Public Notice on a Proposed Green Tier Charter and a Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 299.83, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to issue an environmental results charter under Green Tier to the Wisconsin Consulting Foresters (WCF), a non-profit professional organization whose membership is made up of independent private forestry consultants and that promotes sustainable forest management throughout Wisconsin.

The proposed Charter establishes the methods and compliance commitments to improve forest management practices for consistent protection of Wisconsin's forest resources.

Additional information available
Specific information on the Proposed Green Tier/Wisconsin Consulting Foresters Environmental Results Charter and the Green Tier program can be accessed via the Internet at:

http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/GreenTier/Participants/Foresters.html

or by contacting:

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Reasonable requests for the information in an alternate format will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for public to comment or attend a public hearing
DNR will accept written comments from the public regarding the proposed charter through Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Comments may be submitted to Ron Gropp (see above).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DNR will conduct a public informational hearing on the proposed charter at the following time and location:

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00 pm
Portage County Public Library, 1001 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI
Parking is available in the lot behind the library for up to two hours.

How DNR will make final decisions
In making a final decision to issue a charter, DNR will determine whether the proposed charter meets the requirements of sec. 299.83(7e), Wis. Stats., and whether the entities in the association have the resources to carry out the charter. A decision by DNR to issue a charter is not subject to review under state laws governing contested case hearings.

For the Secretary:

/s/ Dave Siebert
Dave Siebert, Director
Bureau of Environmental Analysis and Sustainability

12/22/15
Date