

Current legislation impacting water

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Agenda

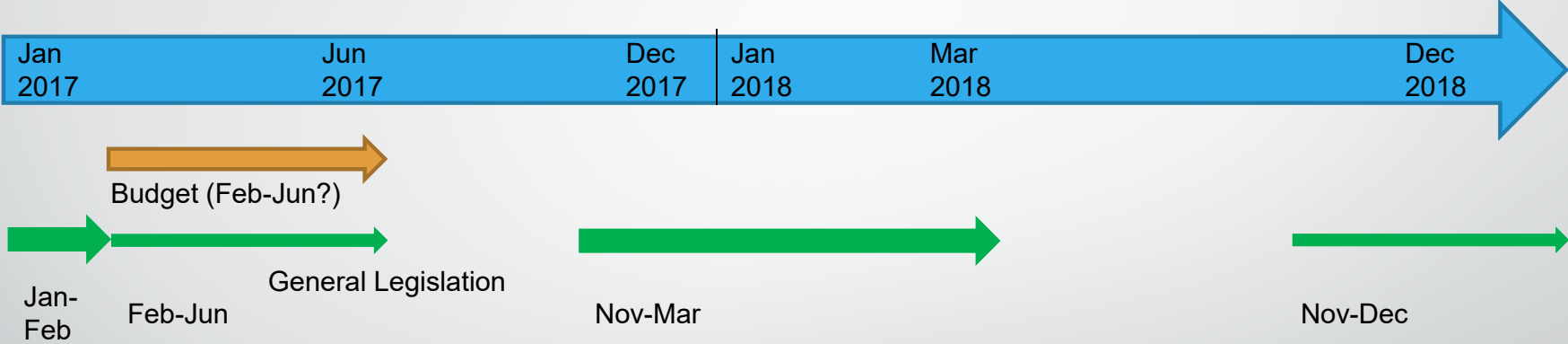
- Quick review of legislative timeline
- A look at major water-related legislation from the last legislative session
- A peek at where we might be going

Two types of legislation

- Budget bill
- Everything else



Legislative timeline



State Budget

- Lakes funding stable
- County Conservationists
- Natural Resource Educators
- Boat shelters & rip rap

Wetlands

- 2017 Act 183 / AB547 / SB600
- Meteor Timber



DREDGING

- New small scale dredging general permit for lakes
- 2017 Act 214 / AB935 / SB789

TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET

- Small private pond dredging/shoreland zoning exemption

Navigability

- 2017 Act 164 / AB599 / SB506

Groundwater

- One bill, move for more seems to have died down for now
- 2017 Act 10 / AB105 / SB76

Mining

- 2017 Act 134 / AB499 / SB395

Other Stuff - Good

- Funding for farmer-led councils (2017 Act 196 / AB946 /SB796)
- Funding for SE Wisconsin Fox River Commission (2017 Act 348/AB911/SB817)

Other Stuff - Bad

- Shoreland Zoning (2017 Act 68/AB480/SB388)
- Aquaculture (2017 Act 21/AB160/SB95)
- Foxconn

Other Stuff – Umm, Not Sure

- Exempting hydroflight devices from slow no wake rules (AB661/SB571)

How to keep informed and act

- Follow wisconsinlakes.org or sign up for our Lake Policy report
- Participate in WI Lakes/River Alliance of WI's "Lakes In Action" program
- Research bills, find your legislator and more on the WI Legislature's website: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/>
- Read newspaper articles, press releases, more at thewheelerreport.com
- Watch it all happen on Wisconsin Eye (wiseye.org)
- Talk to your legislators!



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