

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Permit for Mechanical Harvesting of Aquatic Plants**

Camp and Center Lakes Rehabilitation District is hereby granted under Section 23.24, Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code NR 109, a permit to conduct mechanical harvesting of aquatic plants on approximately 581 acres of Camp and Center Lakes, Kenosha County, subject to the following conditions. This permit will expire on 12/31/2021.

**PERMIT CONDITIONS**

1. You must notify Water Resources Biologist, Craig Helker, at (262) 884-2357, 4 working days prior to anticipated start of harvesting operations, or provide a schedule of harvesting on request. The Water Resources Biologist may schedule and conduct onsite supervision of harvesting at any time during the harvesting season.
2. Mechanical harvesting will only be allowed in the areas specified in the 2017 Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Camp and Center Lakes, and the 2019 Mechanical Aquatic Plant Control permit application. A copy of the permit and associated harvesting maps shall be maintained onboard the harvester(s) at all times while harvesting operations are conducted.
3. All aquatic plants cut must be removed immediately from the water.
4. Disposal of the harvested aquatic plants shall be located in the areas described in the permit application, and be in accordance with any applicable local and county regulations. Disposal shall not occur in a wetland, below the ordinary high water mark of any waterway, or in a floodplain or floodway.
5. The quantity and species of plants to be mechanically harvested must be in accordance with the 2017 Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Camp and Center Lakes, and the 2019 Camp and Center Lakes Rehabilitation District Mechanical Aquatic Plant Control permit application.
6. All mechanical harvesting records must be maintained and made available to the Department upon request. Annual reports summarizing harvesting activities shall be submitted to the Department by November 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. The annual report shall include a map showing the areas harvested, the total acres harvested, and the total amount of plant material removed from the body of water.

**FINDINGS OF FACT** (Facts which were considered in making this decision.)

1. The Camp and Center Lakes Rehabilitation District has filed an application for a permit to conduct mechanical harvesting operation in the waters of Camp and Center Lakes, Kenosha County. The specific areas to be harvested are in accordance with the 2017 Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Camp and Center Lakes, and the 2019 Camp and Center Lakes Rehabilitation District Mechanical Aquatic Plant Control permit application.
2. The Department has determined that the proposed mechanical harvesting will provide aquatic plant nuisance relief in the designated areas. The mechanical harvesting will allow for increased navigation and recreational opportunities.
3. The existing aquatic plant management plan for Camp and Center Lakes was approved by the Department on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This management plan shall serve as the reference document for aquatic plant management activities on Camp and Center Lakes.

4. The Department has determined that there will be no significant adverse impacts resulting from the mechanical harvesting of Camp and Center Lakes.
5. The total harvesting area is approximately 581 acres, referenced in the permit application and plan as approved in the conditions above.
6. The Department has determined that the proposed harvested area is not in a department designated sensitive area.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** (These are the legal reasons why the Department can make these decisions)

The Department has authority under the above indicated Statutes and Administrative Codes, to issue a permit for mechanical harvesting of aquatic plants.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative Code establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed.

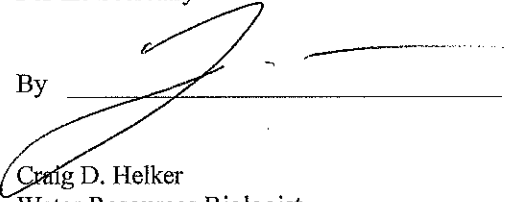
For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition within the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to Section 227.42, Wisconsin Statutes, you have 30 days after the decision is mailed or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review and does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 227.48(2), Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated at Sturtevant, WI July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
For the Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_

  
Craig D. Helker  
Water Resources Biologist