

To the members of the Committees,

Ducks Unlimited has invested heavily in the state of Wisconsin and while we care deeply for the conservation and preservation of Wisconsin's wetlands we recognize there is room for permit streamlining and refinement. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the bill authors for allowing us the opportunity to meet with them in order to better understand the wetland permit challenges that exist. In doing so we have heard the concerns of the development community and engaged in constructive dialogue in an effort to help craft a more surgical solution instead of simply dropping all protections as the current bills would do.

In coordination with many others from the sportsmen-conservation community, we distilled what we were hearing from developers, wetland consultants, and others and developed the proposal you have in front of you. We offer this as an alternative to the bills being considered today and hope that this document will act as a framework for whatever changes the committees determine appropriate for the current bills.

The proposal represents a targeted and strategic step towards further improvement of the wetland permit process in Wisconsin to help advance economic development throughout the state and free Wisconsinites from undue regulatory burdens, while continuing to value and conserve Wisconsin wetlands. It is the product of the good faith and collaborative effort we took, on short notice, to understand the problems bill authors seek to resolve and offer effective solutions.

Ducks Unlimited remains committed to working with the authors and these committees and is a resource to you and your staff.

Thank you,

Kyle Rorah

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