



Gov Evers declares September Coastal Awareness Month

MADISON - Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed September as Coastal Awareness Month in Wisconsin in recognition of the important impact that the Great Lakes has on the state. Lake Michigan and Lake Superior are integral to Wisconsin's economy, recreation, tourism, cultural history, and quality of life. The Governor's proclamation is a reminder for the people of Wisconsin to protect, promote and enjoy the state's Great Lakes.

In recognition of Coastal Awareness Month and the importance of the Great Lakes, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is proud to announce the release of the 2020 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle. Now in its nineteenth year, the Chronicle promotes public awareness of Wisconsin Great Lakes issues, provides a vehicle for experts to educate public, policy leaders, and creates an historical record of Great Lakes events and perspectives. The 2020 edition features articles on the restoration of Saxon Harbor in Iron County, Great Lakes water levels, coastal resiliency in southeast Wisconsin, and Wisconsin's Office of Outdoor Recreation. The 2020 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle, including past issues, are available on the WCMP website [HERE](#).

The Department of Administration's WCMP, now in its 42nd year, works cooperatively with Great Lakes stakeholders to balance resilient coastal communities, help protect and enhance natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Great Lakes while encouraging responsible economic development. The policy direction for WCMP is set by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council. Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor and represent state agencies, local and tribal governments, and the general public.

To further celebrate Coastal Awareness Month, the WCMP is again pleased to announce that it is accepting grant proposals to enhance and protect resources within Wisconsin's coastal zone. The Department of Administration's WCMP anticipates awarding approximately \$1.5 million in grant funding. Application materials and the Request for Proposals are available on the WCMP website (<http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>). Applications are due November 2, 2020. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact WCMP staff early to discuss proposal ideas and application requirements.

The WCMP was the first program in the Great Lakes and among the first ten nationally established through the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. Its mission since 1978 is a balance of resource protection and sustainable development within Wisconsin's 15 Lake Michigan and Lake Superior counties. To learn more about WCMP please visit <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

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