



November 6, 2018

IP-NO-2018-66-02936

Washburn County Highway Department  
Frank Scalzo  
1600 County Hwy H  
Spooner, WI 54801

Dear Mr. Scalzo:

This letter contains important information regarding your DNR permit application for a winter drawdown on the Minong Flowage. Wisconsin law (chapters 30 and 281, Wisconsin Statutes) requires that the public be allowed an opportunity to comment on projects like yours. Your proposed project is currently in the public comment phase and the Department has received a request for a public informational hearing.

The Department has scheduled a public informational hearing on your proposal on Thursday, December 13, 2018. The hearing will promptly begin at 9:00 am in the Minong Town Hall, which is located at W7095 Nancy Lake Road, Minong, WI 54859.

The hearing provides an opportunity for you and the Department to gather additional facts to help gauge the possible environmental impacts of your proposed project. The hearing is informational only. Department staff will manage the hearing agenda according to set procedures to allow all who attend a chance to be heard and to gather as much factual information as possible.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Public Hearing" for your project. The Department will publish the notice on our Internet website. The period to submit written public comment will end 10 days after the date the hearing is completed.

**Before the Department can proceed further toward a decision, state law requires you to:**

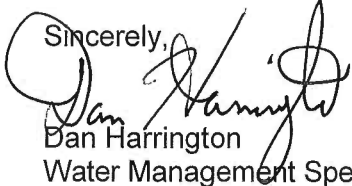
1. Publish this as a Class I Notice, at your expense, in The Spooner Advocate, 251 East Maple Street, PO Box 338, Spooner WI 54801-0338, [ads@spooneradvocate.com](mailto:ads@spooneradvocate.com), Phone (715) 635-2181, Fax (715) 635-2186 **at least 10 days prior** to the hearing date.
2. Provide the Department an Affidavit of Publication from the newspaper to prove that the notice was published.
3. Provide a copy of the enclosed notice to the parties listed below by U.S. Mail or in person. If provided by U.S. Mail, send the notice Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested. If provided in person, obtain a signature from each party to verify that they received the notice. You may notify others at your discretion. You also must provide a copy of the notice to any person or group who asks you to do so.

- Minong Flowage Association, PO Box 167, Minong, WI 54859

Please send me the Affidavit for proof of publication, and the Return Receipts or other signed document for proof of notification of the groups or individuals, as soon as possible.

Please write or call me at (715) 635-4097 or email [Dan.Harrington@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Dan.Harrington@wisconsin.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Harrington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dan Harrington  
Water Management Specialist

Ecc: Keith Patrick – WDNR  
Pamela Toshner – WDNR  
Craig Roberts – WDNR  
Steve LaValley – WDNR  
Jacob Sedivy – WDNR  
Jacob Druffner - WDNR  
David Blumer – Consultant  
Dan Maxwell – Minong Flowage Association  
David Perrin – Minong Flowage Association  
Lisa David - GLIFWC

## Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Dam Drawdown on the Minong Flowage

Frank Scalzo, on behalf of Washburn County, 1600 County Highway H, Spooner, WI 54801 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit for a winter drawdown on the Minong Flowage.

The project is located in the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 13, Township 42 North, Range 13 West, Town of Minong, Washburn County.

It is the intent of the Minong Flowage Association to implement a 5-foot winter drawdown of the Minong Flowage over the winter months of 2019-2020 to control Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) a non-native, aquatic invasive species present in the lake. In an Aquatic Plant Management Plan approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Minong Flowage Association in 2015, criteria were established when to consider the use of a temporary winter drawdown to control EWM. Those criteria were exceeded in the fall of 2017, setting up the potential for planning and implementation of a winter drawdown over the 2019-2020 winter season.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 31.19, Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit or contract for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for WP-IP-NO-2018-66-X08-07T07-11-32.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

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The Department scheduled a public hearing on this activity or project because the Department received requests for a public hearing. The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal standards above.

Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing Dan.Harrington@wisconsin.gov or writing to Dan Harrington, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 810 West Maple Street, Spooner, WI 54801 by U.S. mail.

Comments should include the docket number or applicant name and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. **Comments must be postmarked no later**

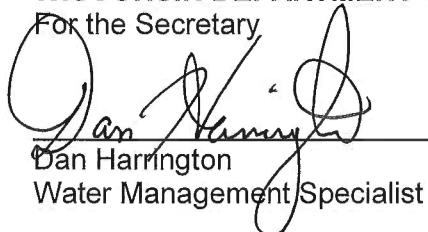
**than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed for them to be considered.**

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the permit decision document.

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**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

For the Secretary



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Dan Harrington  
Water Management Specialist

11/06/2018

Date