State of Wisconsin DNR
Department of Natural Resources
Water Permit Central Intake – attn.
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Chemical Aquatic Plant Control Permit

 Permit Number: SE-2025-65-22603
 Waterbody # (WBIC): 753800

 Permit Expiration Date: 11/01/2025
 Fee Received: 1270

Waterbody Name: Potter Lake Waterbody Address: County Road L

Applicant Name: Potter Lake Protection and

Rehabilitation District

PO Box 808

East Troy, WI 53120

Email: Phone:

Advanced Notification of Treatment is required

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Applicator Name: Lake and Pond Solutions LLC

W4950 County Rd A Elkhorn, WI 53121

Email: <u>jeff@lakeandpondsolutions.com</u>

Phone: 262-742-2600

The Department has received and reviewed your application to chemically treat up to 50 acres of aquatic plants in Potter Lake, Walworth County. Aspects of this permit may not be changed. 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 treatment plan outlined in the permit application and permit
 conditions. The treatment notification protocols, treatment plan, and reporting
 protocols shall be performed in compliance with Ch. NR 107, Wis. Adm. Code. The
 conditions and treatment plan are required to be followed to ensure efficacy of the
 treatment.
- 2. You shall notify Heidi Bunk of the Department of Natural Resources at Heidi.bunk@wisconsin.gov at least 4 business days before treatment with the date and time of proposed treatment.
- 3. You shall assess all proposed treatment areas prior to chemical treatment using a boat survey or shoreline survey to determine if the abundance of the target species present warrants treatment. A final map outlining the treatment areas and abundance measures must be provided to the Department by e-mail at Heidi.bunk@wisconsin.gov a minimum of 4 business days prior to chemical treatment.

- 4. The Department may stop or limit the application of chemicals to a body of water if at any time it determines that the treatment will be ineffective, or will result in unreasonable restrictions on current water uses, or will produce unnecessary adverse side effects on nontarget organisms.
- 5. 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 comply with the most recent version of the Department's Boat, Gear, and Equipment Decontamination and Disinfection Protocol (Manual Code # 9183.1) and employ best management practices. For further information, please refer to the following: https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/disinfection.html
- 6. You shall have a paper or electronic copy of this cover letter and permit with the individual conducting the treatment.
- 7. You shall submit the Aquatic Plant Management Treatment record on the most updated form supplied by the Department as follows:
 - a. Immediately, if any unusual circumstances occur during treatment.
 - b. Within 30 days, if treatment occurs.
 - c. By October 1 of this year if no treatment occurred.

Notice

- It is your responsibility to comply with all provisions in s. 30.07, Wis. Stats., and s. NR 40.07, Wis. Adm Code. For further information, please refer to the following:
- 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.
- Noncompliance with the permit can result in enforcement actions under Wis. Stat. ss. 23.24(6) and 281.98 and restriction of aquatic plant management activities for subsequent years under Wis. Adm. Code Ch. NR 107.
- This permit does not authorize the permittee to discharge any substance in a concentration which would cause an applicable groundwater standard of ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code, to be exceeded. The Department may seek a response under NR 140 if the permittee's discharge causes exceedance of an applicable groundwater standard for any substance, including substances not specifically limited or monitored under this permit. If a groundwater discharge occurs, the discharge shall comply with state groundwater quality standards in ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code.

Findings of Fact

- 1. The applicant has certified to the department that a copy of the application has been made available to all affected property owners' associations, inland lakes districts, and riparian owners.
- 2. The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the agency's review of the proposed project constitutes an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code. The Department has considered the impacts on the human environment, alternatives to the proposed projects and has provided opportunities for public disclosure and comment. Pursuant to s. NR 150.35(1) and (2), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department has determined that it has completed all procedural requirements of s. 1.11, Wis. Stats., and NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code for this project.
- 3. The project as permitted will comply with all applicable requirements of ss. 23.24 and 281.17(2), Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 107 Wis. Adm. Code.
- 4. Your permit application has been reviewed and meets the minimum requirements by law and a permit is being issued. Issuance of the permit is not an endorsement or approval for the action authorized.
- 5. Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC has published a Notice of Application for Aquatic Plant Management Permit for Chemical Control in the <u>East Troy News</u> on February 28th, 2025.
- 6. The Department has determined that multiple state listed herptile species have been documented adjacent to Potter Lake.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The Department has authority under ss. 23.24 and 281.17(2), Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 107, Wis. Adm. Code, to issue an order approving the application in full.
- 2. The project as authorized under this permit, if conducted in accordance with the conditions of this permit, meets the standards in ss. 23.24, and 281.17(2), Wis. Stats., and Ch. 107, Wis. Adm. Code, and is hereby approved.
- 3. The Department has complied with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, s. 1.11, Wis. Stats.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 262-719-0814 or by email at Heidi.Bunk@wisconsin.gov.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Secretary

By: Bunk, Heidi J	03/20/2025	03/20/2025
Lakes 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.