



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 377
[2009 Senate Bill 614]

Control of Phragmites australis

2009 Wisconsin Act 377 creates an exemption to the general prohibition against operation of a motor vehicle in or on a navigable body of water or on the exposed bed of a body of water. This exemption authorizes the operation of a motor vehicle on the exposed beds of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan, and other waters that are part of or connect to these lakes (outlying waters), in order to destroy or prevent the spread of the invasive species *Phragmites australis*, if the operation of the motor vehicle is limited to mowing or the application of herbicides, occurs only on the exposed bed, and is conducted only from July 1st through March 15th. The mowing or application of the herbicide may only interfere with or destroy native species to the degree that is necessary to control *Phragmites australis*.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.