



OUTSTANDING AND EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCE WATER EVALUATION - STREAMS

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Stream Name: Wisconsin River

Reach Designation: Below Prairie du Sac to Prairie du Chien

How far below Prairie du Sac?

CRITERIA

RELATED INFORMATION

IMPORTANT FISHERY

- Excellent Population Levels/Standing Stocks
- Outstanding Size Structure of Stocks
- Trophy Fishery
- Outstanding Ecological Diversity

Walleye, Sauger, SMB, N.P. catfish
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- Endangered, Threatened, or Watch List Species or Unique Strains

Paddlefish, American Eel, mooneye, goldeye, Blue sucker, Black Buffalo, Black reedhorse, pugnose minnow, Lake sturgeon, pirate perch, crystal darter

SIGNIFICANT RECREATION OR PRESERVATION USE

- Provides Outstanding Fishing Experience
- Provides Other Outstanding Recreational Experiences or Special Uses
- Public Fishing Grounds
- State or Federal Wildlife Refuge
- State Scientific or Natural Area
- Largely Wild and Undeveloped Watershed
- Largely Undeveloped Shoreline and "Viewshed"

SMB, walleye, catfish
Canoeing, swimming, tubing, camping

WATER QUALITY

- Excellent Water Quality
- No Known Standards Violations
- No Existing or Potential Water Quality Problems

based on HRF

cont. from Endangered species: Mud darter, starhead topminnow, Greater reedhorse, weed shiner, pallid shiner, speckled chub, silver chub

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SOURCES OF POLLUTION

No significant impacts from actual or potential point sources or culturally induced nonpoint sources

No significant point sources causing degradation to the stream.

If this waterbody did not receive a check in each of the 4 categories, but based on your professional judgement and overriding environmental concerns, you still believe that this should be an Outstanding or Exceptional Resource Water, explain why.

The Wisconsin River below Prairie du Sac was nominated as a Wild & Scenic River. Upstream reaches have assimilated industry wastewater and water quality indicators reflect excellent water quality. The Wisconsin River supports 18 species of rare and endangered fish species. It is a wintering area for bald eagles. Selecting the Lower Wisconsin River as an "Outstanding Resource" would be consistent with the goals of the Lower Wis master plan.

Evaluator Dana Marshall

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Date

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