

# Legislative Update

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# Agenda

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# 2013–2014 Legislative Session Status

## ▶ Political Climate

- Republican majority in both houses and Governorship for second straight session



# 2013–2014 Legislative Session Status

- ▶ Fiscal Climate

- ▶ State ending current biennium with \$400 million surplus

As compared to two years ago:

- ▶ Nearly \$4 billion state budget deficit heading into 2011–2013 biennial budget negotiations
- ▶ Most programs dealt an immediate 10% reduction



# 2013–2014 Legislative Session Status

- ▶ 2-year session began in early January, 2013 and effectively ends mid-March, 2014



# WI Lakes Legislative Agenda

▶ Available at our website:

[www.wisconsinlakes.org](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org)

## Areas of primary focus:

- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Groundwater Management
- Phosphorous and Polluted Runoff
- Shoreland Management
- Building a Watershed Approach to Public Policy
- Educating Citizen Advocates
- Other areas of concern: Mining, Lake Level Management



# AIS Proposal

## Aquatic Invasive Species

#1 priority of members surveyed during development of legislative agenda

Full proposal also available at  
[www.wisconsinlakes.org](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org)



# Additional Items of Interest

Unlike last session – not a long list of natural resource-related legislation in the queue

- ▶ Mining Bill – Passed
- ▶ AB 75 – Applicability of County Shoreland Zoning to annexed or incorporated lands
- ▶ AB 84 – Exceptions to requirements for fishing licenses and aquatic plant management permits
- ▶ Redo of NR 115 underway





# Resources

- ▶ Wisconsin Lakes website policy pages
- ▶ E-Lake Newsletter
- ▶ E-alerts
- ▶ Lake Connection

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