

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-2025-65-23646M Renewal
Permit Expiration Date: 11/01/2026
Waterbody Name: Golden Lake – Main Lake

Waterbody # (WBIC): 775900
Fee Received: 30
Waterbody Address: 39627 Sunset Drive

Applicant Name: Doug Lackey

Applicator Name: Riese Aquatics, LLC

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Advanced notification of treatment is required

The Department has received and reviewed your application to mechanically remove up to 3.56 acres of aquatic plants in Golden Lake, Waukesha and Jefferson Counties.

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:

General Conditions

1. You shall follow the treatment plan outlined in the (Department approved management plan), permit application and permit conditions. Any changes to the permitted activity (or Department approved management plan) will require an additional permit from the Department.
2. 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.

3. You shall decontaminate all project equipment used in the waterbody to minimize transport of aquatic invasive species (AIS) immediately after each use on the project site. You shall utilize best management practices: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/disinfection.html> You shall comply with all provisions in Wis. Stat. s. 30.07 and Wis. Adm. Code s. NR 40.07 and Manual code 9183.1 For further information, please refer to the following: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/classification.html>.
4. You shall notify Heidi Bunk of the Department of Natural Resources at Heidi.bunk@wi.gov at least 4 business days before treatment with the date and time of proposed treatment.
5. You shall not remove or redistribute bed material with the suction/conveyor hose. Activities causing more than a de minimus disturbance are subject to Wis. Stat. Ch. 30 and may not be conducted without a permit under that chapter.
6. You shall not dispose of cut material in Golden Lake. You shall bag any cut material.
7. Operators shall take measures to avoid by-catch of fish, frogs and turtles. If any are suctioned, operators shall release back to the lake as soon as possible.
8. You shall comply with local and county ordinances regarding disposal of aquatic plant materials.
9. You shall have a paper or electronic copy of this decision letter and permit with the individual conducting the harvesting during all associated harvesting events.
10. 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, the species and number of fish encountered, and number of turtles encountered within 30 days of the last treatment to both:
 - a. [The Water ePermitting System](#) and
 - b. Heidi Bunk at (Heidi.bunk@wi.gov)

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. The Department and the applicant have completed all procedural requirements of s. 1.11(2)(c), Wis. Stats., and NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code for this project.
3. The project as permitted will comply with all applicable requirements of Sections 23.24 and 281.17(2), Wis. Stats., and Chapter 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.
5. The Department has determined that a listed fish species has been documented in Golden Lake.
6. The Department has determined that a listed herptile species has been documented in Golden Lake.
7. The Department has determined that a listed bird species has been documented in Golden Lake.
8. The Department has determined that portions of the permitted control area are located within a Department designated Sensitive Area.
9. The Department has determined that portions of the permitted control area are located within a diverse Emergent Marsh.

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.

Notice

- 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.
- 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 262-719-0814 or by email at heidi.bunk@wi.gov.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Secretary

By: Bunk, Heidi	05/29/2026	05/29/2026
Lakes 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.