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SUBJECT: 2016 revision to the Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization for activities with no or low impact to endangered resources in Wisconsin

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to revise the Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization for No or Low Impact Activities. A number of activities that have no or low impact on endangered or threatened plants and animals are covered by this broad incidental take permit and authorization. Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the overall population of the species at risk.

The Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization for No and Low Impact Activities was originally approved in 2013 and is revised on an annual basis. This 2016 revision will serve to include new no and low impact activities as well as to consolidate duplicate activities and clarify activity descriptions and definitions of terms.

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.

The conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered and threatened species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit and Authorization. Copies of the jeopardy assessment and background information on the species are available by searching the DNR website for [incidental take public notice](#) or upon request from Melissa Tumbleson at 608-267-0862 or Melissa.tumbleson@wi.gov. Public comments will be taken through April 14, 2015 and should be sent to Melissa Tumbleson, WI DNR Conservation Biologist, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921 or at the above email address.