

Notice of Pending Application/Public Hearing for Proposed Dredging

Paul Johnson, PO Box 92, Altoona, WI 54720 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to remove materials from the bed of Altoona Lake.

The project is located in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 24, Township 27 North, Range 9 West, Town of Seymour, Eau Claire County.

The project is to conduct mechanical dredging in Lake Altoona approximately where the Eau Claire River enters Lake Altoona and at the mouth of Five Mile Creek. The total amount of sediment proposed to be removed is approximately 115,000 cubic yards. A mussel survey was conducted and no endangered, threatened or special concern species were found. Sediment samples have been taken at both locations and was determined to be clean fill meeting the landfill exemption, and thus dredge spoils are able to be disposed of at the existing disposal facility. Erosion control methods meeting state standards will be used to maintain water quality in the Lake. All disturbed upland areas will be re-vegetated after project completion. Woody debris will be salvaged and incorporated into the waterward design when the project is completed.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 30.20(2), Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit or contract for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The public hearing is scheduled for **January 26th, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Eau Claire Public Library, Eau Claire Room, 400 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, WI 54701.**

The Department scheduled a public hearing on this activity or project because the Department received a request for a public hearing. The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal standards above. Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing David.Hon@wisconsin.gov or writing to David Hon, 1300 W Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name, and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them to be considered.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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For the Secretary



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