

Wisconsin Wetland Study Council (WSC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 16th, 2021 | 9:00am - 11:00am | Zoom

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	<p>WSC Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracy Hames - Mandy Minks - Carol McCoy - Tom Larson - Karen Gefvert - Stacy Jepson - Matt Howard - Tim Andryk - Paul Kent <p>Other participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom Pearce - Jennifer Western Hauser - James Brodzeller - Kyle McLaughlin - Mike Thompson - Jenni Birkholz - Jenny Murphy - Opal Jain - Gillian Pomplun
Public Comment	No public comments received
Agenda Approval	Decision: Agenda approved
Board Minutes Approval	Decision: Minutes approved
WSC Draft Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update mitigation recommendations section in two places: note on recommendations in progress, change “opportunities” to “recommendations”. • Data dashboard summary – update with reference to DNR IT Charter recommendation language <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update draft to adopt at November meeting
DNR NR 300 rulemaking walkthrough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of NR 300, 301, 305, 310 • DNR goals for the rule effort: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remove redundant content that is in both statute and code ○ Update administrative procedures to align with updated statutes ○ Update fee system – fees established in 2011 ○ No permit eligibility to be changed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Voluntary v. mandatory exemption review ○ Clean up notices and public comment, virtual hearing option ○ Fee proposal based on inflation, specific project review and travel costs, and staffing needs ○ Water quality certification scope – waived for exemptions ○ Navigability and OHWM determination service standards and expectations for stakeholders ○ Wetland mapping service request details ○ Next step is the economic impact analysis comment period
Wetland Identification and Delineation Committee report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council recommendation from July has been useful in legislative discussions for statutory language codifying the assured delineator program <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
Integrated Watershed Management Committee report	<p>Two focus areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incentivize the restoration of upper watershed wetlands 2. Provide flexibility in urban areas for wetland as larger watershed solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee found no limitations for combining water quality and mitigation bank credits ○ Interest in creating a summary document for the range of opportunities and potential issues <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
Wetlands Data Dashboard Committee report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft web page for the dashboard will be rolled out at end of September • DNR should be able to publish the dashboard by end of October <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Brodzeller will share the draft dashboard when it's up
Mitigation Committee report: Mitigation Program recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met in August, drafting briefing papers on mitigation bank taxation and economic incentives, public access on ILF sites, DNR mitigation staffing, and state only mitigation. • Next meeting September 29th at 1:00 pm <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize legislative recommendations
Future business	Next meeting, 11/18/21, 9:00 – 11:00 am