

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0022756-10-0

Permittee: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, N5871 State Rd 22, Wild Rose, WI, 54984

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: WI DNR Wild Rose Fish Hatchery, N5871 STATE ROAD 22, WILD ROSE, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Pine River in Pine and Willow Rivers of Wolf River in Waushara County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources owns and operates the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery (hereafter Wild Rose) in north-central Waushara County. The hatchery produces trout, salmon, muskellunge, walleye, sturgeon, suckers and minnows. Separate coldwater and coolwater facilities are maintained and produce approximately 120,000 pounds of fish each calendar year.

Source water is pumped from six wells onsite (Wells A, B, C, D, E, and F). Wells A, D, and C are used for the coldwater facility, and Wells B, E, and F are used for the coolwater facility. After first use, the water is UV disinfected. The coldwater and coolwater facilities have separate identical treatment systems for any wastewater that contains fish waste. Water from both facilities passes through a set of microscreens and is discharged together to the Pine River at Outfall 018. The microscreens are backwashed and the backwash water goes to a sludge clarifier and then to sludge storage which is monitored regularly.

Solar pond water is unused well water warmed by the sun and pumped back up to the coolwater rearing ponds during harvest. When additives are used, water is diverted to the detention ponds to allow time for the additives to degrade or dissipate.

Any decanted water from the coldwater sludge clarifier meets with the historic raceways (previously identified as Outfall 015). This combined discharge travels through the two old settling ponds before discharging at Outfall 001. Since Outfall 001 and 018 both discharge to the Pine River, Outfall 019 is identified as the combined discharge (sample point) from both outfalls to consider the total surface water discharge from the facility.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, AshleyM.Clark@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Barti Oumarou, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-4013, Barti.Oumarou@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. 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. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

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) 857-0450 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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