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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources

Clearinghouse Rule 11-049

Relating to commercial fishing in outlying waters.
Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

March 08, 2012 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

April 8, 2012 No action taken.

April 25, 2012 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (11) Representatives Mursau, Williams, Nerison,
Steineke, Stroebel, Litjens, Molepske Jr,
Mason, Danou, Milroy and Hulsey.
Absent: (5) Representatives Rivard, Kleefisch, Severson,
Tiffany and Clark.
Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- None.

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Kate Strom-Horns, Madison — Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Registrations For

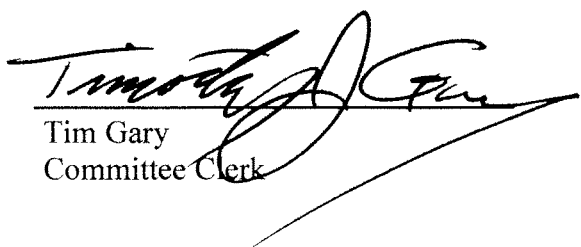
- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.


Tim Gary
Committee Clerk



Testimony from the Department of Natural Resources Clearinghouse Rule 11-050 Wednesday, April 25, 2012, Before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

My name is Diane Conklin and I am the DNR's Snowmobile, ATV, and Recreational Boating Grant Manager.

The rule before you today consists of several changes to the Snowmobile grant program (NR 50) and ATV grant program (NR 64).

The following changes are proposed for NR 50. First, to increase bridge design load from 12,000 lbs. to 14,000 lbs, with an occasional acceptable weight of 20,000 lbs. This will allow us to change the way the load is engineered from a point load to a train load to accommodate the new equipment being used by snowmobile clubs in the maintenance of trails. This change will allow the calculation of equipment weight as it moves across a structure, rather than by point load where it is calculated as it stands.

The second change in NR 50 is to develop a sliding scale for easement lengths depending upon the cost of the structure. We used to see structural costs of \$10,000 - \$30,000. Now we are seeing much higher structural costs. Therefore, we would like to seek a longer use period between the landowner and the Clubs or County for trails that have more expensive structures than the current 3 years. We are also doing some housekeeping by increasing the per-mile minimum expenditure for supplemental maintenance to \$150/mile to match what is currently in the Statute.

The changes to NR 64 are: Bridge guidelines have never been inserted into NR 64. Therefore, we are proposing to duplicate guidelines for bridge specifications as proposed for the snowmobile program above. There are many times when we use matching grants to fund a structure. It would be important to have the same language in both Natural Resources codes. The same is true for easements. They should be consistent from one program to the other. We also propose to increase summer maintenance from \$450/mile to \$600/mile to more closely match what Counties are actually expending and to try to incorporate some trail rehabilitation expenses out of maintenance dollars for a more timely repair of trails for safety.

The rule also will create a new "hybrid trail" that will be known as a "troute". They will be eligible for maintenance and develop funds. Last, the rule will allow signs that will more easily identify the season that ATVs may use on existing trails that may have other uses other than ATV use.