



Central Sands Water Action Coalition

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Central Sands Water Action Coalition Opposes SB 76

"Death by 1,000 Straws"

Central Sands Water Action Coalition OPPOSES SB 76, the "Death by 1,000 Straws" bill. This bill does not solve any problems for our state groundwater issues and only allows our current problems to continue.

If SB 76 is not passed this session, there will be **NO permanent damage done to agriculture.**

If SB 76 is passed this session, there will be **PERMANENT damage done to our water state's waters – lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and all the people who enjoy them.**

Passage of this bill will guarantee the continued drawdown of many lakes and trout streams in Wisconsin's Central Sands. The 3,000 plus existing high capacity wells in the Central Sands would be given permission to pump without any review **FOREVER**. Unlimited permits are unprecedented in Wisconsin. No other permit is granted without some sort of review period, from a driver's licenses to insurance license. **Periodic review of high capacity well permits is needed to protect our waters.**

The transfer provision is the most troublesome. The Public Trust Doctrine states that the waters of the State belong to all of us. Transferring water rights with the sale of a property is diametrically opposed to that doctrine. Transfer should be deleted entirely from this bill.

As Wisconsin residents, boaters, and anglers we want certainty that our waters will be here for our children and grandchildren to use and enjoy. Moreover, we have property rights and we look to our representatives to protect our interests. There exists 50+ years of **EXISTING**, scientific studies that predicted reduced surface and groundwater due to over pumping. We see it happening every day.

SB 76 puts Wisconsin property values in jeopardy, which in turn puts property tax revenue to our communities in jeopardy. In Waushara County, for example, riparian property owners account for 3% of the property and pay 30% of the county's tax revenue.

SB76 will not stop or prevent further damage to the families of Wisconsin... it ensures the damage will continue FOREVER.

Central Sands Water Action Coalition (CSWAC) represents 64 lake districts, lake associations and other water groups. We are concerned about our water resources. Our membership is over 32,000 households from all over the State of

Wisconsin. As a coalition, we support sustainable water use. We cannot support legislation that gives Wisconsin's water to a few at the expense of many.

CSWAC Member Organizations:

Adams County Lake Alliance	McDill Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Big Roche A Cri Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District	McGinnis Lake District
Bugh Lake Management District	Lake Napowan Lake Association
Bugh Lake Property Owners Association	Norwegian Lake Association
Cedar Springs Lake Property Owners Association	Parker Lake Association
Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation	Pearl Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Comstock Lake Property Owners Association	Peppermill Lake Management District
Crooked Lake Association	Pine Lake Property Owners Association
Crystal Lake Club	Pleasant Lake Management District
DuBay Property Owners Association	Porters Lake Management District
Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group	Protect Wood County & Its Neighbors
Easton Lake District	Rinehart Lake Association
Fenner Lake Improvement Association	River Alliance of Wisconsin
Frank Hornberg Chapter - Trout Unlimited	Rome Concerned Citizens
Friends of the Central Sands	School Section Lake Association
Friends of Lake Emily	Spring Lake Management District
Friends of the Little Plover River	Stratton Lake District
Friends of Mirror and Shadow Lakes	Stratton Lake Property Owners Association
Friends of the Tomorrow/Waupaca River	Tri-Lakes Management District (Arrowhead, Camelot, Sherwood)
Friendship Lake District	Tuttle Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Gilbert Lake Advancement Association, Inc	Twin Lake Owners Association
Goose Lake Watershed District	Twin Lakes Conservancy Inc
Hancock Pine Lake District	Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Property Owners Association
Huron Lake Association	Wauwara County Watershed Lakes Council
Irogami Lake Tax Management District	Weyauwega Lake Restoration, Inc
Johns Lake Management District	White Lake Management District
Jordan Lake Rehabilitation & Protection District	White River Flowage Lake Management District
Lawrence Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District	White River Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Little Silver Lake Improvement Association	Witters Lake Property Owners Association
Long Lake Association (Saxeville/Springwater)	Wolf Lake Association
Long Lake District (Oasis)	Wood Lake Property Owners Association
Marl Lake Rehabilitation District	Working Together for Waupaca County
Marquette County Lakes Association	