

Wetland Study Council Meeting
May 21, 2020
9:00 – 11:00
Held Online via Skype

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	WSC Attendees: - Tim Andryk - Tracy Hames - Seth Hudson - Stacy Jepson - Paul Kent - Thomas Larson - Amanda Minks in for Robert Rosenberger Other participants: - Tom Pearce - James Brodzeller - Nate Walker - Mike Thompson - Macaulay Haller - Amanda Dehmlow - Jennifer Western Houser
Public Comment	No public comments received
Review and approval of Agenda	Decision: Agenda approved
Approval of Board Minutes	Decision: Minutes approved
Review of Council members terms, end dates and reappointment of Stacy J. and Tim A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Larsen and Karen Gefvert to provide term end dates when they have access to their appointment letters • DNR has sent out requests to the Governor’s Office to reappoint Stacy and Tim. No known timetable for response. <p>Action Item: Mike Thompson to request timetable from Governor’s Office for reappointments and to clarify that a Council member may continue to serve beyond July 31 if the position has not been appointed.</p>
How will the Council share recommended actions with outside entities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Ch 15. (7) Wis. Stats. regarding Council reports • Council agrees to submit an annual report to the DNR Secretary, the Governor and standing legislative committees on natural resources/environment. • Council plans to submit annual report summarizing recommendations and actions by July 31, 2020. • Annual reports to be posted at the DNR Wetland Study Council web page.

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	<p>Action item: Tracy Hames to draft an annual report for Council business from June 2019 to June 2020.</p> <p>Decision: Will review this topic at the June Council meeting.</p>
<p>Jurisdictional Determinations Opportunities:</p> <p>a. DNR-funded Corps position (Mike Thompson)</p> <p>b. Professional JD confirmation training (Paul Kent)</p>	<p>A) DNR-funded USACE position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Thompson presented draft Limited Term Employment half time position concept involving a DNR employee working directly for the Corps for jurisdictional determination review for two years at a cost of \$50,000 • Funding sources could include general program revenue, state funds through a budget request, gift account donations, or possibly a new fee structure (if statutory authority were granted) • Council would like to confirm that the St. Paul Corps District (USACE) is interested in having this position for jurisdictional determinations • Topic tabled until the June meeting <p>B) Professional JD program/training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program idea – assured delineators would become trained in process and data collection needs for jurisdictional determinations intended to reduce USACE project managers’ workload and result in faster JD responses in Wisconsin. • This program would require DNR authority for the assured delineator program, for developing standards to ensure a high level of jurisdictional determination work that meets USACE standards, and for DNR to be able to remove assured delineator/determinator “certification” for one whose work does not meet standards. <p>Action item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda, Paul, and Stacy will develop a program concept considering the needs above and meet with USACE to discuss feasibility
<p>DNR presentation on wetland general permits and permit revisions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal development wetland general permit (GP-11) to be revised to cover stormwater concerns • Restoration general permit (NR 353, wetland and waterway) to be revised to provide additional opportunities for hydrologic restoration • Minor discharges wetland general permit (new general permit) will potentially be a tiered permit allowing self-certification for small impacts in degraded wetlands – DNR interested in Council input for this structure

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	<p><i>Decision:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Council members to follow up with DNR staff regarding questions and interest in specific permits• Members will bring larger general permit revision questions to the Council when deemed necessary or of interest.
Review and discuss future WSC agenda topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NR 350 overview and discussion, Council input requested (Tom Pearce)• Future meeting planning – review topics and recommendations document, consider layout for future topics to cover in 2020• Council member renewals (update from Mike Thompson)• WOTUS implications for wetland permitting
New Business and Future meeting planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new business• June 18 meeting moved to 2:00-4:00 pm