

2016 Impaired Waters List Updates

Impaired Waters List

Every two years, DNR publishes a list of waters considered impaired, as required by Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d). Impaired waters do not meet standards and may not support fishing, swimming, recreating or public health and welfare.

Wisconsin's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methods (WisCALM)

The CWA requires states to document the methodology used to assess its waters, including how the state makes decisions to add or delete waters from the Impaired Waters List. Wisconsin's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methods (WisCALM) provides guidance to DNR staff conducting assessments of water quality.

Comment Period

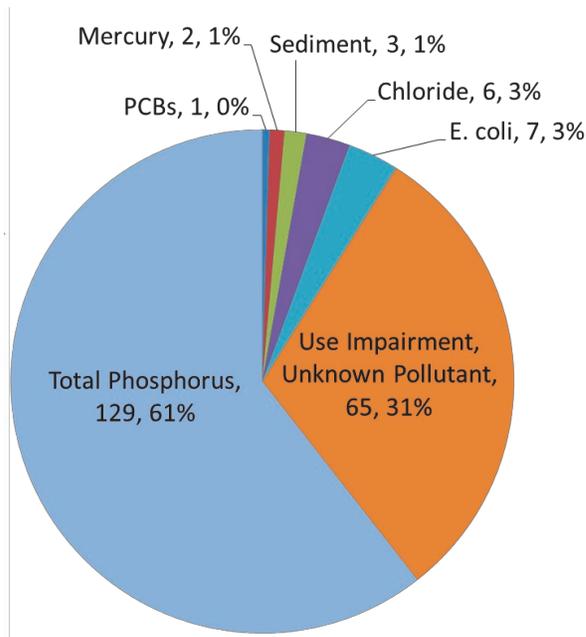
A public comment period is being held from October 27 — November 25. Public comments will be incorporated in the final draft 2016 list submitted to EPA for approval in April, 2016.

Revised: October 20, 2015

A comment period is being held from October 27 to November 25, 2015 for changes proposed for the draft 2016 Impaired Waters List.

The comprehensive draft 2016 list contains 1,295 waterbody segments (i.e., assessment units), of which 209 are newly added in 2016.

Figure 1. Summary of new listings by pollutant.



A majority of the new listings are waterbodies exceeding the total phosphorus criteria (see Figure 1).

A significant number of new waterbody listings are due to degraded biological condition or elevated water temperature (i.e., non-pollutant use impairment).

The remaining new listings are due to elevated water temperature, poor habitat conditions, concentrations of mercury or PCB in fish tissue, or elevated levels of bacteria or chloride.

Delistings

- Ten waters are proposed to be removed from the list.
- Two lake listings previously added due to mercury contaminated fish tissue are proposed to be removed due to lifting of the specific fish consumption advisories.
- Four beaches are proposed to be removed based on beach sample *E. coli* concentrations.
- Two stream delistings are proposed due to a previous listing error.
- Two additional stream delistings are proposed due to restored habitat and fisheries.

For more information regarding Wisconsin's Impaired Waters visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/impairedwaters/>

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