

2. Each petitioner, if other than the applicant.
3. Any other persons required to receive notice under the rules promulgated under s. 30.208 (5).

(3) JUDICIAL REVIEW. (a) Any person whose substantial interest is affected by a decision of the department under sub. (1m) (a) 1. or 2. may commence an action in circuit court to review that decision.

(b) Any party aggrieved by a decision of a hearing examiner under sub. (2) may commence an action in circuit court to review that decision.

History: 2003 a. 118, 326, 327.

30.2095 Limits and conditions for permits and contracts. **(1)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), every permit or contract issued under ss. 30.01 to 30.29 for which a time limit is not provided by s. 30.20 (2) is void unless the activity or project is completed within 3 years after the permit or contract was issued.

(b) The department may specify a time limit of less than 3 years for a permit or contract issued under ss. 30.01 to 30.29. For good cause, the department may extend the time limit for a permit or contract issued under ss. 30.01 to 30.29 for no longer than 2 years if the grantee requests an extension prior to expiration of the initial time limit.

(2) For good cause, the department may modify or rescind any permit or contract issued under ss. 30.01 to 30.29 before its expiration.

History: 1987 a. 374; 2003 a. 118 s. 15; Stats. 2003 s. 30.2095.

30.21 Use of beds of Great Lakes by public utilities.

(1) WATER INTAKE FACILITIES. Upon compliance with such applicable regulations as may be imposed by the government of the United States and subject to chs. 196 and 197 and rules and orders of the public service commission issued pursuant thereto, any public utility may, pursuant to permit granted by resolution of the governing body of any city, village or town situated on any waters of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior or in the Great Lakes basin, construct, maintain and operate, upon and under the bed thereof adjoining such city, village or town, all cribs, intakes, basins, pipes and tunnels necessary or convenient for securing an adequate supply of water suitable for the purposes of such utility, provided only, that concurrently with the construction of facilities for the withdrawal of water from the lakes, the city, town or village must construct sewage treatment and disposal works adequate to treat completely all sewage of the municipality. Any city, village or town, the limits of which are within 50 miles of any such waters and any public utility serving the same shall be deemed to be situated on such waters within the meaning of this section and such municipality or public utility serving the same shall, subject to this section, have authority to acquire and own or lease sufficient real estate, not to exceed 50 miles beyond the corporate limits of such municipality, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating thereon or thereunder, transmission facilities and structures, including cribs, intakes, basins, pipes and tunnels, necessary or convenient for securing an adequate supply of water suitable for the purposes of such municipality or utility. Such facilities shall be so constructed, maintained and operated as to avoid material obstruction to existing navigation or the use of private property not owned by such utility.

(2) HARBOR FACILITIES; PUBLIC UTILITY STRUCTURES. Pursuant to the authority and conditions specified in sub. (1), any such utility may also:

(a) Improve the navigability of any of the waters specified in sub. (1) and construct upon the shore and the adjoining bed of such waters, harbor facilities adapted for the reception, docking, unloading and loading of vessels carrying supplies required for the operation of such utility.

(b) Place any public utility structure, including all or part of any plant for the generation of electricity and the appurtenances, upon the bed of any of the waters specified in sub. (1), provided the utility first obtains approval under this chapter and obtains the

approval of the public service commission as required by s. 196.49 or rules or orders of the public service commission issued pursuant thereto, and also obtains the approval of the department to the making of any payment to be made to the municipality with respect to the erection of such structure.

(3) COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) Each public utility operating under a permit under this section on January 1, 1986, shall comply with s. 281.35 (2), if applicable.

(b) On and after January 1, 1986, no city, village or town may issue a permit under sub. (1) unless the public utility applying for the permit complies with s. 30.18 (2) (b), if applicable.

History: 1985 a. 60; 1995 a. 227.

30.24 Bluff protection. (1) DEFINITIONS.

In this section:

(a) “Obligate” has the meaning given in s. 23.0917 (1) (e).

(b) “Protect” includes to restore.

(2) AUTHORIZATION. For the purposes of protecting bluff land, the department may expend money from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ta) for a program under which the department may do all of the following:

(a) Acquire bluff land or interests in bluff land along the Great Lakes.

(b) Award grants to nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire these lands or interests under s. 23.096.

(3) BAN ON LOCATION RESTRICTIONS. In exercising its authority under sub. (2) (a), the department may not limit acquisitions of bluff lands to bluff lands that are within the boundaries of projects established by the department.

(4) LIMIT ON GRANTS. Except as provided in s. 23.096 (2m), a grant awarded under this section or under s. 23.096 to protect bluffs may not exceed 50% of the acquisition costs.

(5) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to administer and implement this section, including standards for awarding grants to protect bluffs under this section and under s. 23.096 grants. The department by rule shall define “bluff land” for purposes of this section.

History: 1999 a. 9; 2007 a. 20.

30.25 Wolf River protection. (1) Except as provided under sub. (2), no person may make any effort to improve the navigation on the Wolf River north of the southern boundary of Shawano County nor shall any dam be authorized for construction in that portion of the Wolf River. Any permit issued or in effect by virtue of or under authority of any order or law authorizing the construction of any dam in the Wolf River in Langlade County is void. This declaration does not affect permits for or the operation or maintenance of any dam in existence on August 24, 1963.

(2) A person may engage in a minor dredging project to improve access to or to improve the aesthetics of the Wolf River in Shawano County if a permit issued by the department under s. 30.20 authorizes the project.

History: 1987 a. 374.

30.255 Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center.

Beginning with fiscal year 2007–08, the department shall provide a grant in the amount of \$27,000 in each fiscal year to the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center to be used for park and recreation uses, forestry education, and tourist information provided by the center and for its operational costs.

History: 2007 a. 20.

30.26 Wild rivers. (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT. In order to afford the people of this state an opportunity to enjoy natural streams, to attract out-of-state visitors and assure the well-being of our tourist industry, it is in the interest of this state to preserve some rivers in a free flowing condition and to protect them from development; and for this purpose a system of wild rivers is established, but no river shall be designated as wild without legislative act.

(2) DESIGNATION. The Pike River in Marinette County, and the Pine River and its tributary Popple River in Florence and Forest