

# **Jeopardy Assessment**

## Proposed Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization for No/Low Impact Activities

### **Background**

#### *Project Information*

Endangered resources (ER) reviews are conducted and/or approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a wide variety of projects each year, ranging from large development projects to small maintenance projects. However, the Department recognizes that some of these projects will have no impact or a very low impact to endangered resources in Wisconsin and is therefore proposing to issue this broad incidental take permit (used by non-state agencies and individuals) and broad incidental take authorization (used by state agencies), as provided for under s. 29.604 Wis. Stats, to cover these situations. Examples of activities that are considered to have no impact or a low impact and are incorporated into this permit and authorization include land acquisitions, wetland delineations, sign installations and utility maintenance activities.

An incidental take permit or authorization is typically issued on a project-by-project basis, however a broad incidental take permit and authorization (BITP/A) were created for this situation so that separate applications, permit fees and public notice periods are not required.

#### *Species Information*

This broad incidental take permit and authorization includes all state endangered and threatened species. Information on these species can be found on the DNR species pages:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/endangeredresources/animals.asp>.

### **Conservation Measures**

*See No/Low Impact Tables.*

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The Department has concluded that the take allowed for under this permit and authorization is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence and recovery of the state population of the species or the whole plant-animal community of which they are a part; and has benefit to the public health, safety or welfare that justifies the action. The Department has also concluded that the take allowed for under this permit and authorization is not likely to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the species within the state, the whole plant-animal community of which they are a part or the habitat that is critical to their existence.