

Waterway Dredging General Permit Application Checklist

To Determine eligibility for this general permit:

- Review the project site for water resources with the Storm Water, Waterway, and Wetland Permit Viewer, <https://dnrmapping.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=SW4P>
- Review the eligibility criteria below. If the project does not meet all eligibility criteria, it does not qualify for this General Permit. Consider adjusting the project or applying for an Individual Permit instead.

Pre-Application Requirements

- Proof of a pre-application review with a DNR Water Management Specialist must be submitted with the application. To request a pre-application review, submit the following information to the DNR Waterways Question and Complaint Form and a Water Management Specialist will contact you.
 - a) Name of waterbody and location of project
 - b) Project Narrative, including the purpose and need for the dredging, and how the property is used (e.g. public or private, amount and type of boat traffic, etc.)
 - c) Volume of material to be dredged.
 - d) Brief description of dredging method and equipment including any containment BMPs to be used
 - e) Brief description of proposed disposal method and location
 - f) If a disposal facility is to be used, size of the disposal facility
 - g) Any previous sediment sampling (including field observations) and analysis data from the area to be dredged or from the proposed disposal site.
 - h) A map of the area to be dredged, depth of cut, the specific location of the proposed sediment /sampling sites and the bathymetry of the area to be dredged.
 - i) Anticipated starting and completion dates of the proposed project.

To apply:

- Apply online at <http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/water>.

- Include all required attachments. Each document must be less than 15 megabytes (MB), and the overall application must be less than 200 MB or it cannot be processed. The online system offers a help guide to reduce file sizes.
- Permit review times begin when all the required application materials are received by the Department. The Department may require additional information to evaluate the project.
- If you have questions regarding your application, use the “Ask for Help” support tool in ePermitting.
- Your signed submittal of this application checklist constitutes a request that the Department review and act for CWA 401 certification.

Prior to starting any work at the project site, you are responsible for all necessary:

- Local or county permits, such as shoreland zoning, floodplain zoning, etc.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permits or approvals.
- Any other applicable federal permits or approvals.
- Tribal permits or approvals.
- Any other applicable state of Wisconsin permits or approvals.

Required application materials:

1. ☐ **Application form-** A complete, signed application form “Water Resources Application for Project Permits (WRAPP)” (Form 3500-053). The WRAPP is part of the ePermitting process and will be completed automatically with an online application.
2. ☐ **Application Checklist-** A signed permit application checklist certifying that the applicant agrees to meet the eligibility criteria and permit conditions established in WDNR-GP05-2026.
3. ☐ **Application fee-** Payment must be submitted through the ePermitting System as part of the application process. The fee for a waterway dredging general permit is \$350. Don’t forget to sign and submit the application after you complete the payment.
4. ☐ **Ownership documentation-** A copy of the deed, land contract, current property tax statement or receipt sufficient to verify ownership or legal authorization to proceed.
5. ☐ **Photographs-** Clearly depict the present on-the-ground conditions of the project areas. Color images are preferred and remember that snow cover or vegetation may obscure important details. If possible, have another person stand near the project area for size reference.

6. ☐ **Site maps-** Clearly illustrate the project location, perimeter, and surrounding area, including nearby water resources (e.g., lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands), major landmarks and roads. Use the [DNR Storm Water, Waterway, and Wetland Permit Viewer](#) or a similar app to show the project area, all proposed disturbance, and all waterway and wetland resources on one or more maps, including:
- Recent aerial photos of the site and surrounding area (Imagery)
 - Topographic map including the site and surrounding area (Topo and LiDAR-based elevation and contours)
 - Wetland indicators and soils (wetland indicators)
 - Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (WWI) map (WI wetland inventory)
 - Waterways on the site (surface water)
 - Designated waterways, such as ASNRI, PRF, other PNW (designated waterways)
 - Regulated floodplain (dams and floodplains, FEMA NFHIL)
7. ☐ **Plans and specifications-** Clearly and accurately show the proposed project to scale. Plans must be detailed and represent a single and complete project. Please refer to examples when developing your plan drawings and specifications.
- The location and dimensions of the area to be dredged and the volume of material to be removed.
 - Drawings identifying existing current conditions and proposed (final) conditions, including the length, width and depth of the proposed dredging and dimensions relative to waterbody features.
 - a. Stream dredging plan drawings including width at the bottom of the channel, width at the top of the banks, water depth in the channel (if present), depth of soft bed material until refusal (depth to hardpan).
 - b. Lakebed dredging plan drawings including the dimensions of dredging relative to the shoreline and riparian zone.
 - Plan drawings including the location and type of best management practices below and above the ordinary high-water mark such as turbidity and erosion control practices.
 - The location of the project relative to the OHWM, or swash zone (if applicable).
 - The riparian lines on both sides of the property extending from the OHWM to the line of navigation, and the riparian zone area from the OHWM to the line of navigation.
 - The proposed locations where any dredged material will be temporarily and permanently deposited and/or placed.

- The location of the mechanized equipment access point to the shoreline.

8. ☐ **Narrative description-** Describe your proposal on a separate page. Please include:

- What the project is, purpose of project, and need for the project.
- How you intend to carry out the project, including methods, materials, and equipment.
- The proposed construction schedule and sequence of work.
- The location of any disposal area for dredged or excavated materials.
- For disturbances or fill, provide a description of type, composition, and quality of materials.
- How you plan to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to wetlands.
- Area (e.g., linear feet, square feet, cubic yards) impacted.

9. ☐ **Documentation of Completed Pre-application Review** with the DNR Water Management Specialist, such as a meeting summary email.

Additional considerations:

➤ **If Endangered or Threatened Resources are present** an Endangered Resources Review may be required during the application review. This review is not required to be submitted with the application, but results may impact the permit outcome. Visit <http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ERReview/PublicPortal.html> to learn more.

➤ **If historical or cultural resources are present** the permit outcome may be affected.

Application Checklist: Eligibility Criteria

Projects that do not meet all following criteria are not eligible for this general permit. If your project does not qualify for this permit, you may consider applying for an individual permit.

A. PRE-SCREENING CRITERIA

1. ☐ If the project is lakebed dredging and within the riparian zone as defined in ss. 30.01(5r) and 30.20(3)(a)3., Wis. Stats., the applicant is the riparian owner adjacent the project area or has the permission of the riparian owner. If the project is dredging in a navigable stream, the applicant also has obtained permission from the bed owner (who may be the riparian owner) to conduct the activities authorized under this permit.
2. ☐ The dredging may not be associated with any metallic or nonmetallic mining project.

3. ☐ The project will not occur in a mapped floodplain (official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or local zoning map), or if the project is in a regulated floodplain, the applicant has certified that they are working to or have obtained applicable floodplain permits or approvals from the local zoning authority.
4. ☐ The project will not occur in a mapped Department Sensitive Area as defined in s. NR 107.05 (3)(i)1., Wis. Adm. Code.
5. ☐ Unless expressly prohibited by this general permit, dredging projects may occur in an *Area of Special Natural Resource Interest (ASNRI)*.
6. ☐ The dredging may not occur in navigable waters having self-sustaining populations of walleye located in the ceded territory of the state where resource allocation rights are shared by sovereign tribes as provided in s. NR 1.07(4)(d), Wis. Adm. Code. These waterways can be found at the Storm Water, Waterway and Wetland Permit Viewer (SW4P) at <https://dnrm.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=SW4P>, by selecting the "Fisheries Waters" layer, then turn on the "Walleye Waters" layer.
7. ☐ Projects may not occur in known populations of wild rice or identified wild rice habitat.

B. STANDARD CRITERIA

8. ☐ The discharge will cause only minimal adverse environmental effects.
9. ☐ The activity shall not jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species, or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act and/or State law or which is likely to destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of a species as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
10. ☐ The activity shall not result in significant adverse impacts to fishery spawning habitat, including obstruction of fish passage, or adversely affect bird breeding areas or substantially disrupt the movement of species that normally migrate from open water to

upland or vice versa (i.e., amphibians, reptiles and mammals) as determined by the Department.

11. ☐ The activity shall not result in adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources and shall comply with s. 44.40, Wis. Stats., as determined by the Department.
12. ☐ A project is not eligible for this general permit if it has the potential to negatively impact a cold-water community as described in s. NR 102.04(3)(a), Wis. Adm. Code, or the project is proposed in an area with evidence of spring activity.
13. ☐ The project will not flood or impede drainage of the adjacent properties or upstream properties unless appropriate signed agreements have been made with affected landowners.
14. ☐ No impacts to wetlands will occur unless authorized by law or a wetland permit.
- This permit does not authorize any impacts to wetlands; however, wetland impacts may occur if authorized under a wetland exemption or a wetland permit. Wetland regulatory information is available at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>, keyword "wetland permit".
15. ☐ Projects proposed in locations with existing recorded deed restrictions within the project area, including easements limiting construction and land use activities, are not eligible for this general permit.
- Department chs. 30 and 281, Wis. Stats., permits do not supersede any legal restrictions on the use of land.

C. CRITERIA FOR ALL DREDGING PROJECTS

16. ☐ This general permit does not authorize the redistribution of greater than 2 cubic yards of native bed and bottom material which includes sand, cobble, silt, detritus, and other organic material or the placement of additional material which includes sand, stone, etc. below the OHWM.

17. ☐ Projects involving the removal of material where a sediment cap, cover, installed barrier, or where other engineering controls have been installed as part of a federal or state environmental remediation to manage contaminated sediment are ineligible for this general permit. Examples of environmental remediation programs are the Comprehensive Environmental Resource, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Great Lakes Legacy Act, and a Spill Response under ch. 292, Wis. Stats., and chs. NR 700-799, Wis. Adm. Code. For sediment cap or cover information see the RR Sites map <https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=rrsites>.
18. ☐ Projects that involve the removal of material from waters that were ammunition fall areas for gun ranges or projects that involve the removal of hazardous substances that do not comply with NR 347, Wis. Adm. Code are ineligible for this general permit.
19. ☐ Native aquatic vegetation may not be removed under this general permit without a separate aquatic plant management permit unless it is for the exclusive purpose of improving navigation and all of the following apply:
- a. Removal of native aquatic vegetation is limited to a single area with a maximum width of 30 feet measured along the shoreline.
 - b. Any aids to navigation (e.g., piers, boatlifts) are located within that 30-foot-wide zone or immediately adjacent to the zone.
 - c. The project is not within a sensitive area, an area known to contain threatened or endangered resources, or wild rice.
 - d. The dredging is not to remove floating mats of vegetation (also known as bogs).

D. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR PREVIOUSLY DREDGED NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS

1. ☐ The project purpose is maintenance dredging of material from an area from which material has previously been removed.

2. ☐ The dredging may not exceed the volume of, nor extend beyond the dimensions of, the previous dredging project.
3. ☐ The project purpose is not to harvest bait such as mayfly nymphs.
4. ☐ The total amount of material removed from the area shall be less than 3000 cubic yards, unless the dredging project is for the removal of material associated with the maintenance of a municipal harbor, a municipal or commercial marina, or an access channel that is located on an Outlying Water or the Mississippi River, in which case the amount of material removed shall be less than 50,000 cubic yards.
5. ☐ The dredged material may not contain any hazardous substances or result in the exposure or release of hazardous substances.
6. ☐ Dredging shall be conducted to minimize the re-suspension of sediment to the maximum extent practicable. Turbidity curtains are required for in-water work in accordance with NR 151 Subsection III.
 - **Note:** Re-deposition of dredged material may require additional WPDES permitting.
 - **Note:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wetland permits may be required to place dredged material in federal wetlands. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any required permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

E. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SMALL SCALE DREDGING CRITERIA

1. ☐ The removal of bottom material is for the purpose of improving navigation or recreation.
2. ☐ For small scale dredging in streams:
 - a. The dredging may not result in water depth greater than 5 feet as measured from the OHWM.
 - b. The total amount of bed material that may be dredged over the 5 years valid by the permit may not exceed 25 cubic yards (CY). The total removed material of 25 CY may be dredged in a single or multiple events. Once the 25 CY volume has been removed, no further dredging within the 5 yr time period may be completed. If multiple dredging events are planned, each dredging event must adhere to the terms and conditions, including eligibility standards, of this general permit.

- c. The dredging shall not be associated with the straightening or realignment of the stream or the removal of instream habitat such as riffles or pools.
3. ☐ For small scale dredging in lakes, connected ponds, and impoundments:
- a. For each riparian property, the amount of bottom material dredged from a Great Lakes waterbody may not exceed 100 CY during the time that coverage under this general permit remains in effect (i.e., 5 years after coverage is granted by the Department).
 - b. Multiple dredging events may be conducted under this general permit as long as each dredging event is completed during the 5 years while coverage remains in effect and does not exceed 25 CY for inland waters and 100 CY for Great Lakes. Each dredging event must adhere to the terms and conditions, including eligibility standards, of this general permit.

F. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR RIPARIAN NAVIGATIONAL DREDGING OF HUMAN-MADE IMPOUNDMENTS

- 1. ☐ The dredging purpose is to allow the riparian owner(s) to navigate from the shoreline of their property to the line of navigation.
- 2. ☐ The project is located on an "inland impounded waterbody" that is a "human-made impoundment" or an "associated feature," with a watershed comprised of more than 30% combined agricultural and urban land use development based upon the Department's WiscLand dataset.
- 3. ☐ The dredging may not occur an impoundment that is identified as an outstanding or exceptional resource water under s. 281.15, Wis. Stats. These waterways can be found on the Department's Storm Water, Waterway and Wetland Permit Viewer (SW4P) at <https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=SW4P>
- 4. ☐ For each riparian property, the area of dredging must be within the riparian zone as defined in s. 30.20(3)(a)3., Wis. Stats., is limited to a navigation channel not exceeding 30 feet wide and may not exceed the "line of navigation" as defined in s. 30.20(3)(a)2., Wis. Stats., as measured during summertime low water levels.
- 5. ☐ For each riparian property, the amount of "dredged material" may not exceed 50 cubic yards (CY) annually and may not exceed 250 CY during the 5-year coverage period under this general permit.

- **Note:** There is no limit to the number of times dredging can occur over the course of this general permit if the sum of each event during a calendar year does not exceed 50 CY per year and does not exceed 250 CY during the 5-year authorization. Each dredging event must adhere to the terms and conditions, including the eligibility standards, of this general permit.

6. ☐ The dredging is for the removal of "unconsolidated sediment" comprised of clay, silt, sand, or muck from an area abutting the riparian owner's riparian zone and the unconsolidated sediment material to be removed was deposited after the navigable water was affected by the impoundment. Dredging may not occur in an area of primarily bedrock, cobble, rock or gravel.
7. ☐ The project will not result in removal of coarse woody debris, trees, and other fish and wildlife habitat structures authorized by the Department.
8. ☐ If applicable, the applicant has permission from the flowage bed owner to dredge the bottom material.
9. ☐ Projects that propose in-water disposal of dredged materials are ineligible for this general permit.
10. ☐ Projects involving the lease or sale of any dredged material are not eligible for this general permit. The lease or sale of dredged material from a navigable lake or outlying water requires a dredging contract from the Department under s. 30.20(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

G. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR REMOVING PLANT AND ANIMAL NUISANCE DEPOSITS

1. ☐ The amount or location of accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposit to be removed requires the use of mechanical equipment.
2. ☐ Mechanized equipment used to remove the accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposits shall be designed to remove only nuisance deposits from the bed of the waterway. This includes skimming, scraping, sweeping, sucking, raking, etc. The equipment should be used in a manner that minimizes impacts to and removal of the native bed material and surrounding aquatic vegetation.

3. ☐ Nuisance deposits may not be removed in areas where *public rights features* (PRF), as described in s. NR 1.06, Wis. Adm. Code, are located. The location of PRF can be found at SW4P - Wisconsin DNR.
4. ☐ Nuisance deposits may not be removed in waters in coastal wetlands along Lakes Michigan and Superior that are identified as ecologically significant in “The Coastal Wetlands of Wisconsin’s Great Lakes” (DNR–CMP project). The Coastal Wetlands of Wisconsin’s Great Lakes can be viewed at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>, keyword “surface water data viewer”.
5. ☐ Only accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposits may be removed. Nuisance deposits do not include aquatic vegetation that is attached or rooted to the bed or is growing and alive and normally present as naturally occurring vegetation. Nuisance deposits do not include the natural deposition of the native lakebed material like sand, cobble, silt, detritus, and other organic material.
 - Properly dispose of any other materials (such as debris or litter) that may be removed along with the accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposit.
6. ☐ The removal of bed material *other than* plant and animal nuisance deposits must be limited to the extent practicable and may not exceed a *de minimus* amount (not to exceed 2 cubic yards).
7. ☐ The removal of accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposits shall be conducted in a manner that prevents the collection, removal, or dispersal of sediment away from the project site to the maximum extent practicable. Temporary sediment control measures used to accomplish this should be in place at least 48 hours after disturbance and completely removed from the waterbody after the activity is complete and the site is stabilized.
8. ☐ Plant and animal nuisance deposits removed from the waterbody may not be placed permanently or temporarily in any wetland, floodway, or re-deposited waterward of the *ordinary high-water mark* (OHWM) of a navigable waterway.
9. ☐ No removal of accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposits above the OHWM is authorized under this general permit. Land grading in excess of 10,000 square feet requires a permit under s. 30.19(1g)(c), Wis. Stats.
10. ☐ If the accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposits are located in Outlying (Coastal) Waters, the project must meet the following criteria:

- The project area to which this general permit applies shall be under the same ownership as the applicant.
- The nuisance deposit removal shall be limited to locations within the **swash zone** and the area of removal is parallel along the shoreline (not perpendicular, to the shore).
- Equipment to operate above the OHWM unless the department has approved a request to operate equipment below the OHWM as part of the authorized project.
- If rutting occurs, equipment shall cease operations and immediately restore any rutting of bed material within the swash zone on Outlying Waters or exposed bed material below the OHWM on other waterways. The depth of the rut is measured from the original lakebed surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the two depths (e.g., the top of the lug). Measurements are not cumulative.
- The nuisance deposit removal authorization is for a one-time removal event. Multiple dredging events to remove nuisance deposits on Outlying shorelines is not eligible under this general permit.
- The total amount of material removed shall be less than 3000 cubic yards.
- Only three (3) General Permit authorizations for plant and animal nuisance deposits may be issued for any area of an Outlying waterbody on an annual basis. For the purpose of this criteria, an “area of an Outlying waterbody” is the geographical location of the project that abuts the property’s shoreline on a navigable waterbody.

11. ☐ Unless using a developed boat launch, equipment used in the removal shall access the site along one path above the OHWM and perpendicular to the shore to the extent practicable. Any chosen route to access the site shall minimize the impact to the shoreline and the bed of the waterway.

- For a project that meets eligibility criteria, there is no limit to:
 1. the number of nuisance deposit removal activities in the project area,
 2. the area of shoreline that can be included in the accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposit removal project area, or
 3. the volume of accumulated plant and animal nuisance deposits removed from the project area during a single activity.

H. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR INSTALLING UTILITY CROSSINGS UNDER STREAMS UP TO 35 FEET WIDE

1. ☐ The site of the utility crossing shall be intentionally designed and located to minimize the disturbance of the following: adjacent wetland corridors, banks with steep slopes, and fish and wildlife habitat within the waterway channel.
2. ☐ The utility crossing will not occur where the stream channel is wider than 35 feet across (as measured from bank-to-bank at the ordinary high-water mark).
3. ☐ A single project authorized under this general permit may include up to 10 waterway crossings.
4. ☐ The width of the open trench or plowed channel may not exceed 48 inches in perennial streams. For intermittent streams with no flow present during construction, the width of the open trench or plowed channel may not exceed 72 inches.
5. ☐ During excavation of the trench, dredged material may be temporarily stockpiled in an upland area provided it is separated from the stream by an installed silt fence or a protective, vegetated buffer strip not less than 20 feet in width.
6. ☐ The trench excavation, filling, and installation of utility crossing the below the OHWM shall be completed within an 8-hour period.
7. ☐ In perennial streams, clean, washed gravel or crushed stone or clean river stone removed from the utility trench or plowed channel shall be used as backfill material to replace the excavated material to restore stream channel integrity and function. In intermittent streams with no flow present, the removed material may be used as backfill material for the dredged trench if the disturbed site is immediately stabilized.
8. ☐ When the dredging is complete, the streambed contours shall be restored to the pre-construction contours. The restored streambed at the trench site shall match the upstream and downstream bed elevations to prevent mounding (over-placement) or ponding (under-placement) at the project site within the stream channel.

I. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR AQUATIC PLANT HARVEST JETTING BY NURSERY GROWERS

1. ☐ The applicant shall be licensed by the *Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection* (DATCP) as a nursery grower under s. 94.10, Wis. Stats.
2. ☐ The project shall be in a location where the bed of the waterway is privately owned, or where the bed of the waterway is publicly owned the Department has determined that the project is consistent with the aquatic plant management activities authorized under chs. NR 107 and 109, Wis. Adm. Code.
 - **Note:** Under Wisconsin law, the bed of natural lakes is publicly owned, and the bed of rivers and streams is owned by the adjacent riparian to the center of the river or stream. For impoundments or raised lakes, the bed is privately owned to the edge of the natural lakebed.
3. ☐ All dislodged aquatic plants and floating debris shall be removed from the waterbody at the end of each day.
4. ☐ The equipment and motors used for jetting loose aquatic plants shall conform to the following specifications:
 1. The pumps may not exceed 6 ½ horsepower.
 2. The hoses may not exceed 3 inches inside diameter.
 3. The intake strainer may not exceed 3/8-inch mesh.
5. ☐ To provide for re-growth of aquatic plants, the area dredged may not exceed 50 feet by 15 feet. Additionally, an area 5 feet in width shall be left undisturbed around all dredge sites regardless of its size. Multiple areas that do not exceed 50 feet by 15 feet may be dredged within a waterbody if consistent with Criterion G.6. immediately below.
6. ☐ The applicant shall not remove more than 50% of the aquatic vegetation from the waterbody and jetting is limited to no more than 5 acres.

7. ☐ The applicant may conduct jetting on no more than one area of a waterbody on an annual basis.

J. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION FOR INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT ON EXPOSED LAKEBED OF OUTLYING WATERS

1. ☐ The project shall be located on the exposed lakebed of Outlying (coastal) Waters.
2. ☐ The project shall be conducted when the lakebed at the project site is exposed with dredging to be conducted during dry conditions.
3. ☐ The project area to which this general permit applies shall be under the same ownership as the applicant.
4. ☐ The use of the motor vehicle below the *ordinary high-water mark* (OHWM) is only for the purpose of controlling emergent invasive or nonnative aquatic plant species as designated by the Department under s. 23.24, Wis. Stats., and s. NR 109.07, Wis. Adm. Code.
5. ☐ The use of the motor vehicle is for mowing or spreading herbicide in conformance with a written invasive or nonnative aquatic plant species control plan approved by the Department.
 - **Note:** An invasive or nonnative aquatic plant species control plan, as required under s. NR 109.04 (3), Wis Adm. Code, and described in s. NR 109.09, Wis. Adm. Code, must contain the following items: a description of the existing condition including the types of plants present and their abundance; a strategy for the control of the invasive or nonnative aquatic plant species; a plan for the re-establishment of the native plant community; and a monitoring plan to assess the success or failure of the control plan. See s. NR 109.09, Wis. Adm. Code, for additional items that must be included in a plan.
6. ☐ The motor vehicle may only be operated in the specific area that is detailed in the approved invasive species control plan or permit. This permit does not authorize the operation of any motor vehicle in areas outside of those designated in the approved plan or permit.
7. ☐ Equipment used shall be low ground pressure equipment, including wide-tire vehicles, and tracked equipment, to minimize rutting of the exposed lakebed. Equipment operation shall cease

when rutting occurs. Any rutting of the lakebed shall be immediately restored by the operator of the vehicle.

- **Note:** The depth of the rut is measured from the original lakebed surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the 2 depths (e.g., the top of the lug). Measurements are not cumulative.

8. ☐ The motor vehicle shall be used in a manner that minimizes the impacts to the native lakebed material and any surrounding native vegetation.
9. ☐ To minimize impacts to small animals and native plants, and to prevent soil disruption and rhizome spread, the mowing deck shall be set no lower than 4 inches above the ground when operating equipment.
10. ☐ To protect wildlife habitat during nesting seasons, the use of a motor vehicle to control emergent invasive or nonnative aquatic plant species may only occur between August 1st and March 15th of the subsequent year.
 - **Note:** The applicant may request that this wildlife nesting timeout window be waived by the Department on a case-by-case basis, by submitting a written statement signed by the local Department Wildlife Biologist, documenting consultation about the proposed control plan, and that the local Department Wildlife Biologist has determined the restriction is not necessary to protect wildlife habitat during the nesting season for the proposed project.

K. CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS

1. ☐ Spoils Placement. Dredged materials may not be placed in a wetland, floodway, or re-deposited below the OHWM of a navigable waterway unless a plan is submitted and approved by the Department. The plan shall identify the duration of placement, potential impacts to flood flows, and erosion control measures utilized to protect the wetland or navigable waterway. Re-deposition of dredged material below the OHWM of a navigable waterway must comply with the standards in ch. NR 347, Wis. Adm. Code.

- **Note:** The placement of dredged material into a wetland will require a state wetland permit unless the project qualifies for a wetland permitting exemption pursuant to s. 281.36, Wis. Stats.
2. ☐ Fish Time Out Periods. To minimize adverse impacts on fish movement, fish spawning, and egg incubation periods, in-water work may not occur during any of the following time periods unless timing restrictions have been waived by the department:
- A. September 15th through May 15th for all trout streams identified on DNR published maps.
- **Note:** To determine if a waterway is a trout stream, you may use the department trout stream maps at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov>, keyword “trout stream maps.”
- B. September 15th through June 15th on all Great Lakes including tributaries upstream to the first dam or barrier.
- C. November 1st through June 15th for Lake Michigan waters surrounding Door County, including Green Bay and all harbors and bays.
- D. September 15th through July 1st for Lake Superior waters surrounding Douglas County, including St. Louis River and all harbors and bays.
- E. March 1st through June 15th for all other waters.
- **Note:** The Department Fisheries Biologist may waive or reduce timing restrictions in writing. To request a waiver of fish spawning timing restrictions, please include a request in the narrative portion of your permit application.
3. ☐ Invasive Species. All project equipment shall be decontaminated for removal of invasive species prior to and after each use on the project site by following the most recent Department approved washing and disinfection protocols and Department approved best management practices to avoid the spread of invasive species as outlined in ch. NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code. These protocols and practices along with a factsheet for equipment operators can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>, keyword “invasive species BMPs”.
4. ☐ Federal and State Threatened and Endangered Species. WDNR-GP05-2026 does not affect the Department’s responsibility to ensure that all authorizations comply with Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act, s. 29.604, Wis. Stats., or other applicable state laws.

This general permit does not provide coverage for projects found not to comply with these acts/laws. No activity is authorized which is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act and/or state law or which is likely to destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of a species as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

5. ☐ Special Concern Species. If the Wisconsin National Heritage Inventory lists a known special concern species to be present in the project area you will take reasonable action to prevent significant adverse impacts or to enhance the habitat for the species of concern.
6. ☐ Historic Properties and Cultural Resources. WDNR-GP05-2026 does not affect the Department's responsibility to ensure that all authorizations comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and s. 44.40, Wis. Stats. This general permit does not provide coverage for projects found not to comply with these acts/laws. Information on the location and existence of historic resources can be obtained from the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Register of Historic Places. If cultural, archaeological, or historical resources are unearthed during activities authorized by this permit, work must be stopped immediately, and the State Historic Preservation Officer must be contacted for further instruction.
7. ☐ Preventive Measures. Measures must be adopted to prevent potential pollutants from entering a wetland or waterbody. Construction materials and debris, including fuels, oil, and other liquid substances, will not be stored in the construction area in a manner that would allow them to enter a wetland or waterbody as a result of spillage, natural runoff, or flooding. If a spill of any potential pollutant should occur, it is the responsibility of the permittee to remove such material, to minimize any contamination resulting from this spill, and to immediately notify the State Duty Officer at 1-800-943-0003.

B. Certifications

- ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the proposed project will not occur in a mapped floodplain (official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or local zoning map), or if the

project is in a regulated floodplain, I am obtaining or have obtained applicable floodplain permits or approvals from the local zoning authority.

- ☐ I certify that I have read and understand all project eligibility criteria and agree to design and construct my project in accordance with all listed eligibility criteria found in this checklist. In addition, I agree to meet all conditions required for structure placement as identified in the above referenced eligibility criteria.

This form may be signed electronically, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Chapter 137. By checking the electronic signature acknowledgement box and typing your name, you are expressing intent to sign this form and certifying that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete, to the best of your knowledge and belief. If you decline to sign this form electronically, you must physically sign this form and all other forms required for your project.

Signature

Date signed