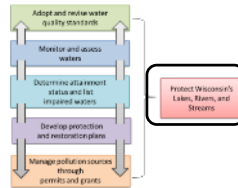


An Update on Aquatic Plant Management Policy Development in Wisconsin

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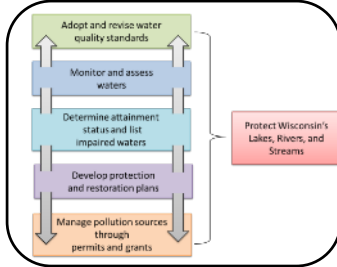
Protect Wisconsin's Lakes, Rivers & Streams

FY2018 Measure

Effective program for the control of AIS / nuisance aquatic plant conditions using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles that protects beneficial native plant communities

FY 2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ 99% all APM Permits issued within 10 to 15 working days
- ✓ 1,578 permits total – **21% increase!**
 - 1,427 Chemical permits (NR 107) permits
 - 13,299 acres
 - 830 private ponds
 - 597 public waters
 - 151 Harvesting permits (NR 109) permits
 - 7,102 acres
- ✓ \$171,329 fees collected
- ✓ E-Permitting fully functional



STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT INITIATIVE

FY2018 Measure

Develop External Study Groups on Aquatic Plant Management

FY2018 Objectives

- **Aquatic Plant Management**
 - Draft Study Group Charter
 - APM NR 150 Strategic Analysis to public comment next month
 - Formation of Study Group to follow

What's DNR's EWM "policy"?

Chap 23.24 Aquatic Plants

Chap 23.22 Invasive species

NR 107 Chemical Control

NR 109 Mechanical, Manual &
Introduction

NR 40 ID, Classification, Control

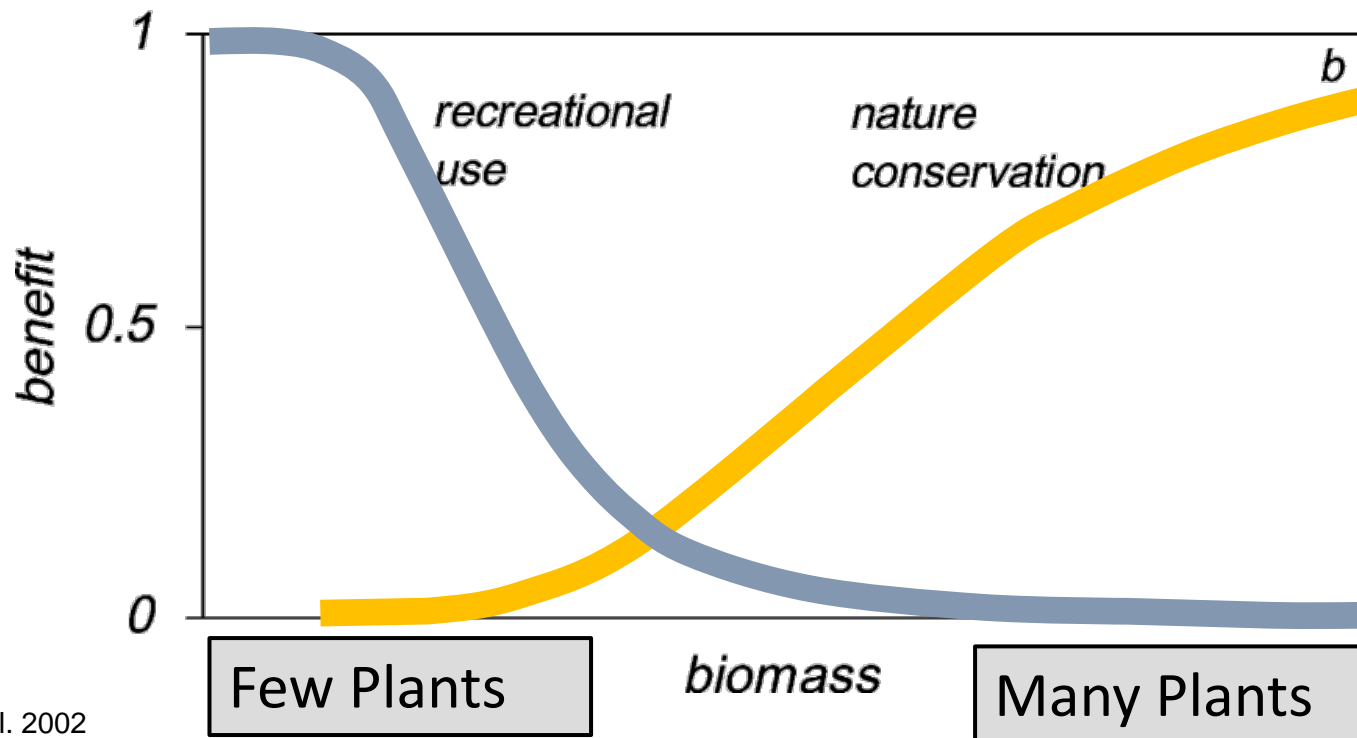
Clean Water Act

Need for Rule Development

- NR 107 hasn't been updated significantly since 1989.
- NR 109 last updated in 2003
- Neither considers NR 40
- Proposal for Rule Revision scope statement ready
- Put the brakes on and decided to do a Strategic Analysis first.



Community Stakeholders Disagree



APM External Study Group

Opportunity for the regulated community and stakeholders to provide input on WDNR's APM program policies and procedures.

- Seek input and concurrence on the finalization of the NR 150 APM Strategic Analysis's foundational science and characterization of the state of aquatic plant management in Wisconsin.
- Seek input on revisions to the APM Administrative Codes NR 107 & 109.

APM External Study Group

- Conservation Congress
- Chemical Applicators
- Consultants
- Lake Organizations
- Mechanical Harvesting
- Herbicide Manufacturers
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