

State of Wisconsin DNR Department of Natural Resources Water Permit Central Intake – attn. APM PO Box 7185 Madison, WI 53707-7185	Mechanical Harvesting Permit
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Permit Number: SE-2019-68-5566M

Waterbody # (WBIC): 852400

Permit Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Fee Received: \$300

Waterbody Name: Lake Keesus

Applicant Name: Lake Keesus Management
 District, P.O. Box 609 Merton, WI 53056

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Advanced Notification of Treatment is required

The Department has received and reviewed your application to mechanically remove up to 60 acres of aquatic plants in Lake Keesus in Waukesha County. Please go to this web address: <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> to search for and download the permit documents. Your permit application meets the minimum requirements by law and a permit is being issued with the following conditions:

- You shall follow the harvesting plan outlined on page 21 of the Lake Keesus Aquatic Plant Survey and APM plan Update, permit application and permit conditions. Any changes to the permitted activity will require an additional permit from the Department.
- The treatment notification protocols, treatment plan, and reporting protocols shall be performed in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 109. Noncompliance with the permit can result in enforcement actions under Wis. Stat. Chapters 23, 30 and 31 and restriction of aquatic plant management activities for subsequent years under Wisconsin Administrative code chapter NR 109. The conditions and treatment plan are required to be followed to ensure efficacy of the treatment.
- You shall notify Heidi Bunk of the Department of Natural Resources at Heidi.Bunk@wi.gov a minimum of 4 business days before harvesting each year with the date and time of the proposed first harvesting event of the year.
- Harvesting in the middle of each of the southern bays may only occur when Eurasian Water Milfoil has greater than 50% coverage or frequency of occurrence in the top 2 feet of water. **The Harvesting supervisor must verify that the topped out plants are actually Eurasian Water Milfoil and not native pondweeds.**

- There must be a minimum of 12 inches of uncut rooted plant material left on the lake bed to stabilize sediment.
- You shall not harvest in waters less than 3 feet in depth.
- You shall harvest in a manner to minimize accidental capture of fish. Game fish accidentally captured shall be released immediately. Attempts should be made to release all other species.
- You shall remove all harvested materials from the water immediately.
- You shall have a paper or electronic copy of this decision letter and permit with the individual conducting the harvesting during all associated harvesting events.
- You shall submit an annual report of aquatic plant material removed by weight (lbs or tons) and volume (cubic yards) and species, a detailed map of harvested areas, total acres harvested, a report detailing the non-target impacts and the species and number of fish encountered within 30 days of the last treatment to [DNR APM Program](#).

Notice

- You shall decontaminate all project equipment used in the waterbody to minimize transport of aquatic invasive species (AIS) immediately after each use on the project site. You shall utilize best management practices: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/disinfection.html> You shall comply with all provisions in Wis. Stat. s. 30.07 and Wis. Adm. Code s. NR 40.07 and Manual code 9183.1 For further information, please refer to the following: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/classification.html>.
- The approval of an aquatic plant management permit does not represent an endorsement of the permitted activity, but represents that the applicant has complied with all criteria of this chapter.
- Staff must be familiar with the common aquatic plant species on Lake Keesus and be able to differentiate between native and non native species.
- Disposal of the harvested aquatic plants must be located in the areas specified in the permit application and must be in accordance with any applicable county and local regulations. Plant material may not be placed in a wetland, below the ordinary high water mark of any waterway, or in a floodplain or floodway.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at or by email at Heidi.Bunk@wisconsin.gov

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Secretary

By: Bunk, Heidi J	5/26/2020	05/28/2020
Water Resources Biologist	Date Signed	Date Mailed

Please Note:

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent. This notice is provided pursuant to s. 227.48(2), Wis. Stats. To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review and does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review