

Scope of Management Plan

Inland Waters Only-

Great Lakes Excluded

Great Lakes Tributaries
Included

Brook, Brown, Rainbow and
Lake Trout.



Funding for Trout Management in WI

- 1.) Trout Stamp
- 2.) Sportfish Restoration
- 3.) License Fees
- 4.) Federal Programs
- 5.) Partner/Angler groups



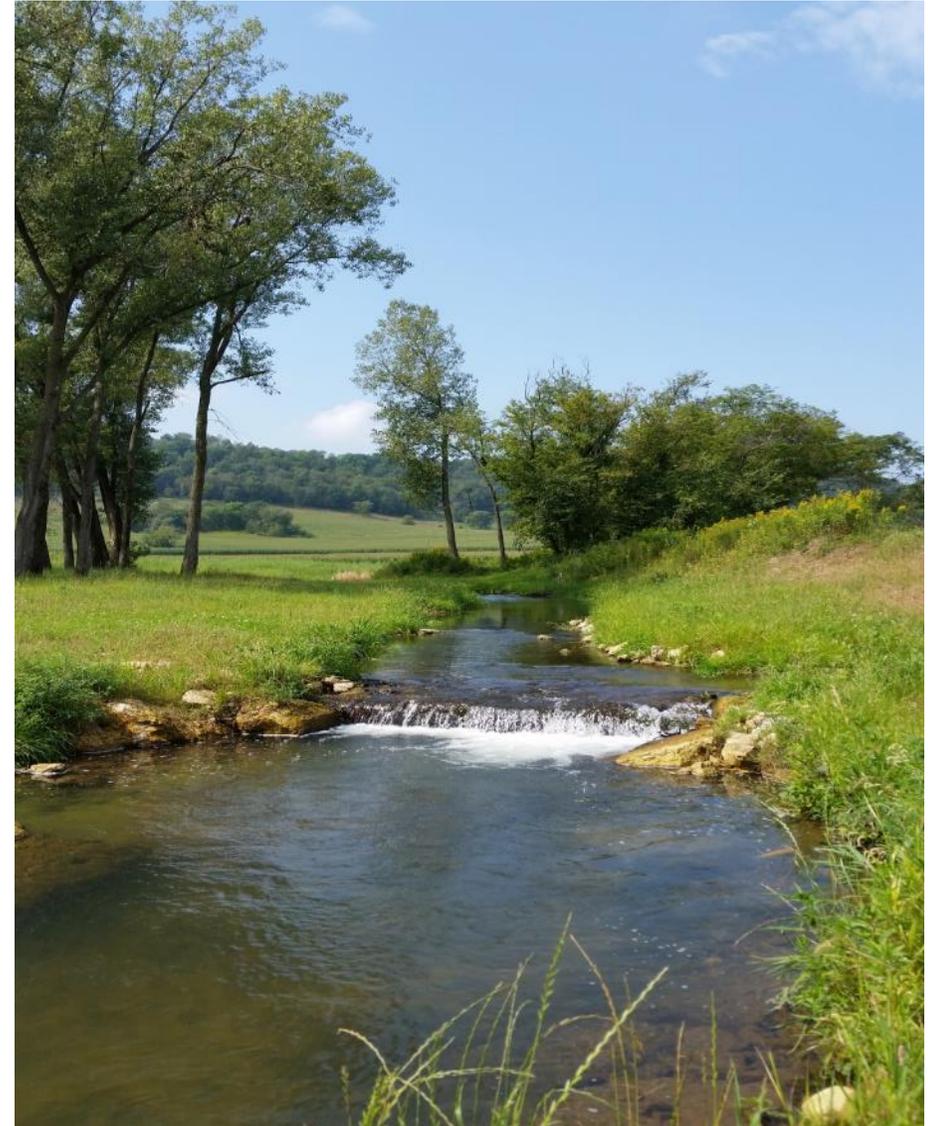
NR 1.91-Public Access Standards.

Can only provide natural resources enhancement services where public access is present.



Trout Stamp

- Created in 1977.
- Only fisheries inland habitat stamp.
- FY15; 1.6 million annually in funding for trout habitat restoration work. 2.3 million total with partner dollars (NRCS, Grants, MO5 etc.).
- 2015; 194,897 trout anglers.
- FY15; 20,294 FTE HRS or 11.1 positions.
- Approximately 25 miles of stream work per year.



How can we spend the trout stamp funds?

- Habitat projects
- 10% trout surveys and administration



NR 1.02-Inland Fisheries Management

1.) Land Acquisition and Development

2.) Habitat Protection and Improvement

3.) Surveys and Research



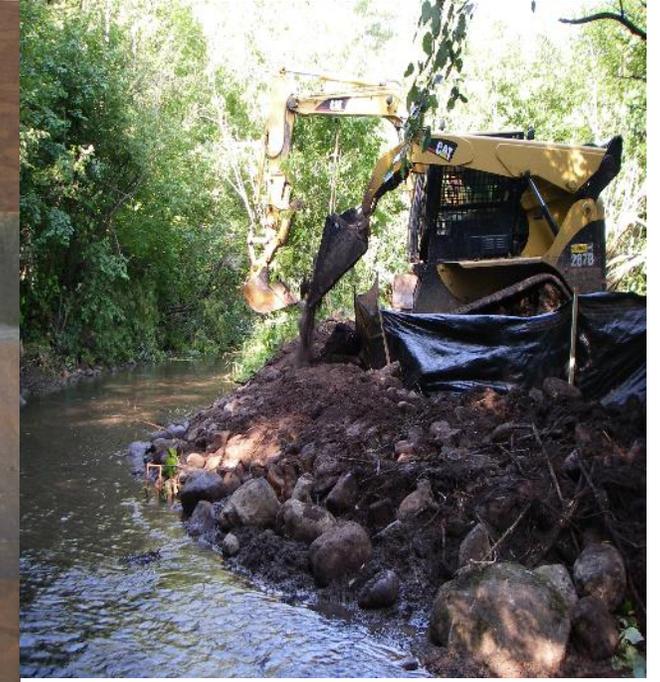
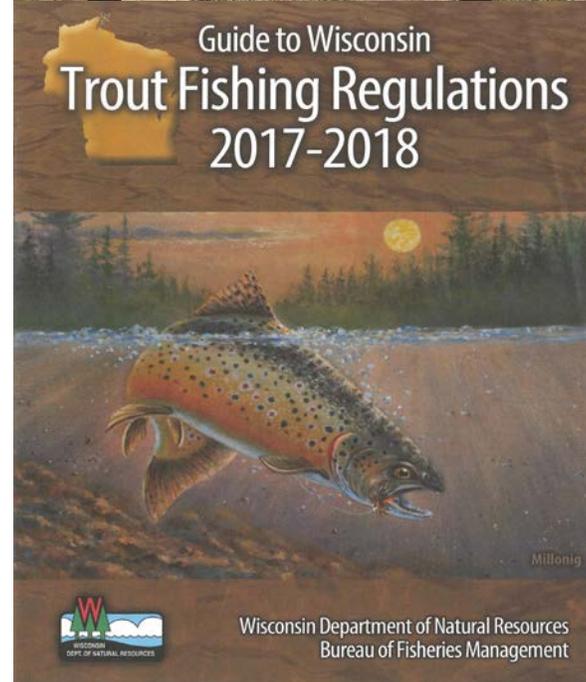
NR 1.02-Inland Fisheries Management.

4.) Propagation, Rearing and Distribution

5.) Population Manipulation

6.) Rules

7.) Trout Stream Classification



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- The department shall
 - establish and maintain seasons
 - bag limits
 - size limits
 - conserve fish supply
 - provide opportunities for good fishing

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- Fishing Regulations, Methods, Bag Limits, Seasons etc.
- Statewide and County Listings.



Current Trout Management Program

- 1.) Surveys/Assessment
- 2.) Stocking
- 3.) Regulations
- 4.) Habitat Development
- 5.) Beaver Management
- 6.) Angler Access
- 7.) Public Outreach
- 8.) Research



DNR Fisheries Management Structure

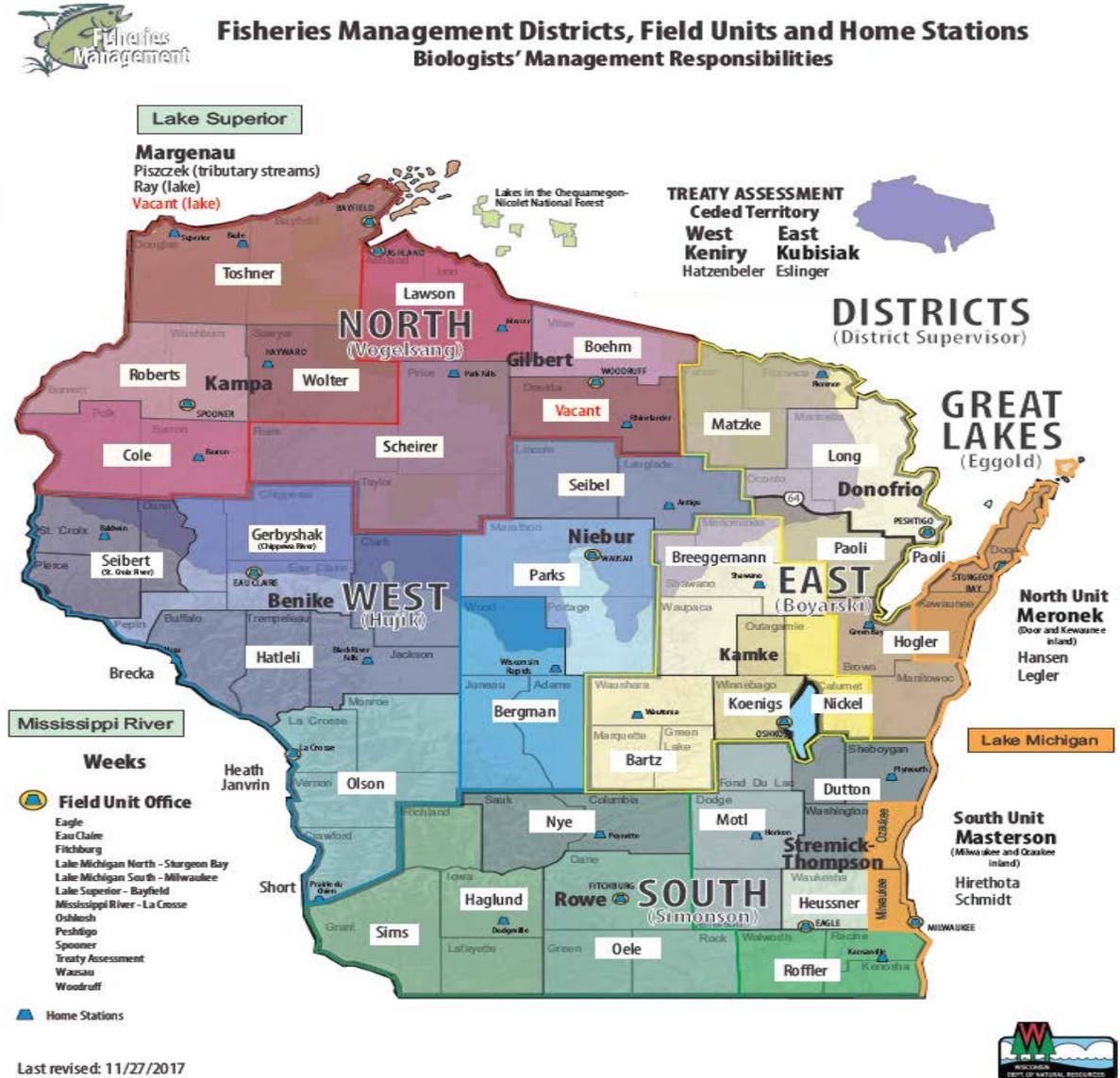
Fish Biologist and Technician: Work with public to implement various programs. LTE Crew.

Fish Team Supervisor: Oversee 3-4 County Biologists and Technician's, LTE Crews.

District Supervisor: Supervise 3-4 Fish Team Supervisors.

Central Office: Develop policy and lead management teams with field staff. Supervised by Section Chiefs.

Fisheries Policy Team: District Supervisors, Section Chief's and Bureau and Deputy Director. Set program priorities and policy.



Fisheries Management

Fish Surveys

Regulation and Stocking Evaluations

Habitat Project Planning

Land/Easement Acquisition

Develop Partnerships with Local User Groups

Issue fisheries permits

Local public contact.



Fisheries Operations- Habitat Crews

Western-

Eau Claire, Black River Falls and La Crosse.



Eastern- Wild Rose

Southern- Fitchburg

Local staff do additional habitat work as time permits: Antigo, Wisconsin Rapids, Brule etc.



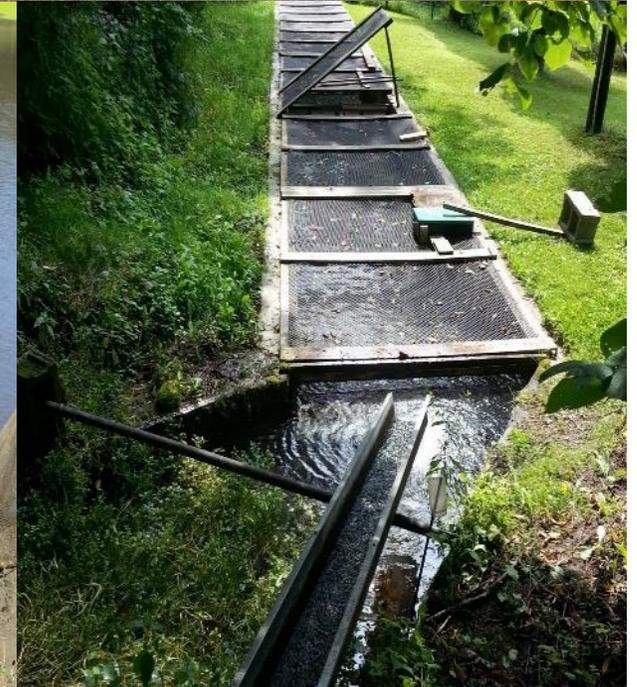
Fish Culture and Operations

Raise and stock fish into waters of the state.

State Fish Hatcheries, COOP Facilities and private stocking events.

Domestic and wild strain trout produced.

Wild strain fish typically do better as put, grow and take. Domestic trout typically provide a better put and take experience.



Permit/Resource Reviews, Integration and Consistency

- Drinking and groundwater – high capacity wells
- Waterways and Wetlands – Chapter 30 permits
- Dams and Floodplains – ordinance at local level, DNR oversight working with local zoning engineers
- Remediation and Redevelopment – dredging, capping, impacts to habitat, opportunities for habitat improvement
- Water Quality – impaired waters, 303d listing, trout stream classifications