



March 31, 2020

Mark Robinson, President
Big Chetac and Birch Lakes Association
P.O. Box 33
Birchwood, WI 54817

Subject: Big Chetac and Birch Lakes Comprehensive Management Plan Review

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Department has reviewed the 2020-2024 Comprehensive Lake Management Plan for Big Chetac and Birch Lakes and determined that the monitoring and management activities identified in the plan are eligible for Surface Water Grants funding subject to the application requirements of the grants program.

Please note, aquatic plant management for the purposes of seasonal nuisance relief or navigation are *not* eligible grant activities, and the Department reserves the right to inspect nuisance or navigation conditions prior to permitting the management of aquatic plants.

Furthermore, the Department must certify that all proposed projects recommended in an approved plan comply with the provisions of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA). This certification could involve additional public informational meetings or other environmental assessment action.

Thanks to you and the lakes' community for continuing your efforts to protect and improve Big Chetac and Birch Lakes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Smith'.

Alex Smith
Lake Biologist

CC: Mark Hazuga, Scott Van Egeren, Max Wolter, Tyler Mesalk – WDNR
Dave Blumer – LEAPS