

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 GEOGRAPHIC NAMES COUNCIL
 BOX 7921
 MADISON, WISCONSIN 53707

GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL
 FORM 2200-124 2-79

DATE
 August 8, 1994
 COUNTY
 Marquette

RECOMMENDED NAME OF FEATURE
 Mulhern Lake

OTHER NAMES OR SPELLINGS IN USE
 Knights Lake

BY WHOM

LOCATION OF FEATURE
 STREAM
 HEADS: SEC. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E/W
 ENDS: SEC. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E/W

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 LAT. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " , LONG. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " "
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 USGS QUAD. _____ NAME _____ INDEX NO. _____

LAKE, VILLAGE, ETC.
 SECS. 31 _____, T 14 _____ N, R 10 _____ E/W
 SECS. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E/W
 (OR LOCATE BY LANDMARKS AND ATTACH MAP)

DESCRIPTION OF FEATURE: SIZE (ACRES), LENGTH (MILES) OR POPULATION, ETC.
 25 acre seepage lake

REASON FOR THIS PROPOSAL (IDENTIFY PROBLEM AND NEED) (ATTACH SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET IF NECESSARY)
 See attached letter.

ORIGIN AND SIGNIFICANCE OF RECOMMENDED NAME (ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS - RESOLUTION, HISTORICAL DATA, ETC.)
 See attached letter.

NOTE: GUIDELINES FOR
 NAMES ON REVERSE SIDE.
 SEND FORM AND INQUIRIES
 TO ABOVE ADDRESS.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE <i>William P. ...</i>	AGENCY
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LEAVE BLANK - FOR DEPARTMENT MAP SEARCH AND FIELD INVESTIGATION USE

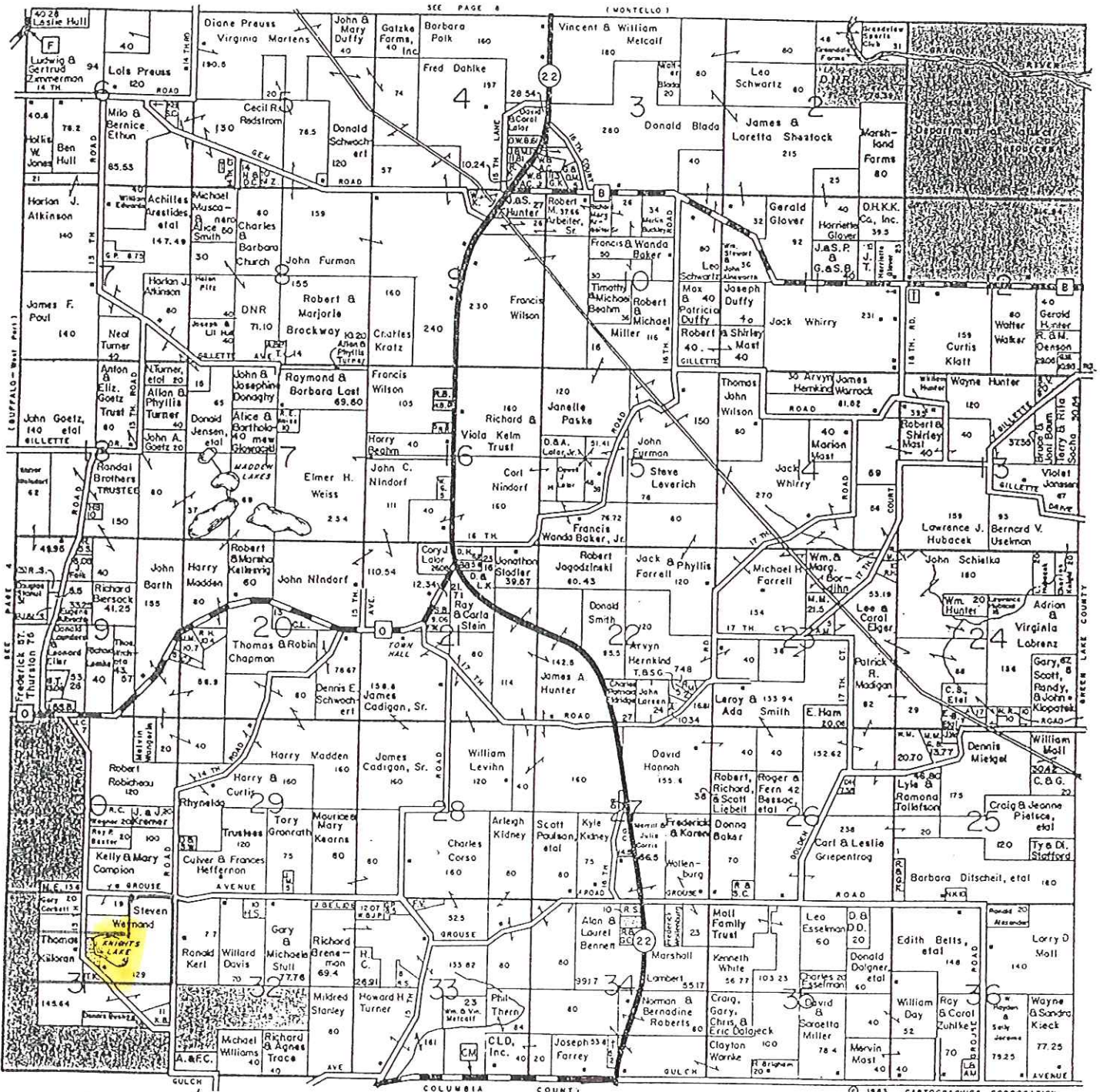
NAME OF MAP OR OTHER REFERENCE	DATE OF REF.	NAME GIVEN FEATURE

PERSONS CONTACTED (NAME, ADDRESS AND OCCUPATIONS)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR



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State Geographic Names Council
c/o Mr. David O'Malley
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RE: Proposed Change of the Name of Knights Lake to Mulhern Lake

Gentlemen:

This letter is to supplement the information in the attached Form 2200-124 pertaining to Mulhern Lake in Marquette County. I had the privilege of growing up in nearby Portage and rural Pardeeville. Based on my experience growing up in the area, I can confirm that the use of the name Mulhern Lake has been common for at least 40 years. Use of the name "Mulhern Lake" apparently dates to the long tenure on the property of Ben Mulhern who acquired title to approximately 200 acres of land surrounding the lake in 1912. I am enclosing a copy of the plat map for the Town of Buffalo in which the property is located on which I have indicated the holdings of Ben Mulhern. I am also enclosing a record of the deed by which Mr. Mulhern took title from Fred D. and Alice P. Jackson.

I obtained this information from Bette Krueger of the Marquette County Title Company in Montello. My contact with her illustrates how pervasive is the use of the proposed name. When I telephoned the Title Company, I told Ms. Krueger I was looking for information about Knights Lake. Her response was: "I've never heard of it. Where is Knights Lake?" I told her that it was near French's Creek, south of Observatory Hill down in the Town of Buffalo. She replied, "Oh, you mean Mulhern Lake."

The official name of the lake as it is represented in the WDNR publication FM-800 91 is inconsistent with current and historic local usage. As a result, I request that the Geographic Names Council formally act to recommend that the commonly used name for the lake be adopted as its official name.

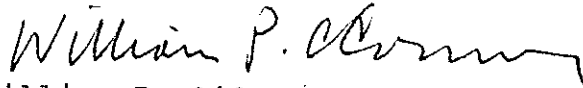
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The proposed name is fully consistent with the policies of the Council and the U. S. Board on Geographic Names.

As the Department staff pursues its field investigation, I would appreciate being informed of any information that you gather germane to this proposal. I would appreciate if you would advise me as to whether you believe it is necessary for me to supply additional information documenting common usage of the name. I have obtained from the Marquette County Title Company the tax list of owners of parcels which adjoin the lake and would be happy to obtain supporting letters from those owners indicating the common usage of the name Mulhern Lake. I would appreciate being informed of the date that the Council will meet to consider this request and would ask that that take place at an early date. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

WHEELER, VAN SICKLE & ANDERSON, S.C.



William P. O'Connor

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Enclosure: WDNR Form 2200-124

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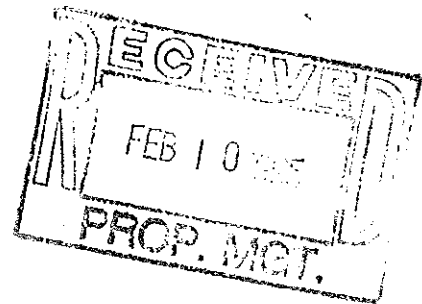
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February 9, 1995

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State Geographic Names Council
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RE: Application to Change the Name of Knights Lake to
Mulhern Lake -- T14N, R10E, Town of Buffalo, Marquette
County

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

I am writing to provide some additional information concerning the proposed name change application I filed last August 8, 1994. I am enclosing with this letter several letters which I have received concerning the proposed name change.

These include a letter to me from Sharon Herrick, Supervisor, Town of Buffalo, indicating that the Buffalo Town Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to support the proposed name change at a duly convened meeting on January 9, 1995.

In addition, I am enclosing letters in support of the name change from residents, property owners and lake users as follows:

Lester A. Paske
Gregory W. Corcoran, Sr.
Maurice W. Hearn
Dan F. Drew
Florence McIntyre Mehalek
Wayne R. Atkinson
Joan E. and F. John Kremzar
Harry Curtis
Luke Blau

Daniel G. Zepecki
Thomas G. Kruse
David L. and Shirley M. Boehmke
Frederick D. Turner
Claude Hinickle
C. A. Heffernon
Kenneth and Charlotte Bush
Thomas S. Sanderson
Norma Bush

I have also spoken with Steven Weynand (who is the owner of a substantial part of the lake shoreline) and with John Mulhern and Mark Mulhern (who are lineal descendents of the early settler

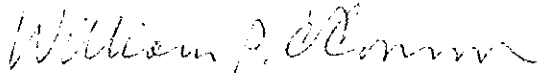
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after whom the lake is commonly known.) All of them have confirmed to me that they do not oppose the name change.

Please contact me if any other information is required.

Very truly yours,

WHEELER, VAN SICKLE & ANDERSON, S.C.


William P. O'Connor

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Enclosure: Letters.
Copies sent to each person mentioned.

N810 Cty. Rd. F
Montello, WI 53949
January 11, 1995

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Dear Mr. O'Connor

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Buffalo Township Board. We had a meeting Monday night and the matter was brought before those who were in attendance. There was no opposition to having the name of Knight's Lake changed to Mulhern's Lake.

It was discussed and mentioned that no one knows that have lived around there who or why Knight's lake was named that. I was born and raised in this area about four miles from there. My grandfather and father used to fish that lake and it was never referred to anything except Mulhern's Lake. If I had not been on the town board, I would not have known that it was on the map and called Knight's lake.

I am also very interested in preserving our heritage and I would like to ask you a question on Ennis Lake it is in Muir Park. There have been some rumblings around about wanting to change that name from Ennis to Fountain or Muir Lake. I have done some research on this lake and as far as I can see it has never been anything except Ennis Lake.

Bottom line on this letter is, that the Buffalo Town Board has no objections to this name change. People that were at the meeting also agreed.

Thank you for taking on this project.



Sharon Herrick, Supervisor
Buffalo Town Board

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