



# TRIENNIAL STANDARDS REVIEW

2021-2023 REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IS UNDERWAY

## Designated Uses



RECREATION



FISH & AQUATIC LIFE



PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE



WILDLIFE

## PURPOSE

- Every three years, the DNR reviews Wisconsin's water quality standards as required by the Clean Water Act.
- The review provides the public an opportunity to weigh in on how the DNR should focus its available resources to ensure the health of Wisconsin lakes, rivers and streams.



## TOPICS CONSIDERED

Designated Uses Goals and expectations for each waterbody (see sidebar).

Water Quality Criteria Narrative or numeric benchmarks to protect the designated use.

Antidegradation Policy and procedures to protect high-quality waters.

Water Quality Variances Short-term changes to permit limits or water quality standards when criteria are unattainable.

## PROCESS

- 1) The public and internal/external partners are asked for topics to consider during this process.

- 2) The public and internal/external partners rank their high priority topics using an online form.

- 3) A public hearing is held to provide more information and take comments.

- 4) A final workplan is prepared with the topics prioritized based on input from the public, partners, and technical staff.

