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Preston Bohn, WisDOT – Wisconsin Rapids *Via email: Preston.Bohn@dot.wi.gov*

> Subject: DNR Final Concurrence Project I.D. 6590-02-05/75 STH 22 Resurfacing (WCL RR Bridge to STH 110 South) Waupaca County

Dear Mr. Bohn:

Thank you for the information regarding the project referenced above. Based on the information submitted on November 26, 2018 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the final project design addresses the environmental issues raised through the initial review and coordination process. DNR has determined that the water quality, floodplain and wetland protection objectives of the DNR/DOT (Wisconsin Department of Transportation) Cooperative Agreement have been met.

Should the scope of the project change, consultation with the DNR must be reinitiated. Any additional project related work proposed under the Erosion Control Implementation Plan (ECIP) will be evaluated by DNR within 14 days for sensitive resources, potential impacts to the environment, and erosion and sediment control. Those proposed activities shown to be in compliance with Ch. 283, Wis. Stats will be added to the original application as an amendment. Further comments on the project may be presented at the preconstruction conference. DNR understands that project construction will be in conformance with our initial review letter, previous coordination, the DNR/DOT Cooperative Agreement, and the following:

Wetlands:

This project will result in the temporary disturbance of 0.003 acre of wetlands. The DNR is not requiring mitigation for this temporary disturbance as no permanent wetland fill will occur.

Fisheries/Stream Work:

As established in previous coordination, the Waupaca River and its tributaries are located nearby the project area. There are no time out dates required as the culvert work to be done is not on a tributary to the Waupaca River.

Endangered Resources:

Based upon a review of the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) dated 11-26-18, there are no known Endangered Resources or suitable habitat that could be impacted by this project. With this review the following has also been determined:



- There are no known Northern Long-eared Bat (NLEB) maternity roost trees within 150 feet of the project, or known hibernacula within 0.25 miles of the proposed project area.
- Based on surveys conducted in June 2018, no lupine plants or Karner Blue Butterfly were present within or near project area.
- This project is covered by the <u>Broad Incidental Take Permit/Authorization for No/Low Impact</u> <u>Activities</u>. No further actions for endangered resources are required by the DNR.

Transportation Construction General WPDES Permit:

Currently land disturbance associated with your project is reported to be less than 1 acre (0.003 acre disturbance at culvert replacement location), therefore coverage under the Transportation Construction General Permit (TCGP) would not be required. Be aware that if a non-permitted selected site will be used during construction, the additional disturbance needs to be added to the total area of disturbance associated with the project. If the total (cumulative) area of land disturbance exceeds 1 acre, then you must use the e-Permit system to apply for TCGP coverage, which can be found here: https://dnr.wi.gov/Permits/Water/. Non-metallic mines not operating under the direction and/or supervision of DOT must obtain all pertinent commercial permits. Even if TCGP coverage is not required, erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) still apply.

As the ECIP is developed, remember that all selected sites for waste and/or borrow must be an adequate distance from and not within any waterway, wetland, or floodplain. Selected sites must have erosion control measures installed to prevent offsite sediment runoff, both temporary and/or permanent. Additional environmental review will have to be conducted on selected sites that are not permitted (commercial) facilities. Non-permitted selected sites must be identified in the ECIP, and will be subject to additional DNR review and coordination.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 715-213-6571, or email at <u>Casey.Jones@Wisconsin.gov</u>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Casey J. Jones

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