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Governor Walker Declares September 2016 Coastal Awareness Month

Madison – Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed September 2016 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,” Governor Walker said. “This 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 2016 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle. Now in its fifteenth year, the Chronicle promotes public awareness of the Wisconsin Great Lakes, provides a vehicle for public policy discussion, and creates a historical record of Great Lakes events and perspectives. The 2016 edition will feature several articles including those on Transforming Milwaukee’s Greenway Corridor, Wisconsin Point, Coastal States Organization, and Lower Fox River Water Quality. The 2016 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle, including past issues, are available on the WCMP website at <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

The Department of Administration’s WCMP, now in its 38th year, works cooperatively with Great Lakes stakeholders to help protect and enhance the 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 4, 2016.

During the month of September, WCMP staff will be traveling around the state presenting at the following workshops on the grant program. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled grant workshops or contact WCMP staff early to discuss proposal ideas and application requirements.

- Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Neville Public Museum
210 Museum Place, Green Bay

- Thursday, September 15, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Port of Milwaukee
2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee

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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