



# TRIENNIAL STANDARDS REVIEW

2018-2020 REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IS UNDERWAY

## Designated Uses



RECREATION



FISH & AQUATIC LIFE



PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE



WILDLIFE

## PURPOSE

- Every 3 years, DNR reviews Wisconsin's water quality standards as required by the Clean Water Act.
- The review provides the public an opportunity to weigh in on how DNR should focus its available resources to ensure the health of Wisconsin lakes, rivers, and streams.

## TOPICS CONSIDERED

Designated Uses Goals and expectations for each waterbody (see sidebar).

Water Quality Criteria Narrative or numeric benchmarks to protect the designated use.

Antidegradation Policy and procedures to protect high quality waters.

Water Quality Variances Short-term changes to water quality standards when criteria are unattainable.



## PROCESS

- 1) The public and internal/external partners are asked for topics to consider during this process.
- 2) The public and internal/external partners complete surveys to rank topics.
- 3) A public hearing is held to describe the topics under consideration.
- 4) A final report is prepared with the topics prioritized based on input from the surveys.
- 5) Work begins on the priority topics.

