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## **Completed Sensitive Area Designation for Delavan Lake**

Dear Delavan Lake Community Members,

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) recently completed the report regarding sensitive areas on Delavan Lake. The Department notified residents (via a direct mailing) of the proposed sensitive areas in April 2006. A public presentation on the proposed sensitive areas occurred on May 20, 2006. The comment period extended to July 31st, 2006. <u>This letter serves to notify you that the process of designating sensitive areas on Delavan Lake has been completed</u>.

A number of letters, e-mails and verbal comments were provided to the Department by landowners. The Department responded to all the comments either by letter or e-mail. A copy of the final report and maps can be found at <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/lakes/sensitiveareas.asp</u>.

Sensitive areas are defined in Natural Resource Code NR 107.05 (3)(i)(1) as "areas of aquatic vegetation identified by the department as offering critical or unique fish and wildlife habitat, including seasonal or lifestage requirements, or offering water quality or erosion control benefits to body of water."

The Department appreciates the time that many of you took to submit your comments regarding the sensitive areas on Delavan Lake. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 262.574.2130.

Sincerely,

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