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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Matthew Stohr, Legislative Associate

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SUBJECT: Shoreland Protection Rules (NR 115)

As many of you are aware, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of revising Wisconsin's shoreland protection rules (NR 115). An advisory committee was created to work with the DNR shoreland protection staff to develop proposed changes to the current rule. A full listing of the committee's preferred options – as well as all of the research, proposals, and other materials the committee considered, can be found on the DNR shoreland management website. The website address is <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/water/wm/dsfm/shore/news.htm>.

The DNR has scheduled eight (8) statewide public listening sessions in November and December. The listening sessions are set for the following dates and locations:

- November 11 – Spooner Agricultural Research Station, W6646 Hwy. 70.
- November 12 – Lake Tomahawk, Sloan Community Center, Rainbow Road.
- November 13 – Eau Claire, DNR Regional Headquarters, 1300 West Clairemont Ave.
- December 1 – Onalaska City Hall, 415 Main St.
- December 4 – Grand Chute Town Hall, 1900 Grand Chute Blvd.
- December 5 – Crivitz Village Hall, 800 Henriette Ave.
- December 9 – Madison, Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection Central Office, the Board Room, 2811 Agriculture Dr.
- December 11 – Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 350, the County Board Room, 515 West Moreland Blvd.

The schedule for each public listening session will be:

- From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., people can view displays on the proposals, ask questions of DNR staff and advisory committee members, and offer their feedback in writing.
- From 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the public can listen and ask questions (following presentations by DNR staff and university experts or advisory committee members) regarding shoreland issues and the preliminary proposals.

- From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., people can provide feedback on the preliminary proposals.

WCA has and will continue to provide input to the DNR shoreland protection staff regarding the proposed changes and how those changes affect counties. However, it would be very valuable for county representatives to attend the upcoming public hearings to share their thoughts and concerns with DNR staff.

It should be noted that the final proposals are expected to be ready for public hearing in the summer of 2004.

Please feel free to contact me at the WCA office if you have any questions or concerns.