

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0049964-05-1

Permittee: Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake Rehabilitation Di, W12367 Padley Road, Lodi, WI, 53555

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake Rehabilitation Di, outfalls at Wisconsin Ri and Roxbury Cr; Sections 6 and 15 T9N R7E

Receiving Water And Location: From Crystal Lake to Roxbury Creek and from Fish Lake to the Wisconsin River – Roxbury Creek Watershed (LW18) in Dane County

Brief Facility Description: Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake Rehabilitation District operates one pump to lower the water level to the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM) in Crystal Lake. The Fish Lake pump system has been underwater since 2019 and is currently inoperable. The Lake District Board has no current plans for Fish and Mud Lake but is looking into other alternatives. The intake pump for Fish Lake is located at Dane County Fish Lake Park and used to pump approximately 540 gallons per minute (gpm) into a wet well and discharge 2.5 miles away to an outfall (Outfall 001) on the east bank of the Wisconsin River. Discharge from Fish Lake occurred intermittently from October through June. The intake pump for Crystal Lake is approximately 850 feet east of the Mussen and Crystal Road intersection. The intake structure consists of a collection area filled with stone which drain into a 12-inch pipe. The pipe collects the lake water in a wet well, the lake water is then pumped through a forcemain to the outfall. The outfall (Outfall 002) is located 2.7 miles away at Roxbury Creek, about 1,200 feet east of County Highway Y. The pump for Crystal Lake was replaced in March 2024, the pump capacity is approximately 1,000 gpm. Discharge from Crystal Lake occurs intermittently until the lake reaches the OHWM.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, Mailing address: Lisa Creegan, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI, 53711 (920) 450-4078, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Kenzie Ostien, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 516-6487, kenzie.ostien@wisconsin.gov

Date of Public Notice of Intent to Modify: Initial public notice of modification 3/12/2026.

Issues to be Considered at the Hearing: During the public notice period 5 or more individuals requested a public informational hearing. Please note that the permit process actions are for a permit modification that is proposed to be completed to remove requirements for installation of a gauge station in the stream and the alternative BOD limits that were only applicable with the installation of a gauge station. Changes made in the surface water section and compliance schedule section.

Date, Time, and Location of Hearing: April 27, 2026 10 AM Virtual Hearing:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tjKtZwYQc28VFtEd49iRQ>

Hearing Officer's Name, Address, and Phone: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, Mailing address: Lisa Creegan, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (920) 450-4078, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this existing discharge.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge

permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 450-4078 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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