

# Resolution

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## Establishing a Bayfield County Lake Conservation Specialist Position

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County is committed to provide high quality water resources for use by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty, and;

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) is presently limited in capacity to serve the communities living around and near lakes, streams, and wetlands, and;

**WHEREAS**, we recognize there are gaps in coverage regarding lake topics including shoreline restoration, shoreline mitigation, WDNR lake management planning grant assistance, erosion control, and;

**WHEREAS**, the WDNR is shifting aquatic invasive species funding away from competitive grants, more towards a more evenly distributed statewide contract-based system with fewer funds available per recipient in 2019-2020, which would end the current 12 year-long Bayfield County Aquatic Invasive Species Program, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee included funding for this position in the 2019 budget proposal with full support from all 5 members present, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Aquatic Invasive Species Committee recognizes and fully supports the need for a Lake Conservation Specialist in Bayfield County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Aquatic Invasive Species Committee assembled this 12th day of September 2018, hereby supports the creation of a full-time, county-funded Lake Conservation Specialist position in the Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Department.

**BAYFIELD COUNTY AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE**



Nan Olson, AIS Committee Chair