

Response Summary on Public Comments Received on the  
Proposed Rotenone Treatments on Private Ponds Guidance.

A. Overview

Thank you to everyone who provided comments to the aforementioned proposed guidance changes. There was one comment received on the proposals to change/clarify guidance for rotenone treatments on private ponds. Those germane to the guidance are included below:

1. Reporting the approximate number and weight of the fish species killed.

B. Status of Recommendations

After careful consideration of these comments, the Department's proposal will remain as originally posted.

1. Reporting the approximate number and weight of fish species killed is necessary data to assess the efficacy of the treatment and if there were any unintended impacts. These data are also needed by Fish Management staff to assist in the decision making process for future treatments.
2. The Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (WPDES) general permits is issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for specific categories of industrial, municipal and other wastewater discharges. Under the authority in section 283.35, Wis. Stats., the Department may issue WPDES general permits applicable to categories or classes of point source discharges. ***The Pesticide Pollutant Discharge for Control of Detrimental or Invasive Aquatic Animals (WI-0064564)*** requires reporting of animal density and surveillance.

C. Additional Clarification

Nothing needed at this time

D. Other comments received

Nothing received

E. Further Contacts

Questions on this matter should be forwarded to Scott Provost , 715-421-7881 or [scott.provost@wisconsin.gov](mailto:scott.provost@wisconsin.gov).

Final guidance will be posted on <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/documents/guidance/>

Following is a compilation of the comments received by the Department on this matter.

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**To:** Provost, Scott M - DNR  
**Subject:** Comment regarding Guidance for Rotenone treatments

Hi Scott,

After reading through the guidance for rotenone treatments, I was a little concerned about the item that mentions the treatment record should contain an approximate number and weight of the fish species killed. This can be very difficult to determine....especially the weight. I did a fairly large rotenone application on a pond last fall where we were on site for around 4 hours. None of the carp (which was the main target) had come to the surface yet. According to the customer, It took almost 24 hours for the rough fish to completely come to the surface. So in this scenario, we weren't even on site to witness the entire kill and estimating number and weight would have been very difficult (not to mention extremely arbitrary when looking at a larger pond). Thanks.

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