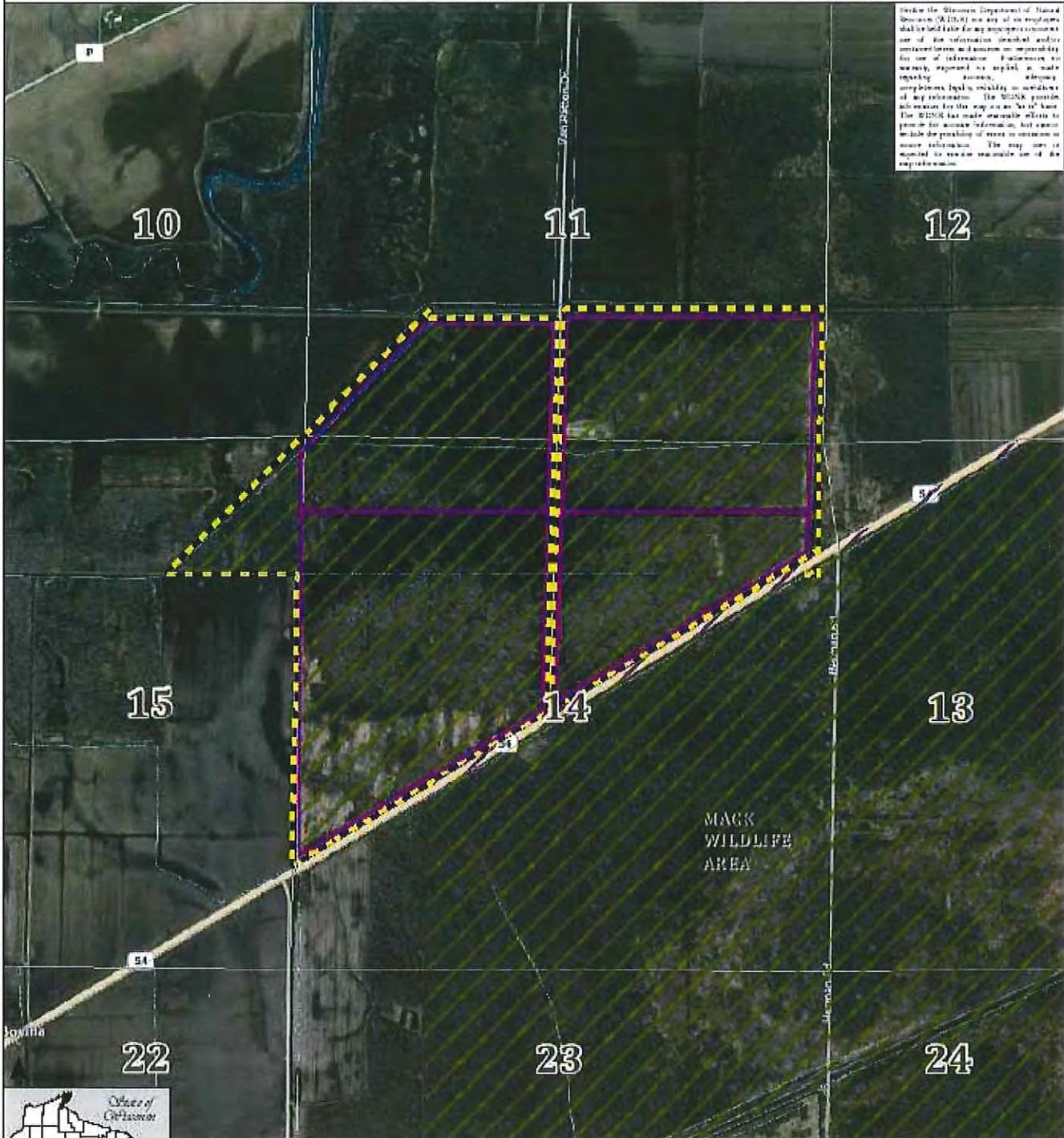
Approved by	Signature	Date
Tom Hauge, Bureau Director		4/23/14
Kurt Thiede, Administrator		4/28/14
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		4/30/14

Proposed Dedic W. Bergstrom III Waterfowl Complex

T.23N. R.16E. Section 11, 14 & 15

Town of Bovina, Outagamie County, Wisconsin

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-  DNR Owned
-  DNR Easement
-  Bergstrom Waterfowl Complex
-  Dikes and Impoundments



DEDRIC W. BERGSTROM III MEMORIAL WATERFOWL COMPLEX

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THE DEDRIC W. BERGSTROM III FAMILY



In memory of Dedic Bergstrom's
legacy as an outdoorsman,
pioneer in the formation of
Wisconsin DU,
friend and father.

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Design note on Ducks photo: larger with just the outline of the ducks and a few lines underneath them indicating they are right above the water