



**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
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2007-08

(session year)

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Forestry

Clearinghouse Rule 07-012

Relating to the referral of private timber sale requests to cooperating foresters.
Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

August 01, 2007 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

August 21, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Representatives Friske, Mursau, A. Ott, M.
 Williams, Hubler, Boyle and Sherman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Allan Waelchli, Shawano — Wisconsin Consulting Foresters
- Ray Perry, Green Bay

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Bob Mather, Madison — Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry
- Ann Forest Burns, Rhinelander — Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

Registrations For

- Kim Quast, Rosendale — Wisconsin Consulting Foresters

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

August 21, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Representatives Friske, Mursau, A. Ott, M.
 Williams, Hubler, Boyle and Sherman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative A. Ott, seconded by Representative Hubler that **Clearinghouse Rule 07-012** be recommended for modifications requested.

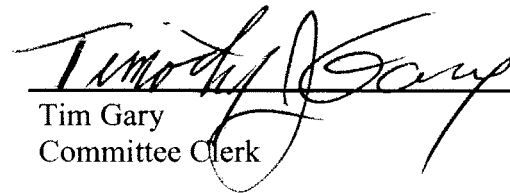
Ayes: (7) Representatives Friske, Mursau, A. Ott, M. Williams, Hubler, Boyle and Sherman.

Noes: (0) None.

MODIFICATIONS REQUESTED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7,
Noes 0

April 23, 2008

No action taken.


Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Forestry

Date: 8-21-07

Clearinghouse Rule: 07-012

Moved by: Ott Seconded by: Hubler

Motion: MOVED, that the ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, PURSUANT TO S. 227.19(4)(b) 2., STAYS, REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 07-012, RELATING TO THE REFERRAL OF PRIVATE TIMBER SALE REQUESTS TO COOPERATING FORESTERS.

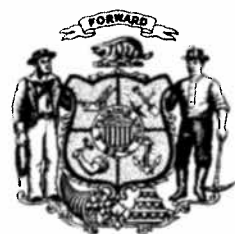
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Representative Donald Friske, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Jeffrey Mursau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Alvin Ott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Mary Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Mary Hubler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Frank Boyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Gary Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



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MEMO

TO: Committee on Forestry

FR: Rick Degen, Legislative Chair, Lake States Lumber Association

August 21, 2007

Subject: NR 1.212 Wisconsin Administrative Code
Referral of Private timber sale requests to cooperating foresters
Board Order No. FR-03-07
Clearing House Rule No. 07-012

Lake States Lumber Association greatly appreciates the intent of the above captioned rule which is to free up DNR forester time spent on private timber sales so that DNR foresters can focus on the sustainable management of state land.

The purpose of a rule is to provide clarity and uniformity in dealing with the public. This rule falls short of that.

The proposed rule states:

"The department may not provide timber sale assistance unless the land owner can demonstrate to the department's satisfaction that timber sales assistance is not reasonably available from a cooperating forester..."

The language has the effect of providing the department with an administrative rule which gives the department latitude to take action if it is "not satisfied." The term "not satisfied" is not defined and will likely be the source of confusion among private land owners and could be an excuse for continuing to focus on private lands to the detriment of state lands.

This rule should be sent back to the DNR for further clarification.