



State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

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Sent via email only

May 19, 2026

Alex Hoxsie
Department of the Army, Chicago District, Corps of Engineers
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Chicago, IL 606040

Re: Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Determination for Fiscal Year 2026
Sturgeon Bay Maintenance Dredging, Door County, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hoxsie,

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) received a letter from your office, dated March 3, 2026, and supporting information, regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District proposal to conduct dredging in Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin. The proposed action includes maintenance dredging of up to 80,000 cubic yards from an approximately 1,700-foot-long portion of the Sturgeon Bay federal navigation channel and 8,000 cubic yards of material at the U.S. Coast Guard mooring area east of the Oregon Street Bridge. The purpose is to maintain a 22-foot depth below the low water datum within the 300-foot-wide channel. Dredged material would be placed in the upland Sturgeon Bay Utilities site. The work is scheduled for summer 2027.

Under Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S. Code § 1456 and 15 CFR Part 930), federal consistency requires that federal actions with reasonably foreseeable effects on coastal uses or resources should be consistent with the state Coastal Management Program's enforceable policies. The proposed action will be undertaken by a federal agency and are within Wisconsin's Coastal Zone.

In the letter, USACE included a statement that the project would be undertaken in a manner which is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with Wisconsin's enforceable policies. WCMP's enforceable policies are included in [Attachment C: Specific State Coastal Policies of Wisconsin Coastal Management Program: A Strategic Vision for the Great Lakes](#), available on the WCMP website, <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

WCMP published notice in the Wisconsin State Journal and the Green Bay Press Gazette. The public comment period ended on April 17, 2026. WCMP did not receive any comments.

WCMP reached out to colleagues at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR staff mentioned they have been in contact with USACE.

In accordance with Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act and 15 CFR 930, Subpart C, and 15 CFR § 930.4, WCMP concurs with the consistency certification. This concurrence is based on the USACE's letter that indicates all dredging activities will occur within the federally designated navigation channel and that all placement of dredged materials will occur above the Ordinary High Water Mark.

This concurrence does not exempt the project from any other necessary permits that may be required under other federal, state, or local regulations. WCMP encourages USACE to continue coordinating with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff on the project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 608-267-7988 or kathleen.angel@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathleen Angel".

Kathleen Angel, Program Manager
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

cc: Andrew J. Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
James Killian, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Sarah Szabo, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources