Wisconsin Waterways Commission

Authority: ss. 15.345(1) and 30.92, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 7, Wis. Adm. Code

PURPOSE: Wisconsin Waterways Commission (appointed by the governor with senate consent): James F. Rooney (Lake Michigan area), chairperson; Roger Walsh (Inland area), Vice chairperson; Ralph Brzezinski (Lake Superior area), Maureen Kinney (Mississippi River area), and Lee Van Zeeland (Lake Winnebago watershed).

The 5-member Wisconsin Waterways Commission was created by Chapter 274, Laws of 1977. Its members serve staggered 5-year terms, and each must represent a specific geographic area and be knowledgeable about the area’s recreational water use problems. The Commission may have studies conducted to determine the need for recreational boating facilities; approve financial aid to local governments for development of recreational boating projects, including the acquisition of weed harvesters; and recommend administrative rules for the recreational facilities boating program.

MEETINGS AND BY-LAWS: Does not have by-laws or meeting rules.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

LENGTH OF TERM: 5 years

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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