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Kristina Petzold,,
I would like to add the following information which was issued by the WDNR why dams should be removed. The first reason certainly applies to the Estabrook Dam.

A Few Key Reasons for Dam Removal:

<!--[if !supportLists]--> • <!--[endif]-->For safety reasons. Dams are under the constant pressures of water and time and gradually deteriorate. As a result, many of Wisconsin's dams have not been properly maintained and are now public safety hazards. The DNR is responsible for dam inspections, enforcing compliance with safety standards, and for issuing repair and removal orders.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> • <!--[endif]-->To save money. In Wisconsin, repairing a dam typically costs 3 to 5 times more than the cost of removal. The on-going costs of maintenance, repairs, operation, liability, and dredging the impoundment further increases the true cost of a dam.

To restore recreational and natural values. Dams severely fragment river ecosystems, degrade water quality and devastate fisheries. In fact, the DNR has identified dams as one of the **biggest threats to Wisconsin's aquatic biodiversity.** Dam removal re-creates recreational and aesthetic opportunities — from canoeing and kayaking to fishing and wildlife watching. Restoring the land flooded by dams can also create great parks and wildlife habitats.