February 19, 2008 – Introduced by Senators BRESKE, JAUCH, LEHMAN, ROESSLER, LASSA and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives BOYLE and VOS. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

AN ACT to amend 29.229 (4) (f); and to create 20.370 (6) (at), 29.5645 and 30.53 (3r) of the statutes; relating to: voluntary contributions for funding aquatic invasive species grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources awards cost-sharing grants to public and private entities for up to 75 percent of the costs of projects to control invasive species. This bill authorizes an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a fishing license, of a certificate of number for a boat, or of a registration for a boat to make a voluntary contribution, in addition to the fee for the license, certificate, or registration, to be used to fund grants for projects for the control of aquatic invasive species.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.370 (6) (at) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (6) (at) Environmental aids — invasive aquatic species; contributions.
ss. 29.5645 and 30.53 (3r) for grants under s. 23.22 (2) (c) to control invasive species
that are aquatic species.

SECTION 2. 29.229 (4) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:
29.229 (4) (f) Sections 29.024 (3), (4) (b), (5) (b), (7), (8) and (9), 29.559 (2) and,
29.564, and 29.5645 do not apply to any approval that may be issued under this
section.

SECTION 3. 29.5645 of the statutes is created to read:
29.5645 Voluntary contributions; aquatic invasive species control. (1)
Any applicant for a fishing license listed under s. 29.563 (3) may, in addition to paying
any fee charged for the license, elect to make a voluntary contribution to be used for
grants under s. 23.22 (2) (c) for the control of invasive species that are aquatic species.
(2) The department shall ensure that each application form for a fishing license
listed under s. 29.563 (3), including any electronic form authorized by the
department, contain a designation that allows the applicant to specify an additional
amount as a voluntary contribution under sub. (1).
(3) All moneys collected under sub. (1) shall be credited to the appropriation
account under s. 20.370 (6) (at).

SECTION 4. 30.53 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:
30.53 (3r) Voluntary contributions; aquatic invasive species control. (a)
Any applicant for the issuance or renewal of a certificate of number or registration
under s. 30.52 (1) may, in addition to paying any fee charged under s. 30.52 (3) (b)
to (im), elect to make a voluntary contribution to be used for grants under s. 23.22
(2) (c) for the control of invasive species that are aquatic species.
(b) The department shall ensure that each application form for the issuance or
renewal of a certificate of number or registration under s. 30.52 (1), including any
electronic form authorized by the department, contain a designation that allows the
applicant to specify an additional amount as a voluntary contribution under par. (a).

(c) All moneys collected under par. (a) shall be credited to the appropriation
account under s. 20.370 (6) (at).

(END)