

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 190, 191, 195 and 198, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WT-09-08

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 23.22(2)(c), 281.68, 281.69, 281.70 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting ss. 23.22(2)(c), 23.24, 281.68, 281.69 and 281.70, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

In 2004, the Department promulgated ch. NR 198 under s. 23.22(2)(c), Stats., for a cost share program for assisting public and private entities in controlling aquatic invasive species. 2007 Act 20 increased the cost share rates, removed priority for local government sponsors and increased the allocation of \$2.8 million annually. The proposed revisions to ch. NR 198 incorporate the new statutes and make additional changes that include larger maximum grant awards, an expanded list of potential sponsors, create incentives and priorities for projects that integrate aquatic invasive species control with other environmental protections and allows communities that are successfully and compliantly managing existing populations of aquatic invasive species to recoup their aquatic plant management permit fees.

Additional changes that increase the value of donated labor, used for local match, from \$8 to \$12 and require application materials to be submitted in electronic format in ch. NR 198 are also proposed for the closely related lake and river grant programs in chs. NR 190, 191 and 195 for needed uniformity.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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