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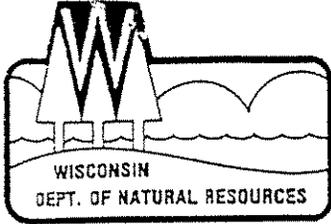
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State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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July 8, 1996

Mr. Glen Peters
2381 Breezewood Lane
Green Bay, WI 54313-7965

File Ref: 3500\M5720

*P.C.
Robert
Kosinberger - MAR
ORIG -
Dickie Koch*

Dear Mr. Peters:

Thank you for writing to us with your concerns about the impacts of water skiing and associated structures on your property and Lake Noquebay. We share your concerns about the detrimental impacts that these activities may have on fishing, navigation and natural scenic beauty.

There are several Wisconsin State Laws that are designed to protect our lakes and rivers from some of the impacts that you describe in your letter. For example, state laws regulate the construction and placement of structures such as ski jumps and platforms in lakes. The State legislature has assigned the responsibility of administering these laws to this Department. It is our mission to protect and enhance the use of these waters for the rights of all of our citizens; both water skiers and non-skiers alike. To do this, we often are in the position of balancing the interests of various groups who may be in conflict with each other.

In this case, the water skier team is required by State law to obtain a permit from this Department, to place a seasonally installed ski jump in the lake. They may, without a permit from us, place a ski jump in the lake for day use as long as the ski jump is brought to the shoreline each night. A permit is also required from us to place a platform in the lake. We shall review these permit applications and assess the impacts that they may have on public trust issues such as the ecosystem of the lake, fishing and natural scenic beauty. A permit application that is detrimental to the public interest shall be opposed by us.

You, and any other concerned citizens, will have the opportunity to comment on any permit applications that we receive for these structures. State law requires that these types of permit applications be formally noticed in the local newspaper, in this case, the Peshtigo Times. The procedure shall be outlined in the public notice for these projects.

The protection of our public waters is a major concern of both the public and this Department. I want to personally encourage you to remain active in your efforts to protect this lake from overdevelopment and other impacts. It is the interest and encouragement of people like you that provides the support for our work. I hope that you will continue to monitor what is happening and keep us informed of your concerns.



If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 608-266-2121.

Sincerely,

IS/7-10-96

George E. Meyer
Secretary

cc: Ron Fassbender - NER

5/30/96

Mr. Tommy Thompson
Governor
State of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Mr Governor, I am writting you to see if you can give 10 cottage owners some help on our beautiful Lake Noquebay, Crivitz Wisconsin. Our problem is, there is a water ski club called, the Crivitz Ski Cats, and they have been on this lake for many years. They have performed the water ski show at the resort called, Holiday Resort, but now this resort has been sold and is being turned into cottage lots. Some already have cottages on. Also next to this resort was another resort that rented cottages weekly. These resorts are located at the north end of the lake. There were these two resorts to the south of where the Ski Cats performed, and to the north there is wet land, which was an ideal set up for them, as there were no cottages next to the performances.

Now our problem is they want to move to the south shore, about a mile and a half from where they were presently lacated. This location is at Lake Noquebay Supper Club, which has a beautiful sand beach, as do all the cottage owners along this shore. I am talking about a water depth of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep. I can walk from my cottage, as can all the owners, out 250 yards and never get into water over 4 feet deep. At this point, there is a weed line which has the best fishing on the lake.

We are all concerned about the loss of our fishing. Plus we have trouble with shore erosion from the waves, from spring ice pushing and eroding our shores. I have beautiful cedar trees on my frontage, that the roots are showing now, and I myself have lost two nice trees already in the last 5 years.

We are afraid of the water being shallow, and these big boats with ^{two} 200 horse motors on these boats, making the horse power 400 horse. They will be stirring up the bottom of our lake causing strong wavesto wash against our shores. This will cause more erosion problems, which we as cottage owners, do not want. Also there will be ski jump platforms and dock platforms out into the lake, which will block our view of our beautiful lake. It will be a hazard and a eye sore.

These Ski Cats plan 2 shows per week, Wednesday and Saturday at 3 to 6 P.M. each day plus practice 4 times per week. We will have loud speaker noise, loud crowd noise. My cottage is second from the supper Club. which I am only 65 feet from all the noise.

Also to the east of the Supper Club , is a boat launch site, which is kept up by the town. The best time for fishing is from 4;PM till dark. People want to come and launch there boats at the busiest time of the Ski Cats show. This could cause serious accidents.

Also, we like to fish on our docks in the evenings, which we will not be able to.

Most of the folks along this shore purchased these cottages, repaired and rebuilt to make there cottage a summer retreat, to enjoy our retirement, Six out of 10 cottage owners are retired and live up here all the summer, and some are about to retire and live up here all summer, and some are about to retire. I purchased my cottage 14 years ago for my retirement.

I am retired the last 4 years and now they want to take our privacy and quiet away from all us folks.

I have contacted the town of Lake, where our cottage is located, they have no ordinances or zoning of any kind. Nor does the county of Marinett. So Governor, we are turning to you for some help. So we as property owners can protect the beauty of this beautiful lake. The DNR has limited control over docks and ski jumps. I don't want to see any more damage to our shores and our fishing.

Respectively

Alex R. Peters

2381 Breezewood La
Green Bay, Wisconsin

414-434-2845

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C.C. George Meyers Sec. of the DNR Madison
John Gard State Rep. Peshtigo, Wisconsin
Lorene Seratti State Rep. Florence, Wisconsin
Robert Rosenberger DNR Wausaukee Ranger Station
Wausaukee, Wisconsin

Attached , signatures of property owners who are opposed

Cottage owners who are opposed to the Ski Cats because of shore damage,
and noise.

Glen R Peters

Betty J. Peters

Donald L Andrews Sr

Vera Andrews

Carol Vaccantoren

Gerald Vaccantoren

Michael & Dahlke

Kandi Walsh

Michael Walsh

Beanie S. Dahlke

~~Ann~~ Witt

Leona Witt

Betty Creswell

Dave Minter

John Minter

Lyle L. Andrews

Jane Andrews

Jane Andrews

Barbara Schuler

Sophie Braun

Mr Rosenberger.

I sent pictures to her

~~to~~ Thompson and

Mr Meyers Sec of the DNR

Thanks

Glen R Peters

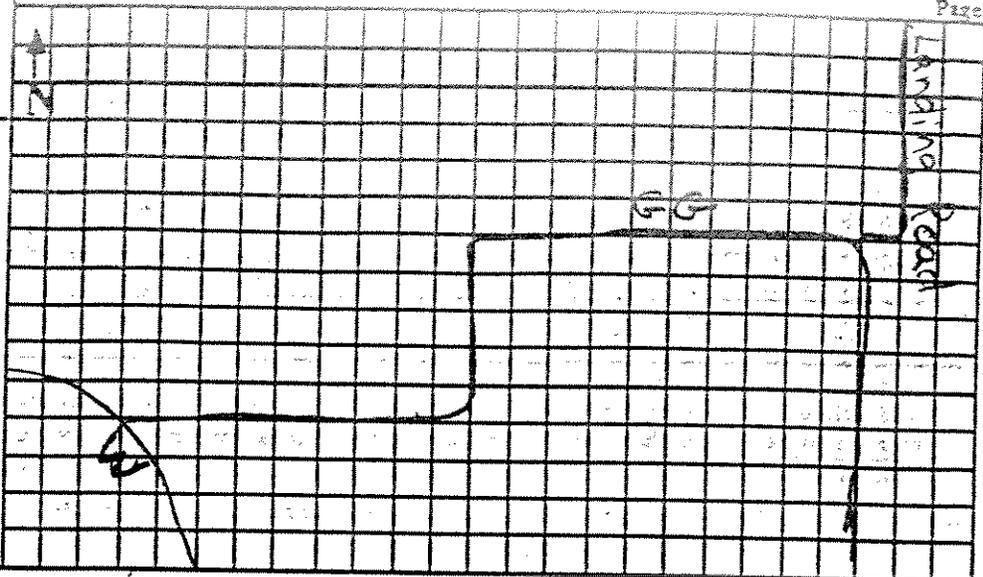
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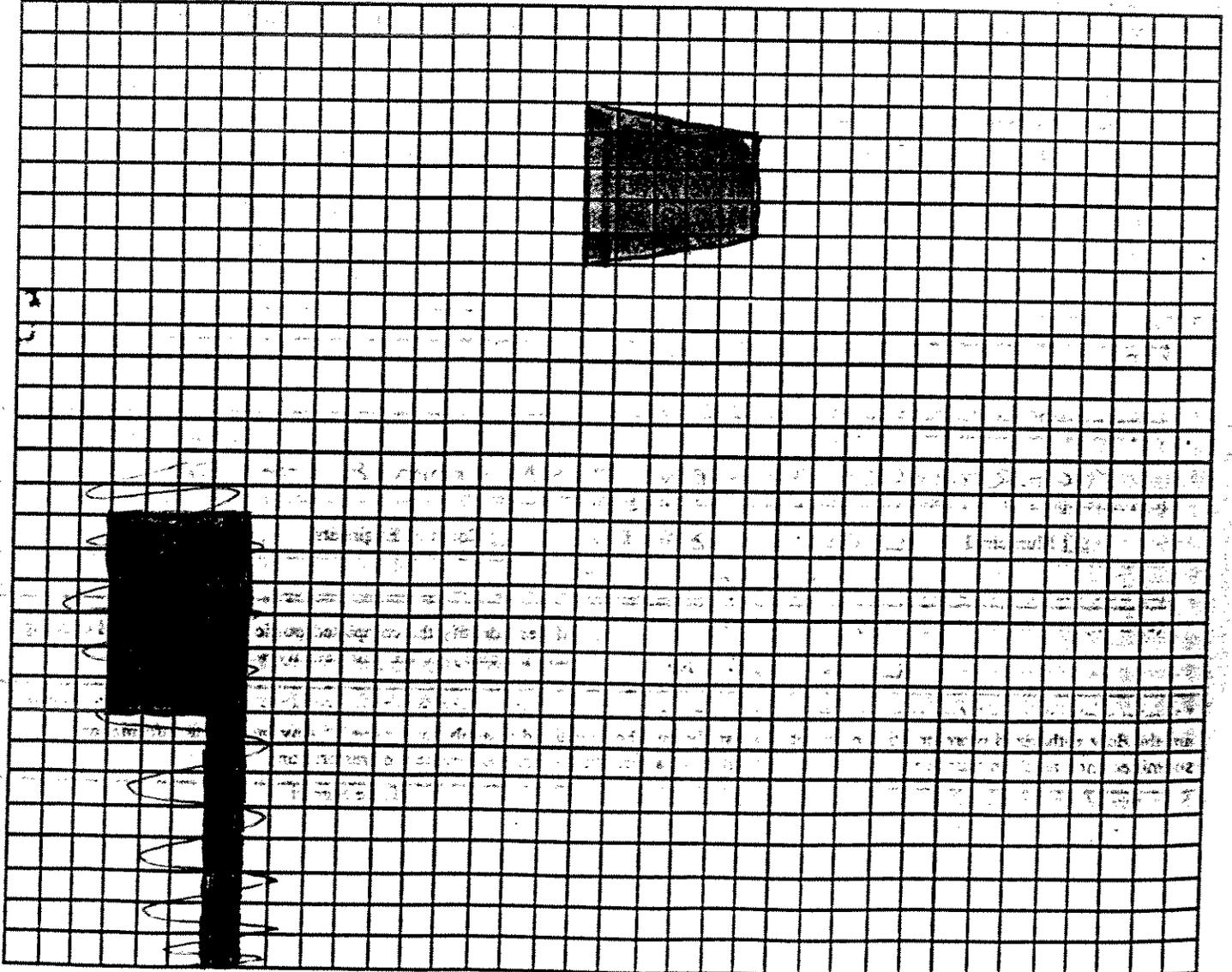
Wood & metal

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Location Sketch (Indicate scale). Show route to project area; include nearest main road and crossroad.



Project Plans (Include top view and typical cross sections. Clearly identify features and dimensions or indicate scale.)
(Use additional sheets if necessary)



1 sq. = 5'

Ski Ramp is 300' of shore

NORTHEAST REGION
DOCKET NUMBER

3-NE- 97-61UG

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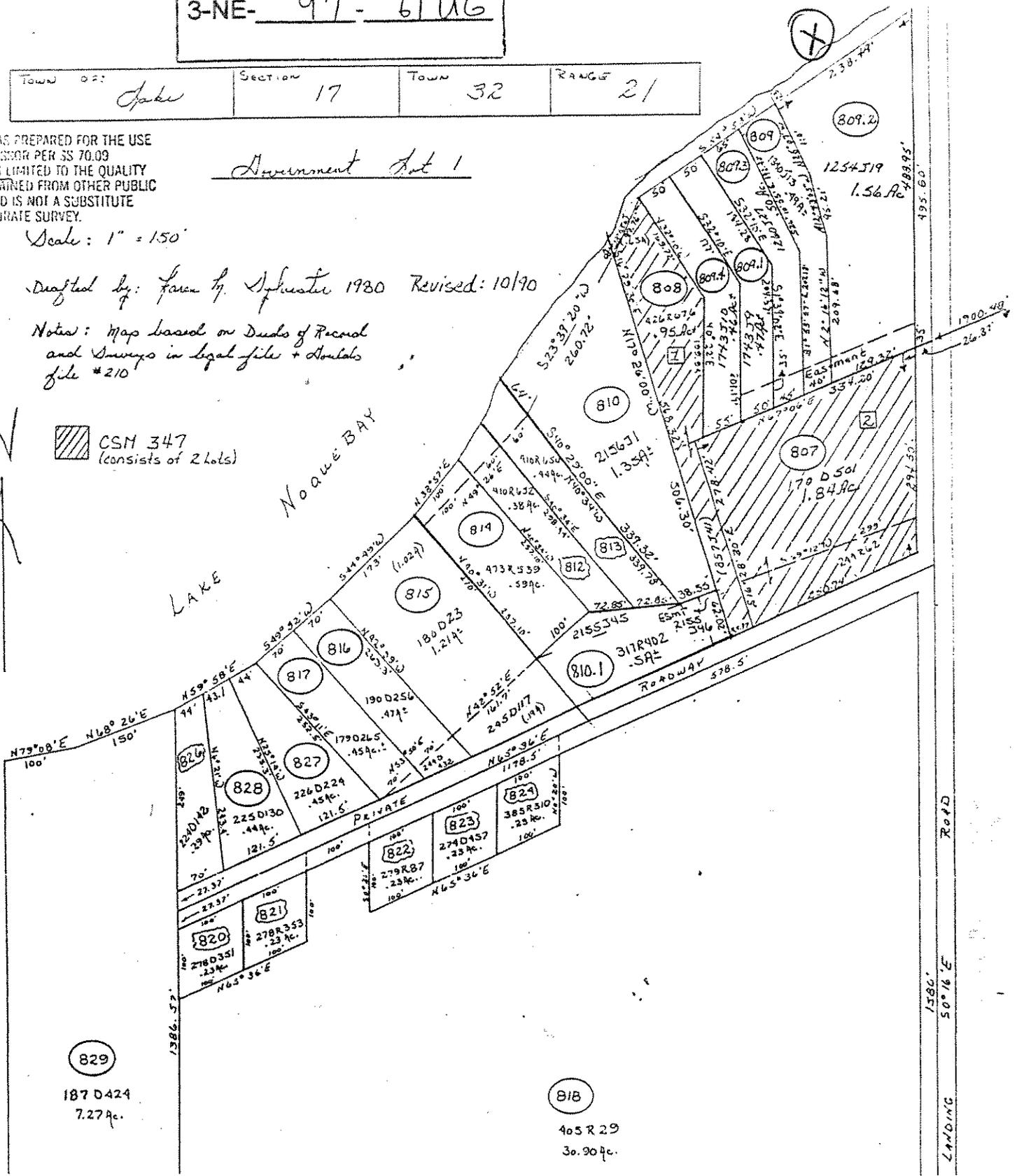
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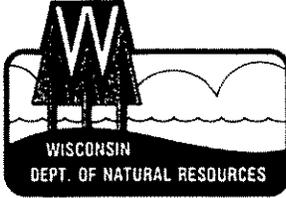
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Notes: Map based on Deeds of Record and Surveys in legal file + Amals file #210

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(consists of 2 Lots)



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State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

George E. Meyer
Secretary

Wausaukee Ranger Station
Box 199
Wausaukee WI 54177
Telephone # (715) 856-9160
Telefax # (715) 856-9161

March 12, 1997

File Ref: 3-LM-96-242

JIM GRUSZYNSKI
RT 1 BOX 22
CRIVITZ WI 54114

Dear Mr. Gruszynski:

I am enclosing the Notice of Proposed DNR Permit for your planned project. State law requires publication of this notice in the Peshtigo Times, 841 Maple, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, 54157.

This notice is your responsibility and must be published by March 26, 1997, with proof of publication by affidavit of the publisher submitted to this office by April 12, 1997. Proof of publication which is not received by the latter date will jeopardize your permit issuance. Please be prompt and thorough.

You are responsible for publication of this notice and any costs which may be incurred.

Sincerely,

Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist

Attach.
cc:

Dick Koch	Town of Lake
Warden	Zoning Administrator
Neighbors	Lake Noquebay Rehabilitation District
Crivitz Ski Cats	
Boy Scouts	Marinette County Land and Water Conservation

Original and copies of this document were deposited
for mailing to the addressee and indicated copies in
the U.S. mail at Marinette, WI, on

March 12, 1997
by Harold Philipp

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DNR PERMIT
NUMBER 3-IM-96-242

Jim Gruszynski, Crivitz Ski Cats Ski Team, et al., have applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit pursuant to Section 30.12(2), Wisconsin Statutes, to build and maintain a water ski jump in Lake Noquebay. The proposed ski jump is 22 feet long, 14 feet wide, 6 feet high and is colored white. The ski jump is proposed to be permanently anchored approximately 300 feet from the shoreline and is to be located in Mr. Gruszynski's riparian zone. The ski jump is proposed to be placed in the lake on or about May 15 and to be removed from the lake on or about September 15 of each year. The purpose of the ski jump is for practicing water ski shows by the Crivitz Ski Cats and for personal use by the Gruszynski family. The ski jump shall be lighted from sunset to sunrise by a white light visible all around the horizon. The proposed project would be located in the NE1/4 SW1/4 T32N-R21E, Town of Lake, Marinette County.

If you want to know more about this project, you should contact the Department of Natural Resources, Attn: Robert Rosenberger, PO Box 199, Wausaukee, WI 54177, (715) 856-9160, and ask to see the application and plans or have a copy of the application sent to you. If you don't feel the permit should be granted, write to Robert Rosenberger, explaining your objections. Your letter should state why the proposed project does not comply with the statutory criteria the Department must consider when deciding to grant or deny the permit. You should also specifically ask that a contested case hearing be held and that you or your representative will attend and testify at the contested case hearing.

Written objection must be received by Robert Rosenberger at the above address within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice. Unless timely objections are received, the Department may grant a permit without a hearing. If a hearing is required, notice of the time and place of the hearing will be provided as required by state law.

The applicant may also need a permit from the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1135 U.S. Post Office and Custom House, St. Paul, MN 55101. If you want a copy of the Corps' public notice, ask them for one. The Department has made an initial decision to grant certification that the project will meet state water quality laws. If a state permit is granted, this decision will become final.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary


Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist

- Tel. Conversation - Virgil Wollenberg -

On March 17, 1997 11:39 AM, I returned Mr. Wollenberg's phone call. Mr. Wollenberg wanted more information about the ski team operations and applications. I explained the 3 applications to him and the details of the proposal. Mr. Wollenberg explained that he is concerned about safety, erosion, user conflicts, Natural View and problems with actions by team. I explained to him that if he has objections he should detail them to us, and if he has no objections then he doesn't have to do anything. Mr. Wollenberg understood the notice procedure and said that he and his wife are considering contacting an attorney.

Mr. Wollenberg wanted to know if what team wants 3 jumps, I told him that it seems that they want to use the jumps in areas where there would be the least conflict.

We ended our conversation, Mr. Wollenberg did not make any statement opposing or supporting the application.

March 23, 1997

Mr. Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, WI 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger;

We are writing to state our objections regarding the permit applied for by Jim Gruszynski and the Crivitz Ski Cats to place a ski jump on the west end of Lake Noquebay. We would like the permit denied for the following reasons:

- Over excessive use of boat traffic
- Safety of swimmers due to boat traffic
- Use of the jump by the ski cats causes excessive noise
- Our shoreline erosion only gets worse with the size boats and motors they are using
- View of the lakes natural beauty is obstructed by the large and colorful jump
- Interference with fishing and fish population
- Excessive use is destroying wild rice in the marsh
- Inability for weed cutter to properly cut weeds

Robert, we ask that you consider these reasons when deciding if the permit should be issued. If we have stated anything that you need farther explanation of we would be happy to attend a hearing to explain in more detail. If a hearing is necessary we would like to request that it be held on a weekend so that we do not need to take off of work however, if that is not feasible please notify us with as much notice as possible so that we may schedule a day off to attend the hearing.

Sincerely,

Tim & Cindy Mathes

Robert Rosenberger
Dept. of Natural Resources
Box 199
Wausaukee, WI 54177

File Ref. 3-NE-97-001-UG
3-NE-97-091-UG

March 23, 1997

Dear Mr. Rosenberger,

In regards to the permits for Mr. Dinse & The Cividitz Ski Cats. for a ski jump and a platform.

We are property owners that reside on beautiful Lake Noguebay all summer. The majority of the parties involved are not residents of the lake. It looks like approximately 60 - 75% of the ski cat's club members are 18 yrs old or older. The ski cat's club only has a few members that live on Lake Noguebay. They are taking over the lake as their playground from the county park to Klukas point.

In the meantime the beauty of the lake is being damaged. The sand and silt that is churned up has got to be harmful for the spawning beds. Last summer two scuba divers were out in the lake removing big rocks from the waters bed. Then later that day six more men went into the water to remove even larger rocks and hauled them away on their flat pontoon boat. The ski jump and platform are eye sores to our beautiful lake.

Last summer from the edge of my dock to their performance platform was approximately 52 feet. From the front of our dock we are unable to go out onto the water to the right. The platform makes it difficult to navigate our pontoon boat out onto the water. Also when returning to the dock I am unable to pull in from the east due

to the platform being out to far.

Due to the big motors on the ski cats boats churning up the bottom of the lake we are unable to catch fish off the dock any more. The grand children are unable to swim or water ski by our dock.

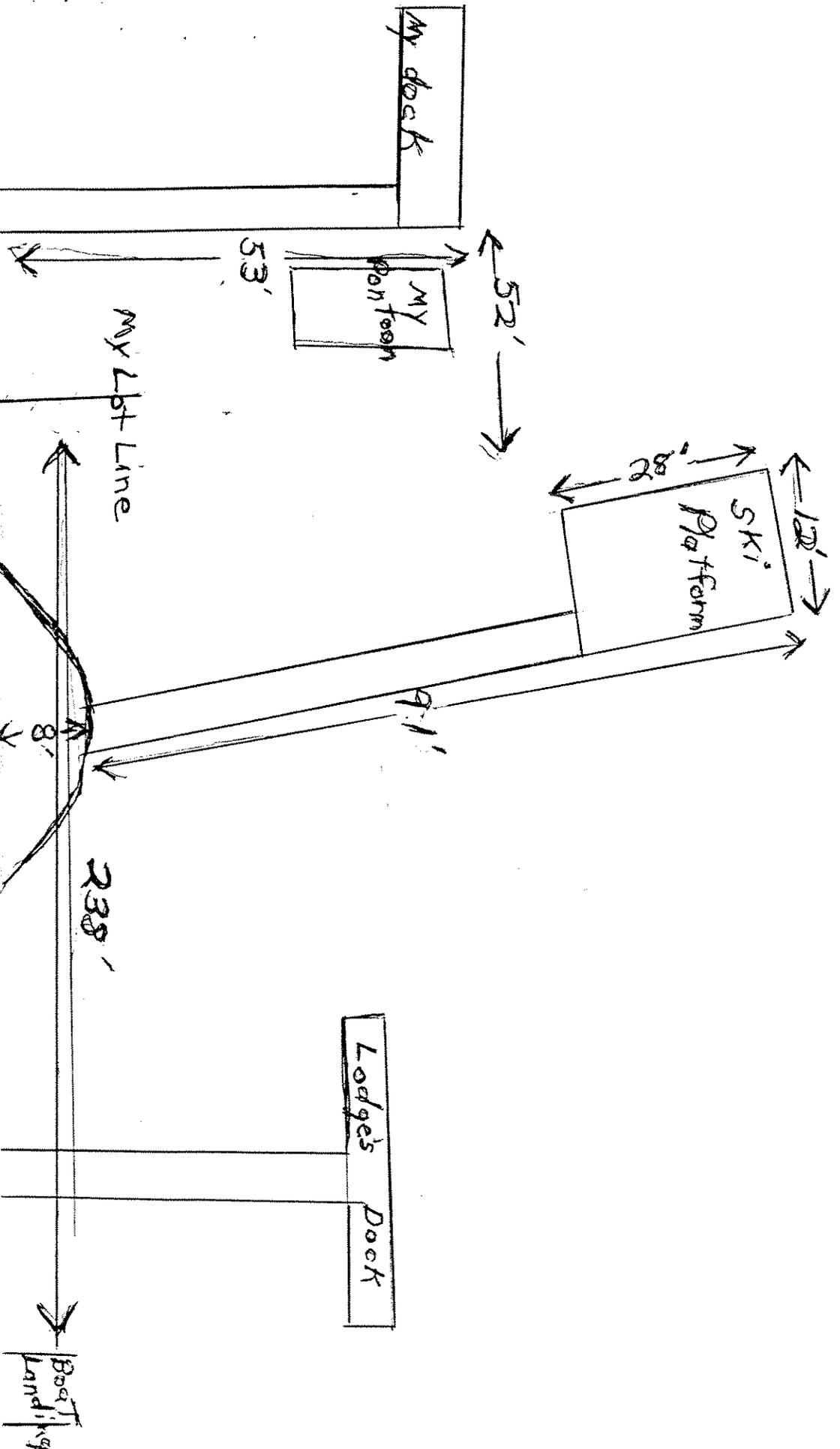
Also on the platform on show days they have large plywood designs approximately 12 feet high that blocks our view of this beautiful lake.

At the waters edge of Boat Landing Lane is a public boat landing. This is next to impossible for any one to utilize during the ski cats practices or shows.

We want to be able to enjoy our scenery not all of this clutter. We objects to these permits.

Donald L. Andrews Sr
Ueva M. Andrews

SKI
Jump



March 27, 1997

Mr. Robert Rosenberger
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, Wis. 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger,

This letter is in reference to the proposed ski ramp placement on Lake Noquebay.

I have been a summer resident, taxpayer and landowner on Lake Noquebay for over twenty-eight years. It is of great concern to me that for the first time in many years that a ski ramp could be placed on the east end of the lake.

I have several major disagreements with the plan, both from an aesthetic and ecology standpoint. The constant churning that is created by the high powered speed boats not only damages the plant life under that area of the lake but also erodes the shoreline. I have small grandchildren who enjoy the swimming and fishing in the area. With the high powered boats, skiers practice times and shows, this infringes on their time to do those activities. I enjoy the natural sounds, the peacefulness and the aesthetic value of Lake Noquebay as it now stands.

I feel a proposed ski ramp, ski practices and shows along with thundering loud speakers imposes on my rights as a Lake Noquebay landowner. Please take these concerns into consideration when you make your very important decision. It affects many people of many ages.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Cieslewicz

Elizabeth Cieslewicz

March 28, 1997

Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist
Department Of Natural Resources
PO Box #199
Wausaukee, WI 54117

Dear Robert,

Subject: Objection of proposed DNR permit number 3-LM-97-061-UG.

This letter outlines my objections to the proposed permanent anchored water ski jump to be built and maintained by the Crivitz Ski Cats in Lake Noquebay. The objections to the ski jump installation are as follows;

Would create an unnatural feature of the lake during the day and unnatural lighting during the night, impacting the scenic beauty and the natural state of the lake. Would be detrimental to the public interest, trust and tax payers rights if this man made object were anchored in the open waters of this beautiful lake, much loved by shoreline property owners and the summer vacationing tourist. This object would be a public eye sore, obstructing the open view of the lake from shore.

Would interfere with the use of the lake for recreational boating, fishing and casual skiing enjoyed by shoreline property owners and the summer vacationing tourist.

Would cause a permanent safety hazard to the general public by creating an obstruction in the natural open water of the lake. Should the permanent lighting of the ski jump malfunction, be poorly maintained or improperly installed would cause an additional hazard.

Constant use of the ski jump due to daily practices would impact the natural fish habitat and destroy weed beds used by the fish to spawn and for protection.

Would interfere with the natural calmness of the lake utilized by protected water fowl to move freely near the jump and shoreline due to the wakes from the constant use of the ski boats. Shoreline piers would be unusable due the instability created by the constant unnatural wave action from the ski boats.

Would cause unnatural erosion to the shoreline due to high powered ski boats creating repetitive waves from multiple passes in the same area of the lake.

My objections state why the proposed project does NOT comply with the statutory criteria the Department of Natural Resources must consider when deciding on this permit. This letter is my request for a contested case hearing to be held in a time frame which allows myself or a representative and my neighbors to attend to testify at the contested hearing. I request additional time be extended beyond the thirty days of publication of the permit notice stated in this letter, to discuss the issues with my neighbors of lake Noquebay and prepare for the hearing. Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 847-205-2380 during the day.

Respectfully,


Phillip Gillilan
Lake Noquebay property owner

3-28-97

Dept. of Natural Resources
Attn: Robert Rosenbergs
P.O. Box 199
Wausauke, WI 54177

File Ref: 3-NE-97-091-UG

#3-NE-97-061-UG

Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

We are writing protesting the practicing and performing by the Crivity Ski Cats, on Lake Noguebay by the Lake Noguebay Resort owned and operated by Todd Arise.

We spend our summers at the Lake — from May thru September. This area during the summer is the residence for many of our friends and ourselves. This is like a residential area and we don't think the Ski Cats should be in this area, they should find a better place to practice and perform that isn't so populated. They perform every Wednesday and Saturday nights and practice in-between. It gets quite noisy and wear

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their for peace and quite, not all that noise.

The resort is located on a dead end road. People park on the side of the road which is very narrow. If there should be a fire or a rescue squad would be needed they would have a tough time getting to our area.

Mr. Cruise does have a piece of land he uses to park cars but the people evidently feel its too far to walk to see the show.

Our friends next to the show and the people next to them are having their shore line dug up and its really becoming a mess. The big motors on the Ski Cat boats are churning up the lake in this area.

The area in which they want to put the pump is quite near a boat landing, this probably should be checked out.

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Would you please send us a copy
of the application and plans? Thank
you.

Sincerely;

~~Gerald Vercauteren~~

Carol Vercauteren

943 Watermolen Dr.

Sheen Bay, WI 54304

March 30, 1997

Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist
Wausaukee, WI 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

We are writing to object to the Crivitz Ski Cats putting a permanent ski jump in Lake Noquebay near Lake Noquebay Resort. We are also objecting to a permanent performance platform and pier, which will extend 79 or more feet from the shore. We feel it is detrimental to the public interest, according to Section 30.12 (2), Wisconsin Statutes to allow this permanent ski jump in front of Lake Noquebay Resort.

We are asking that contested case hearing be held regarding this ski jump and performance platform, and we will attend the hearing.

The ski jump will obstruct boat traffic in the area, is a safety hazard, and we think it is an eye sore. Our dock is about 200 feet from the Ski Cat performance platform. With the boat traffic from the County Park coming from the left and the Ski Cats 5 boats coming and going from the right makes it difficult getting in and out of our dock. This area is an accident waiting to happen.

Another safety factor is the boulders and large rocks in the shallow waters in the show area. Two divers for the Ski Cats removed some boulders and rocks in 1996, but there are many more, which makes it dangerous for the barefoot skiers, jumpers, and pyramid skiers.

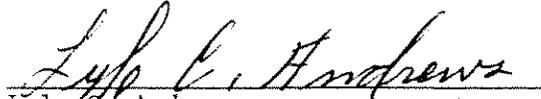
The high speed of the Ski Cat boats creates large waves, which are eroding our shoreline, pounding our boats tied at the docks and churning up muddy water. We can't enjoy swimming, fishing and boating in front of our cottage when the Ski Cats are putting on 2 shows a week and practicing nearly every day. We feel that we should have as much use of our shore and have our privacy like any other taxpayer on the lake.

There is a public Boat Ramp at the end of Boat Landing Road that people can't use whenever they are putting on a show. Parking is not adequate at this location, and is another problem. We have had parked cars blocking our driveway and couldn't leave until the show ended.

The noise level is excessive. Loud music, microphones blaring, and the roaring of the high-powered engines is very annoying week after week.

Please send us a copy of the application and plans.

Thank you,


Lyle G. Andrews
679 Morris Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304


June Andrews

PICHA'S PINE BEACH COTTAGES
W6820 Lakeview Road
Crivitz, Wisconsin 54114
(715) 854-2173

April 2, 1997

Robert Rosenberger
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, Wisconsin 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger,

This is in respond to the Notice of Proposed DNR Permit, file Ref. 3-LM-96-242. May I first state, that I am very pleased that the neighbors are being asked their opinion first, before the permit is approved. Having lived on Lake Noguebay since the early 50's, and owning a resort (Picha's Pine Beach Cottages) since the late 50's, I have noted quite a few changes, some good and some bad, on the lake. The population around the lake has grown to such a extend that adding a ski jump would do more harm than good, especially if it is utilized like it was last year.

I had more complaints from my paying quests last year, than I had the whole time the Crivitz Ski Cats put on their show at Holiday Resort (over 20 years). I was so pleased to see the show move from Holiday, and give the west shore property owners a well deserved rest. My business is only about 200 feet North of Mr. Gruszynski, and the way the high powered boats keep circling the ski jump and the shore line, it creates a hazard for any of my guests to swim, ski, fish or even motor out with their family in a boat. A 14' fishing boat is no match for the amount of wake turbulence those large ski boats produce. Most of my quests only get a chance to go boating with their family when they're on vacation and to see those waves, and how close the boats come, they're just to scare to try fishing or boating. Plus you can't lay on a raft or tube in the water or dare swim out from the safety of the piers. I even had two of my guests, on two different nights, complain that there was no light on the ski jump. What a tragedy it would have been, if someone would have hit the ski jump and got killed. I even had a few of my quests remark, that they would not come back if the ski jump was out there because they couldn't enjoy their short vacation.

My quests were not only displeased, but I myself have complaints. The waves those boats make wash in more weeds (as you are aware, the weed cutters do not pick up all their cuttings) on to the shore line, and I must remove them. The turbulence causes my boats (eight) that are tied to the piers to rub, resulting in damage to the boat finish. When the ski jump was pulled in, it was parked in front of private property, utilizing trees on that property to secure it. Even after posting the property, the sign was just removed and the parking continued. At one time, the ski jump broke loose by the shore line, and sandwiched one of by boats between my pier and the ski jump. Since no one was home at the Gruszynski's, I had to re-secure the ski jump. I have personally witnessed skiers starting from the pier, I'm quite sure the rope wasn't 100 feet long, which is illegal. While it's difficult to accurately determine if the ski boats maintain a distance of 100 feet from piers, swimmers, and boats, they sure appear to be closer. Why, they have to test this limit every time, when it's no problem for them to stay 200-300 feet away, I don't understand? When I brought this matter up with the young Gruszynski, his response, was it wasn't him but his friends, and they have no control over their water skiing. Well, if the people who put the ski jump in the water have no control over others using it, then it shouldn't be out in the water. No one wants the responsibility, yet everyone wants to use the ski jump.

Mr. Gruszynski has 70 feet of lake frontage, and to think this is an adequate area to practice with boats that size and not interfere with neighbors or businesses is a big mistake. The area (over 1200 feet) that they used by Holiday Rescrt wasn't even big enough, but at least, there

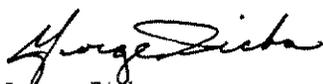
were no private residents or businesses to the North. The Marinette County Park didn't want the ski jump, yet the tax paying land owners have it forced upon them. Plus having a business within two hundred feet of the area considered, should in itself negate the permit. The loss of tourist revenue to the State of Wisconsin, and my livelihood, should definitely be considered. I have a very short season (May through September) and can't afford to lose customers. I feel, if I should lose my customers, someone should be made responsible to reimburse me and the state for the lost revenues.

I do not know where the ski shows will be held this year, but I would think that the ski jump should be placed in the area where the show is held. I don't see the need for two ski jumps and two different areas being disturbed. The boats are big and fast to travel across the lake to practice. The Crivitz Ski Cats have been around a long time (early 60's when they started) and they should have planned ahead obtaining enough property to put on their show. I'm sorry for the kids, as this is a good program to keep them busy, but I must think of my business, my livelihood, and especially the safety of my guests.

You also sent a letter to Thomas W. and Lucille A Doane, who live 300 feet to the south of Mr. Gruszynski. They do not have a business, but have expressed many of my same views and hope this permit is not issued. By signing my name to this letter, I am also stating their views, as I am their Power of Attorney.

I am not aware of all the statutory criteria the Department of Natural Resources considers when deciding to grant or deny a permit, but I hope I hit some points, and if not, I should hope the Department at least takes in consideration my views.

Sincerely,



George Picha
Owner Picha's Pine Beach Cottages

Attachments: 2
cc: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District
Wisconsin Department of Tourism
Town of Lake

April 6, 1997

Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Robert Rosenberger
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, Wi. 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

This letter is in regards concerning the permit applied from Mr. Jim Gruszynski--File Ref: 3-LM-96-242.

We as property owners, living in Mr. Gruszynski's riparian zone, feel this permit should not be granted.

Here are our objections on this subject:

- A: Excessive boat traffic.
- B: Shoreline erosion.
- C: Safety of swimmers.
- D: Privacy to homeowners.
- E: Habitat to fish and game.
- F: Distruction of wild rice beds.
- G: Interference to fisherman.

Please take all the above stated objections into consideration, before granting Mr. Gruszynski, Civitz Ski Cats Team, et al., proposed DNR permit, # 3-LM-96-242.

If a contested case hearing needs to be held, please contact: James Denk, 1230 So. 19th Street, Manitowoc, Wi 54220.

Regarding this situation please contact me as soon as possible, so I may make arrangements for this hearing.

Sincerely,



Mr. James L. Denk

April 6, 1997

Robert Rosenberger
State of Wisconsin\Department of Natural Resources
Wausaukee Ranger Station
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, WI 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

In regards to the permit Jim Gruszynski, Crivitz Ski Cats Ski Team, et al., have applied to the Department of Natural Resources: As landowners and taxpayers of property located on Lake Noquebay, we do not feel it is fair that the Department of Natural Resources request the applicants listed above approval for permit to install *another* ski jump as they already have a ski jump and show course to practice in on Lake Noquebay.

We have already shown interest in this matter in July, 1996 when we had visited your office requesting your assistance. At that time Mr. Gruszynski was in violation of your specifications in permitting the jump to remain in the water during the daylight hours, he had promised to lower the buoys which he did not do after he had told you he did, hence causing a dangerous situation to boaters.

Again, we see no need for the Ski Cats to have two jumps in the lake and taking up two separate sections of the lake. As landowners, we **OBJECT** to the installation of a ski jump on the west shore of Lake Noquebay per objections listed:

Over excessive boat traffic

Safety of swimmers and boaters

Interfering with fishing

Extreme shoreline erosion

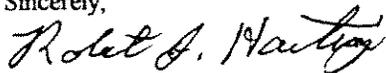
Landowners loose their privacy and the use of the lake on the west shoreline

We are in hopes that the Department take into consideration the west shoreline taxpayers objections and deny the permit.

With regarding a contested case hearing we are in hopes that the department consider a weekend hearing due to the fact that a majority of owners do not live on Lake Noquebay and it would be difficult to attend a weekday or evening meeting.

If you should have any questions and or concerns regarding this matter please feel free to contact us at the numbers listed below. We appreciate any help you can render in this matter and we also appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Hartwig (work # (414) 423-5066) Home (414) 764-7344 after 5:30 p.m.

Marilyn E. Hartwig (work # (414) 221-3608)

April 7, 1997

Robert Rosenberger -
Area Water Management Specialist
Wausaukee Ranger Station
Box 199
Wausaukee, WI. 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger:

We are very much opposed to the ski jump and platform to be permanently anchored as applied for by the Crivitz Ski Cats. We have several reasons for this opposition, below is a discussion of some of these reasons.

Prior to the Ski Cats activity last year, our children were able to fish off shore and catch legal size Bass off a small rock pile in front of our second home. There were no fish on the rock pile last year at all and we had very few minnows at our shoreline. By the way did the Ski Cats request permission from you (DNR) to clear numerous rocks and logs from the bottom of the lake and clear brush and cut a very large tree on the shore? If they did, we also have some rocks and logs in our area that we would like to move.

Where the show takes place the water is only about 3 feet deep. This is not only very dangerous to the skiers, but the excessively large motors on the boats severely stir up the bottom. The silt remains suspended for several hours after, it then settles out over the rock bars and piles in the area. Don't fish spawn in water of this depth and won't this silt over the rocks affect this? The fireworks that attract people to the show left our boat full of black ashes last year, what is this doing to our water and the fish?

If everyone on the lake had the same disregard for the lake as the Ski Cats, it would be a sorry lake indeed.

This additional traffic is an invasion of our privacy and we thought there was supposed to be equal enjoyment for all property owners. We understand that everyone has a right to use the lake, but there is a big difference between using the lake and totally monopolizing about a half mile of frontage for 30 of the prime evenings and weekend hours of every week of the season!

Sincerely,


Mike and Sandi Walch
W6130 Pine Lane

April 8, 1997

Mr. Robert Rosenburger
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, WI 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenburger,

We are writing regarding the permit that was applied for by the Jim Gruszynski family and the Crivitz Ski Team to install a second ski jump on Lake Noquebay on the west shore.

We highly object!!

Our major concern is while the jump is in use, no one else can use the waters surrounding it. The buoys used to mark the area are a hazard to night time boaters and fishermen.

As we have discussed previously, there would be excessive noise from the ski jump and boat motors. Shore-line erosion from excessive boat traffic, obstruction of view, safety of swimmers of all ages, and interference with fishing.

There is no need for the Crivitz Ski Team to have two practice areas and the Jim Gruszynski family to have a ski jump for family use on Lake Noquebay.

We feel the landowners on the west side of Lake Noquebay would lose their privacy and full use of the lake from May 15th through September 15th.

If the need arises for a case hearing, please notify us and we will be happy to state our objections.

Sincerely,

Virgil Wollenberg
Joan Wollenberg

Virgil Wollenberg - work (414-687-9910) home (414-788-4498)
Joan Wollenberg - work (414-722-9000)

CRIVITZ
Ski Cats
WISCONSIN

April 14, 1997

Robert Rosenburger

WI. Dept of Natural Resources
Wausaukee Station
Wausaukee, WI. 54177

RE: Crivitz Ski-Cats Public Waters Structures Permits

Dear Robert:

We are writing as per your request to provide a formal definition to the Ski-Cats' continued use of the waters of Lake Noquebay for the purpose of practicing and performing our water-ski show. Also, we will outline some proposed guarantees we feel we can make to our new neighbors at our new site at Lake Noquebay Resort and other Lake users, in response to concerns they have communicated to you. With this definition of use, and our new and continuing assurances outlined, we are confident that you will no longer find any substantive concern blocking the granting of our permits for our jumps and performance platform.

First, we feel it important to record here that the Crivitz Ski-Cats have long been a responsible and conscientious user and protector of Lake Noquebay. We have been practicing and performing our shows on Lake Noquebay for 34 years. Our lake use has been consistent in nature and amount for at least the past 25 of those years. As you know the sale and subdivision of our home site of 24 years necessitated our move to Lake Noquebay Resort last summer. It has been the apprehension of our new neighbors over the possible negative effects of our use to the Lake and their personal privacy issues that have necessitated this level of scrutiny and investigation in granting our permits. We have continued to be law abiding and conscientious users of the Lake, as well as good and patient neighbors. You and your wardens have conceded repeatedly that we have consistently cooperated with your Dept. and have neither violated any laws nor demonstrated improper or imprudent Lake use. We believe that our 34 year history of good and proper Lake use and preservation should bear heavily to dispel the largely unsubstantiated apprehensions and suppositions of your complainants. The complaints shared with us that do appear to have some substance, in the form of undue inconvenience to our neighbors at the west-end jump site, have largely been caused or accentuated by having to move our jump in and out of position for the lack of a permit for permanent placement.

Second, we respond to the claim that the Crivitz Ski are attempting to "take over the Lake" or are a significant source of "user conflicts". The Ski-Cats as an organization utilize the Lake for only 15 well scheduled and predictable hours per week between Memorial Day and September 15. In that use we utilize less than 1/2 of one percent of the Lake's 2200 acres. Although that use is confined, well scheduled, and predictable we have denied no one access to our area of use during our activity, within reason dictated by immediate safety. We have stopped performances to allow another user to dock or launch in our area, if need be. In the case of our practices, we often assist those users in launching or loading. Our boat operators and safety personnel are skilled and well trained, having won state-wide recognition in this regard. We have been characterized as some of the safest and most considerate boaters on the Lake by many. To further accommodate the concerns of some of our neighbors at our show and practice sites we propose the following:

- To pull 90% of our acts to the right (east) of our show course to hold boat traffic to our neighbors to the west to an absolute minimum. The shoreline to right is more sparsely inhabited and boat traffic is very light in that area.
- The number of skiers on the dock in close proximity to our neighbor to the west will be held to the minimum require for that act being performed or practiced at that time. This is hoped to ease privacy and noise concerns of those neighbors.
- Boat patterns will turn away from the shoreline as much as possible in all acts. This effort will be especially made during jump practices or performances and both the East and West end jump ramps.
- Both East and West jump ramps will be maintained so that the more frequent practices necessary for the safe and skilled jumping can spread across the two sites. We hope that this will ease the perceived pressure on either set of neighbors, and will give us more flexibility to accommodate their use when it may conflict with our practice needs.
- The West end jump ramp will be anchored 100 yards further from the shoreline to alleviate the concerns of the Pines Resort that their guest can not launch or land during practices, and to reduce wave action from jump boat patterns.
- The West end jump would also not be used during weekends until after 3 pm Sundays. This is hoped to give property owners and resort guests more privacy during the times they most likely enjoy their cabins.

Third, we would like to address the possible concerns that the Ski-Cat use contributes unduly to shoreline erosion and damage to fish habitat related to water clarity, damage to weed beds, etc. As was mentioned earlier, the total Ski-Cat use of Lake Noquebay is really minuscule in relation to total use, thus the restriction or elimination

impact on erosion, fish habitat etc. Also, they are not likely to make the organized efforts to preserve and restore the shoreline and lake habitat as we do on a regular basis. It is also true that we use the best of equipment for the safety of our skiers and for minimal impact on the lake. Our hulls are specifically designed to make a small and compact wake. Our engine are new each year and are weekly maintained by professional marine mechanics to keep them operating efficiently and with minimal emissions or leakage. In our area of principle use, the bottom is sandy and no weeds have ever had to be harvested there. Although the sand will be raised when our or any other boat takes off in this area, the bottom quickly settles and the water is again clear. This is no better or worse for the Ski-Cats boats than any other that frequents this shoreline. In terms of shoreline erosion, the predominantly northwest winds cause infinitely more erosion than any power boats could. Again, the Ski Cats have long been agents for preserving and restoring the shoreline on Lake Noquebay and we expect to continue our commitment to the Lake in this regard.

Fourth, we would like to address the issues of natural scenic beauty and effect to the public interest. You have forwarded to us your contention that our jump ramps detract from the natural scenic beauty of the Lake. We concede that they are not natural or in themselves beautiful, but would question the degree that they significantly detract from the overall beauty of the Lake. They are, after all, small structures located in only two isolated areas of the Lake. Their impact to the beauty of the Lake seems small in comparison to the 100+ ice shanties which are spread all about the Lake from December to March. We can assure that our ski ramps are American Water Ski Association approved and will be kept in good repair and appearance at all times. No advertisement will be posted or displayed on these ramps. Their appearance will be balanced to allow adequate visibility for safety without being an affront to the eye. Our back drop which has also been brought in question as to natural beauty will only be erected during the four hours of our cumulative show performances during the week. At all other times, it is dismantled and stored out of site of the public.

Finally, we would like to address the matter of effect to the public interest. You have indicated that the number and type of complaints that you have received in response to our request for permits have raised question as to our negative impact to the public interest. Again you have mentioned the natural scenic beauty, user conflicts, damage to habitat are all questioned in this line. We feel the information provided above should answer that our well structured, predictable, and conscientious use of the Lake, borne out by our history of use, does not threaten the public interest in any substantive manner. Further, we wish to assert that we are a non-profit community service organization affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. We positively contribute to the public interest through our mission of providing our youth with a positive, well supervised, community enhancing activity during the summer months. We promote the sport of water skiing as a life long recreational activity, and teach our youth safe and responsible boating and water way use, as well as positive social, community, and family values. We provide a very positive and popular form of family entertainment to our community and to our tourist population. We reach thousands of fans each year whose interest in this matter should be given at least equal value to the complaints

of no more than thirteen individuals, whose interests are obviously personal. In summary, when truly weighing the real public interest in this case, we feel the good we do far outweigh any minor inconvenience we may cause, but stand ready to accommodate.

In closing we wish to thank you for your time and concern you have shown us in resolving this matter with our new neighbors and obtaining the permits we need and deserve to continue our mission. Please feel free to contact us at any time should further information or action be required or advised on our part. We look forward to the expedient processing of this phase of our application and the timely issuing of our permits before our summer season.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Mursua".

Jeff Mursua
President, Crivitz Ski Cats

April 19, 1997

Mr. Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee,wi 54177

Dear Mr. Rosenberger,

We wish to offer our support to youth groups such as the Crivitz Ski Cats.

We believe that their jumps are necessary equipment needed for the operation of their club and are a threat to no one.

We have learned that they have operated on the lake for over 30 years with few complaints.

Where would our country be without groups like this to give our youth alternatives to gangs and drugs?



Sincerely,

April 19, 1997

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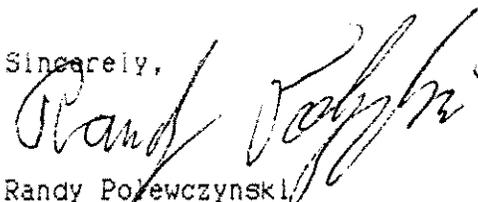
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We believe that the jumps and equipment they need for their operation are far enough from shore that they shouldn't bother anyone.

The positive impact that they have on the youth of our area should far outweigh the few unsubstantiated complaints you may have received.

Sincerely,



Randy Polewczynski
8042 West Tripoli
Milwaukee, WI 53220

April 19, 1997

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Wayne and Sandy Beno

Wayne Beno
603 Zelas Dr.
Green Bay Wis
54311

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April 21, 1997

*Mr. Robert Rosenberger
Area Water Management Specialist
P.O. Box 199
Wausaukee, Wi 54177*

Dear Mr. Rosenberger,

*We own property on the northwest end of Lake
Noquebay at the former Holiday Resort site.*

*We wish to express our support for the Crivitz Ski Cats
and the jumps and equipment that they need to continue
operation as they have for the last 34 years.*

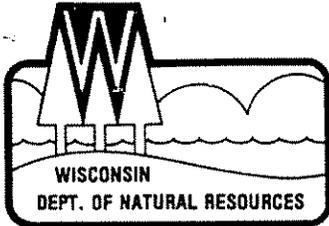
*We support activities that have a positive effect on our
country's youth.*

Virginia Gimler
Sincerely.

Clayton Gimler

*Clayton & Virginia Gimler
2440 South 76th Street
West Allis, Wi 53219*

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April 21, 1997

DONALD ANDREWS
VERA ANDREWS
1000 WIRTZ AVE
GREEN BAY WI 54304

SUBJECT: SKI TEAM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Andrews:

Thank You for writing to me with your letter about this application. We have received several letters that express similar concerns and objections about the permitting of this ski jump. This letter serves to summarize the permitting process and also to clarify a few points.

Before discussing the details of the permit process, if you ever have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at (715) 856-9160. I am willing to meet with you personally to discuss this further, please feel free to call me to arrange a meeting if you would like that.

You specifically state that you object to the application and are willing to state your objections at a contested case hearing. Therefore, we can not grant this permit and we are required to refer it to a contested case hearing. At this hearing, both sides will be able to offer evidence supporting their positions and an Administrative Law Judge will review the testimony and render a decision.

Listed below are some issues that I would like you to respond to. I have numbered them accordingly.

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For your information, we are required by State law to review permit applications such as these and may only grant permits for these structures that meet the following criteria. The ski jumps and performance platform must not materially obstruct navigation, reduce the flood flow capacity of a stream, or be detrimental to the public interest. The public interest include issues such as natural scenic beauty, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and water quality. Permit applications are resolved by one of the following scenarios:

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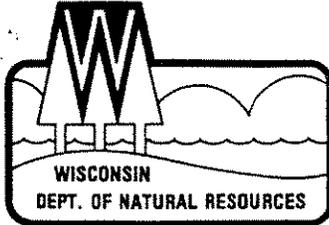
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Robert Rosenberger
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Specialist

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April 21, 1997

MIKE WALCH
SANDI WALCH
134 CLIFFVIEW DR
GREEN BAY WI 54302

SUBJECT: SKI TEAM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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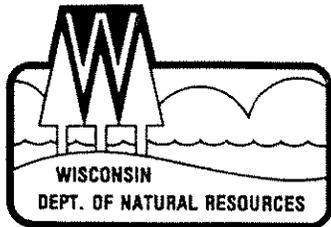
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*If there are objections but no one is willing to state their objections at a hearing, then we will take those objections as advisory and may still be able to legally issue the permit.

*If there are objections and the objectors are willing to state their objections, we cannot deny the permit but must refer it to a contested case hearing. As stated above, at the hearing the Administrative Law Judge determines the outcome of the permit application.

Please respond to the 3 items listed above and provide a response to me by May 5, 1997. If you need more time to evaluate this information, please let me know and an extension can be granted.

If I do not hear from you at all by May 5, 1997, I will have to assume that you are no longer interested in this application and your letter of objection will be considered to be only advisory and we will not refer your objection to a hearing.

Again, if you have any questions or comments about this, please feel free to contact me at (715) 856-9160. I am willing to meet with you, or anyone else, to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Rosenberger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Robert Rosenberger
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Specialist

cc. Dick Koch - NER
Doug Rossberg - Peshtigo
Warden Steve Daye - Peshtigo
Mike Cain - LC/5