

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Fees charged to qualified lake associations for certain permits to control aquatic plants		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill exempts a qualified lake association from having to pay an aquatic plant management (APM) permit fee if the purpose of the permit is limited to removing or destroying invasive aquatic plants. Under the bill, a "qualified lake association" is one that meets certain requirements, including being established for the purpose of improving or protecting a lake for the benefit of the general public and agreeing to certain limits on restricting membership.

From 2006 through 2009, an annual average of \$122,525 in permit revenue fees was collected for control of nuisance aquatic plants in WI. Most permits were issued for control of invasive aquatic plant species (Eurasian water milfoil and curly leaf pondweed). While it is difficult to estimate how many permit sponsors were qualified lake associations, we assume that most local lake organizations could meet the state guidelines for forming a qualified association and would establish this form of lake organization for APM purposes to eliminate permit fees. We therefore assume an eventual loss of 80% of permit revenues in the future or approximately \$98,000 of expected annual permit revenue. Without these fees the department could not hire LTEs nor provide the supplies and services necessary for regional staff to oversee permit activities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		-98,000
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	-\$98,000
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	-\$98,000
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		-\$98,000	\$
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