

State of Wisconsin DNR Department of Natural Resources Water Permit Central Intake – attn. APM PO Box 7185 Madison, WI 53707-7185	Mechanical Aquatic Plant Control Permit
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Permit Number: SE-2026-52-27306M
 Permit Expiration Date: 12/31/2026
 Waterbody Name: Bohners Lake

Waterbody # (WBIC): 750800
 Fee Received: 300
 Waterbody Address: PO Box 280

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Applicator Name: *Browns Lake Sanitary District*
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Advanced Notification of Treatment is required

The Department has received and reviewed the Bohners Lake Sanitary District's application to mechanically remove aquatic plants in Bohners Lake, Racine County. The Permit is hereby approved, and will expire 12/31/2026. Aspects of this permit may not be changed. Please go to this web address: <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> to search for and download the permit documents. Your permit application meets the minimum requirements by law and a permit is being issued with the following conditions.

Findings of Fact

1. The applicant has certified to the department that a copy of the application has been made available to all affected property owners' associations, inland lakes districts, and riparian owners.
2. The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the agency's review of the proposed project constitutes an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code. The Department has considered the impacts on the human environment, alternatives to the proposed projects and has provided opportunities for public disclosure and comment. Pursuant to s. NR 150.35(1) and (2), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department has determined that it has completed all procedural requirements of s. 1.11, Wis. Stats., and NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code for this project.
3. The project as permitted will comply with all applicable requirements of s. 23.24, Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 109, Wis. Adm. Code.
4. Your permit application has been reviewed and meets the minimum requirements by law and a permit is being issued. Issuance of the permit is not an endorsement or approval for the action authorized.

General Conditions

1. You shall perform the treatment notification protocols, treatment plan, and reporting protocols in compliance with Ch. NR 109, Wis. Adm. Code. The conditions and treatment plan are required to be followed to ensure efficacy of the treatment.
2. **You shall have a paper or electronic copy of this decision letter and permit with maps with the individual conducting the harvesting during all associated harvesting events.**
3. You shall submit an annual report of aquatic plant material removed by weight (unit) and volume (unit) and species, a detailed map of treatment areas, total acres harvested, a report detailing the non-target impacts and the species and number of fish encountered within 30 days of the last treatment to [The Water ePermitting System](#).

Specific Conditions

- You shall follow the harvesting plan outlined in the Bohners Lake 2023 Aquatic Plant Management Plan, the 2023 APM Plan Map Figure #13, the permit application documents, permit, and permit conditions. Any changes to the permitted activity or Department approved management plan will require an additional permit from the Department.
- You shall utilize best management practices: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/bmp.html> to limit the transport of AIS. You shall comply with all provisions in State Statute 23 and Wis. Adm Code NR 40. For further information, please refer to the following: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/classification.html>.
- You shall not remove or redistribute bed material with the harvester. Activities causing more than a de minimus disturbance are subject to Wis. State Statute Ch. 30.
- You shall remove all harvested materials from the water immediately. Dislodged and floating plants not taken up by the roller shall be removed as soon as possible.
- You shall notify Craig Helker of the Department of Natural Resources at craig.helker@wisconsin.gov at least 4 business days before harvesting with the date and time of the proposed harvesting.
- You shall not conduct control activities which cause indirect harm to spawning beds that can be reasonably predicted or is readily apparent while performing the permitted control action.
- You shall remove all game fish, turtles, and other non-target organisms from the harvesting hopper immediately upon their capture, unless the action interferes with the safe operation of the equipment. In this instance, the organisms shall be unloaded when the equipment is docked for unloading. You shall take all precautions to avoid bycatch.
- You shall not harvest in waters less than 3-feet in depth, unless as referenced in Figure #13.

- You shall leave a minimum of 12 inches of uncut rooted plant material on the lake bed to stabilize sediment.
- Disposal of the harvested aquatic plants must be located in the areas specified in the permit application and must be in accordance with any applicable county and local regulations. Plant material may not be placed in a wetland, below the ordinary high water mark of any waterway, or in a floodplain or floodway.
- Notification to the Department is required for the addition of contract harvesters outside of Browns Lake Sanitary District and Clearwater Plant Harvesters.

Notices

- It is your responsibility to comply with all provisions in Wis. Stat. s. 30.07 and Wis. Adm. Code s. NR 40.07 related to removal of aquatic plants and animals and draining of water from boats, vehicles, and equipment. For further information, please refer to the following: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/prevention.html>.
- It is your responsibility to comply with the provisions of Ch. NR 500, Wis. Adm. Code, regarding solid waste transporting. For more information, please refer to the following: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/Licenses.html>
- The disturbance and redistribution of lakebed material is considered dredging per s. NR 345.03 (5), Wis. Adm. Code, and is prohibited unless the provisions of s. 30.20 (1), Wis. Stats., are met. It is your responsibility to avoid these activities until obtaining written approval from the Department Waterways and Wetlands program.
- The approval of an aquatic plant management permit does not represent an endorsement of the permitted activity, but represents that the applicant has complied with all criteria of this chapter.
- You shall comply with local and county ordinances regarding disposal of aquatic plant materials.
- Noncompliance with the permit can result in enforcement actions under Chs. 23, 30 and 31, Wis. Stats., and restriction of aquatic plant management activities for subsequent years under Ch. NR 109, Wis. Adm. Code.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Department has authority under s. 23.24, Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 109, Wis. Adm. Code, to issue an order approving the application in full.
2. The project as authorized under this permit, if conducted in accordance with the conditions of this permit, meets the standards in s. 23.24, Wis. Stats., and Ch. 109, Wis. Adm. Code, and is hereby approved.
3. The Department has complied with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, s. 1.11, Wis. Stats.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Secretary

By: Helker, Craig D

5/29/2026

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Water Resources Biologist

Date Signed

Date Mailed

Please Note:

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent. This notice is provided pursuant to s. 227.48(2), Wis. Stats. To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review and does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review.