

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-3079/1	Introduction Number	SB-282	Estimate Type	Original
Description Granting Brown County certain submerged lands in Green Bay					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill expands the submerged shorelands area given in title by the State to Brown County (typically referred to as a Lakebed grant area).

Under s. 30.05 Wis. Stats., legislatively created lakebed grant areas in Lake Michigan are not subject to the requirements of s. Ch. 30, Wis Stats.; however, activities in those areas are still subject to s. 299, Wis Stats. This means that if the activity undertaken requires a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Clean Water Act requires the state to issue a non-wetland water quality certification (WQC).

Assumption:

Since the Department started tracking non-wetland WQC in 2012, there have been 8 WQC issued in lakebed grant areas in Lake Michigan resulting in a permit fee revenue of \$4,824 (\$603 x 8). It is unknown if expanding the area that requires non-wetland WQC will result in more WQCs being issued along with the associated increase in permit fee revenue.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications