



May 15, 2014

IP-NO-2013-58-01501 & 02643

Sawyer County - Dale Olson
10610 Main St., Suite 49
Hayward, WI 54843

Dear Mr. Olson:

This letter contains important information regarding your DNR permit application to construct a culvert in the Little Round Lake outlet, abandon the Little Round Lake dam and vacate the 1941 PSC water level order for Round Lake in Sawyer County. Your application has reached its date of closure and is considered complete. Wisconsin law (chapters 30 and 281, Wisconsin Statutes) requires that the public be allowed an opportunity to comment on projects like yours. The next step in the individual permit review process is a Notice of Pending Application and public comment period. In addition, a public informational hearing has been requested.

The Department has scheduled a public informational hearing on your proposal, per Sawyer County's request on June 13, 2014, at the Hayward Veterans Community Center, 10534 S. Main Street, Hayward, WI 54843. The hearing will start at 10 a.m.

The hearing provides an opportunity for you and the Department to gather additional facts to help gauge the possible environmental impacts of your proposed project. The hearing is informational only. Department staff will manage the hearing agenda according to set procedures to allow all who attend a chance to be heard and to gather as much factual information as possible.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Pending Application/Notice of Public Hearing" for your project. The Department will publish the notice on our Internet website. The 30-day period to submit written public comment will begin on the date on which the Department first publishes the notice on our Internet website. The period to submit written public comment will end 10 days after the date the hearing is completed.

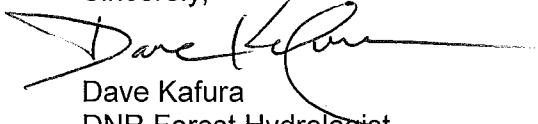
Before the Department can proceed further toward a decision, state law requires that you:

1. Publish this as a Class I Notice, at your expense, in Sawyer County Record, 15617B Hwy 63 N., Hayward WI 54843-0919, ejuhl@sawycountyrecord.net, Phone (715) 634-4881, **at least 10 days prior** to the hearing date.
2. Provide the Department an Affidavit of Publication from the newspaper to prove that the notice was published.
3. You may notify others at your discretion. You also must provide a copy of the notice to any person or group who asks you to do so.

Please send me the Affidavit for proof of publication, and the Return Receipts or other signed document for proof of notification of the groups or individuals, as soon as possible.

Please contact me by email at David.Kafura@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Kafura
DNR Forest Hydrologist

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Notice of Pending Application/Public Informational Hearing for Proposed Culvert, Dam
Abandonment and Water Level Order Rescission on Round/Little Round Lake

Sawyer County, c/o; Dale Olson, 10610 Main St., Suite 49, Hayward, WI 54843 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to construct a culvert in Little Round Lake outlet, abandonment of the Little Round Lake dam and rescission of the 1941 PSC water level order.

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.

The proposed project includes the abandonment and removal of the Little Round Lake dam on the man-made channel connecting Little Round Lake to Osprey Lake. The structure includes a bridge/box culvert crossing the channel on Carlson Road. The upstream portion of the structure contains angle iron and a sill plate intended to hold boards that have the ability to control the discharge rate of water to Osprey Lake. The existing structure would then be replaced with a pre-fabricated concrete box culvert set to the current channel elevation. This concrete box culvert would allow for passive flow of surface water from Round/Little Round Lake to Osprey Lake. With the proposed elimination of the dam structure, the water level order issued by the Public Service Commission in 1941 would no longer be valid and the county is requesting that the water level order 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 30.123(8), 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 has made a tentative determination that it will issue a modified permit or contract for the proposed activities.

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

The Department scheduled a public 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.

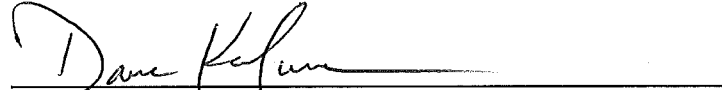
Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing David.Kafura@wisconsin.gov or writing to Dave Kafura, 10220 State Hwy 27, Hayward, WI 54843 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name, and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed 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.

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

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary



Dave Kafura
DNR Forest Hydrologist

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Date