



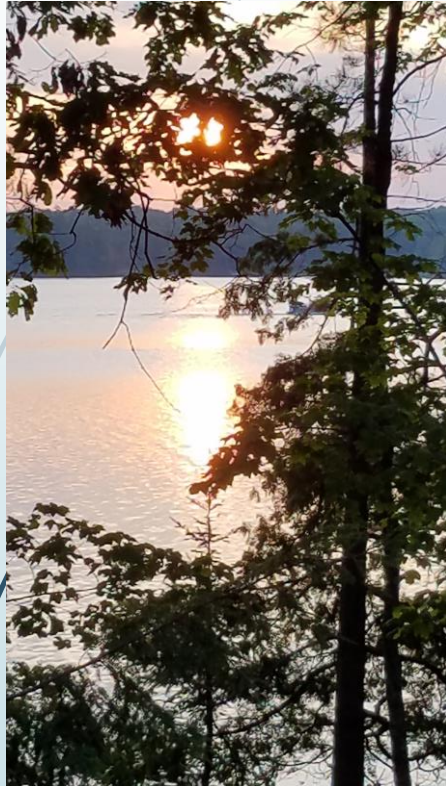
Local Regulation of Hazardous Wakes Workshop

Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Dept

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Wisconsin Lakes - What We Do



- Promote healthy lakes
- Provide education and technical assistance to lake organizations
- Advocate for sound, science-based lake policy
- Work with regional and statewide partners to promote & accomplish our mission



WI Lakes & Rivers Partnership



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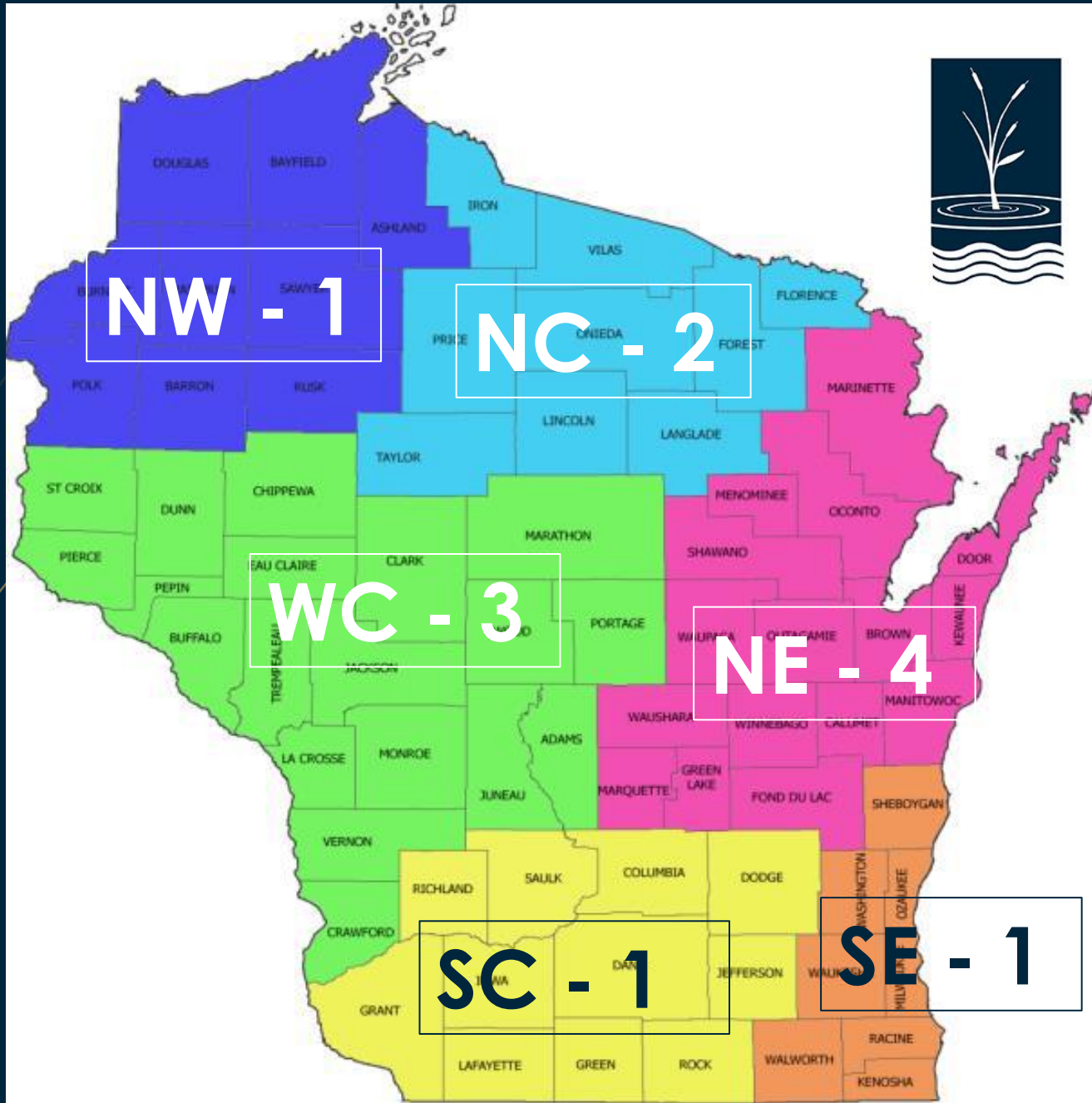
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WI Lakes - Managing Recreational Impacts Program

- Support Science-Based Research
- Promote Education
- Support local efforts
- State-level advocacy

Events:

Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention, April 19-21, Stevens Point

SE Regional Lakes Forum, May 19

NW and/or NC Regional Lakes Forum(s), Dates TBD



What's Happening Outside Wisconsin

Successful:

- *Oregon*: State law covering part of Wilamette River (weight limits)
- *Vermont*: Pending citizen action on a state agency rulemaking:
 - 1000' from shore rule
 - Very different procedure than in Wisconsin
 - Still could be shut down by their legislature

Less successful:

- *Minnesota*: Two legislative actions didn't pass
 - 250' from shore rule
 - Wake education as part of boating certificate
- *New Hampshire*: 250' rule did not pass



What's Happening In Wisconsin

Local Level – Education & Regulation

- Vilas County
- Oneida County
- NW counties
- SE counties
- Older ordinances

State Level

- DNR & Natural Resources Board
- Legislature



The Big Questions

- 1) How do we balance the rights of other users?
- 2) What's the scientifically and politically appropriate values for distance and depth regulation?
- 3) How much damage is actually happening in the real world?
- 4) Is the damage only coming from enhanced wakes?



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April 19-21, 2023

Stevens Point Holiday Inn & Convention Center

Registration opens in January

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