

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

**SUBJECT:** Renaming Little Tail Unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area to Bayside Road Unit

**FOR:** May 2016 Board meeting

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Jeff Pritzl, Northeast Region Wildlife Supervisor

**SUMMARY:**

We recommend renaming the Little Tail Unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area so that it would be known as the Bayside Road Unit.

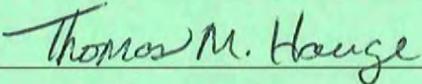
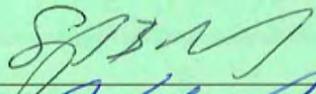
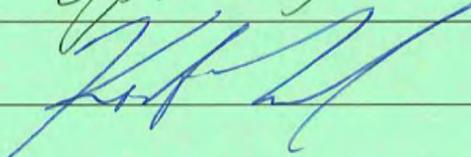
Renaming is in response to a request by local landowners who are concerned that the current name causes confusion about property ownership and results in trespass to privately owned land. The department does not own any land on Little Tail Point itself.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the request to change the name of Little Tail Point Unit to Bayside Road Unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area

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

- Background memo
- Map of Little Tail Point Unit

- List of GB West Shore Wildlife Area units
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Approved by	Signature	Date
Tom Hauge, Bureau Director		4/27/16
Sanjay Olson, Division Administrator		4/29/16
 Cathy Stepp, Secretary		5/2/16

cc: Board Liaison – AD/8

DATE: April 26, 2016

TO: Natural Resources Board Members

FROM: Secretary Cathy Stepp

SUBJECT: Renaming Little Tail Unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area to Bayside Road Unit

We recommend renaming the Little Tail Unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area so that it would be known as the Bayside Road Unit.

**Background Information:**

A partial owner of Little Tail Point has requested that the Little Tail Unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area be renamed. Little Tail Point is within the acquisition boundary of the wildlife area, however, the department does not own any land on Little Tail Point itself. The owner contends that the name "Little Tail Unit" creates a presumption that the point itself is public land, which leads to trespass issues.

**Public Participation**

In response to the landowner concerns, a proposal to name the unit "Bayside Road Unit" was shared with more than 700 people on the distribution list established for the Green Bay Planning Group Master Plan and with local media for public input. Four emails were received that objected to the name change. The focus of the objections were that the name Little Tail is important as part of the cultural heritage of Green Bay waterfowl hunting, and the name change is an attempt to lessen legal public use of the waters and flooded vegetation adjacent to the point. The objectors felt that a name change would not result in a change to the long existing user conflict between private and public waterfowl hunters.

A follow up public meeting was held on February 17, 2016 at the Green Bay DNR Service Center. Three members of the public attended the meeting including the original requestor and one other owner of Little Tail Point. No one attended in objection to the name change. Three of the four people who objected to renaming during the first phase of public participation contacted the DNR again by email to restate their objections. One additional partial owner of Little Tail Point called the area wildlife management supervisor to relay that he and one other partial owner were not in favor of the name change.

The original requestor for a name change contends that the Little Tail Unit is the only unit of the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area where the geographical feature referenced in the name of the unit is not actually owned by the department, thus creating the incorrect assumption by the public that Little Tail Point is publicly owned.

## Management units of the 9000-acre Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area

- [Charles Pond Unit](#) located in Oconto County, about nine miles southwest of the town of Pensaukee and includes Charles Pond State Natural Area (SNA).
- [Little Tail Unit](#) located in Brown County, about three miles north of the village of Suamico. Little Tail Point is privately owned.
- [Long Tail Unit](#) located in Brown County, about one mile east of the village of Suamico, south of the Suamico River.
- [Oconto Marsh Unit](#) located in Oconto County, about one mile northeast of the city of Oconto.
- [Peats Lake Unit](#) located in Brown County, about one mile north of the city of Green Bay.
- [Pecor Point Unit](#) located in Oconto County, about two miles northeast of the town of Pensaukee.
- [Pensaukee Unit](#) located in Oconto County, just south of the town of Pensaukee.
- [Peshtigo Harbor Unit](#) located in Marinette County, at the mouth of the Peshtigo River and upstream along both sides of the river. Peshtigo Harbor Lacustrine Forest State Natural Area and Peshtigo River Delta Marshes State Natural Area are located within this unit. The Bloch Oxbow State Natural Area is connected to this unit.
- [Rush Point Unit](#) located in Oconto County, north of the city of Oconto.
- [Sensiba Unit](#) located in Brown County, about one mile east of the village of Suamico, north of the Suamico River.
- [Tibbett - Suamico Unit](#) located in Oconto County, about one mile east of the town of Little Suamico.



**GREEN BAY WEST SHORES WILDLIFE AREA**  
**LITTLE TAIL UNIT**  
**OCONTO COUNTY**

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