

**Notice of Pending Application/Public
Informational Hearing for Proposed Dam
Abandonment/Removal and Rescission
of the 1941 Public Service Commission
Water Level Order**

**BEFORE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES,**

DOCKET NUMBER IP-NO-2013-58-01501

**Sawyer County, c/o; Dale Olson, 10610 Main Str., Suite
49, Hayward, WI 54843 has applied to the Department of
Natural Resources for a permit to remove Little Round Lake
Dam on the man-made channel outlet from Little Round
Lake. In addition, Sawyer County has requested that the
1941 Public Service Commission Order establishing water
levels be rescinded.**

**The project is located in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section
36, Township 41 North, Range 8 West, Town of Hayward,
Sawyer County.**

**Sawyer County, operator of the Little Round Lake Dam
on the man-made channel between Little Round Lake and
Osprey Lake, has proposed to remove/abandon the authorized
dam structure and replace it with a box culvert, which
would no longer be able to actively control water levels on
Round and Little Round Lake. Sawyer County is also requesting
that the 1941 Public Service Commission Order
establishing water levels be rescinded as part of the dam
abandonment process.**

**The Department will review the proposal provided by the
applicant and any information from public comments and
the public informational hearing. The Department will determine
whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and
31.185, 31.18, Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code,
and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards
in s. 281.36(3r), Stats., if the project impacts wetlands.**

**The Department is currently evaluating the applicant's
proposal and must consider factual information about the
following legal standards in deciding whether to grant,
modify, or deny a permit for the project:**

- Whether navigation will be materially obstructed, including commercial, recreational, active and passive forms of navigation.**
- Whether there is detriment to public interest, including fish and wildlife or their habitat, natural scenic beauty or water quality.**
- Whether load low capacity of a waterway is materially reduced.**

- Whether this is in the interest of promoting safety and protecting life, health and property.

The Department considers all of the following information to make a decision to approve, modify or deny the application:

- Applicable standards in statutes, rules and common law.
- Plans and information provided by the applicant.
- Information gathered during site investigation(s).
- Written statements provided during a public comment period and during public informational hearing.
- Statements or information provided by local, state, national and tribal agencies/government.
- Data or information found in natural resource inventories and plans, or maps collected by the department or others using commonly accepted methods.
- Published scientific research.
- Section 1.11 WI Stats., Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, and NR 150 WI.Admin. Code.
- Any other pertinent information.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at

<https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx>

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The public informational hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2014 at the Hayward Veterans Community Center, 10534 S. Main Street, Hayward, WI 54843. The informational hearing will start at 10 a.m.

The Department scheduled a public informational hearing on this activity or project because the Department received a request for a public hearing. The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal standards above.

Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing:

David.Kafura@wisconsin.gov or writing to DNR - Dave Kafura, 10220 State Hwy 27, Hayward, WI 54843 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name, and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them

to be considered.

If you object to this proposal and would like to request a contested case hearing under 227.42 WI Stats., your objection shall specify;

1). Why the proposed project violates the legal standards found in Section 31.06 and 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes;
and

2). That you or your representative will appear at the hearing and present information supporting your objection.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary

/s/ Dave Kafura

Forest Hydrologist

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