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APPENDIX H

2021 Lake Management Plan WDNR Approval Letter



December 13, 2021

Waupaca Chain of Lakes District
PO Box 123
King, WI 54981

Subject: Approval of Lake Management Plan: Waupaca Chain of Lakes

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I want to thank you for submitting the Draft – Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. The Department reviewed the plan and it includes all the elements listed in NR 193. The draft is well written and does an excellent job of setting the framework necessary to pursue comprehensive lake management efforts well into the future. Based on our review, the Department approves the plan. Approval of this plan is not an endorsement or approval for all proposed actions.

There are many objectives and corresponding implementation strategies outlined in the plan. Please keep in mind the following:

1. Lake Management Plans are meant to be dynamic and iterative.
2. Future work should be tracked carefully, and results added to the existing plan as addendums.
3. It is likely that new problems / objectives will arise and that priorities will change over time.
4. Public outreach efforts are critical, so please continue to make this a major priority.
5. Lack of near-shore habitat (downed trees and emergent plants) is, in my opinion, a major limiting factor to the overall ecology of the Chain. Please keep this in mind when planning future management actions.

I want to thank you, along with the lake stakeholders, for the hard work that was necessary to complete this Lake Management Plan. I am hopeful that we can maintain and improve the ecological condition of the Waupaca Chain of Lakes.

Sincerely,

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