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Sent via email only

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Shelagh T. Deliberto
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Re: United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (WS) Environmental Assessment (EA) Beaver Damage Management in the State of Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Deliberto,

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) received your letter, dated January 20, 2026, regarding the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services' (WS) Environmental Assessment (EA) on alternatives for WS involvement in beaver damage management in Wisconsin. WS also provided a copy of the Predecision Environmental Assessment. As described in the letter, the WS proposed action may include beaver damage management activities in Wisconsin, including the 15 counties adjacent to Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, as well as watersheds that drain into the Great Lakes.

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 will likely include activities within Wisconsin's Coastal Zone that may affect coastal uses or resources.

In the letter, WS included a statement that the proposed beaver damage management program 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 Superior Telegram on February 7, 2026. The public comment period ended on February 28, 2026. WCMP did not receive any comments. WCMP reached out to colleagues at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR staff had shared comments with WS in a previous draft that were incorporated into the EA: they did not have any additional comments.

In accordance with Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act and 15 CFR 930, Subpart C, WCMP concurs with the consistency determination. This does not exempt the proposed project from any other necessary state or local permits or authorizations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 608-267-7988 or kathleen.angel@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Angel".

Kathleen Angel, Program Manager
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program