

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/18/2009

LRB Number 09-0142/5	Introduction Number SB-047	Estimate Type Original
Description Designating portions of the Totogatic River as a wild river		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill designates four sections of the Totogatic River as a state wild river under s. 30.26 Wis. Stat. The bill also allows for the maintenance and replacement of existing piers and recreational bridges, as well as removal of natural obstructions in the most upstream reach to protect wild rice in Totogatic Lake. Four flowages impounded by dams are excluded from the designation, as some of the flowages have development on the banks.

Assumptions for state fiscal effect:

1. Management of the Totogatic wild river can be conducted by existing DNR staff. It will also include evaluation of state wild river requirements when Chapter 30 or 31 permit applications are received by Department staff.
2. NR 302 of Wis. Admin. Code establishes a management program to protect legislatively designated state wild rivers; however, no revision of NR 302 will be necessary.
3. An inventory of the piers existing on the effective date will be necessary. Documentation of these piers will be placed in DNR files so that the owners can be permitted to repair and replace these piers up to their current size and in keeping with state requirements. It is anticipated there are piers in existence on this segment of the river.
4. DNR staff will coordinate with local county zoning offices on NR 302 requirements and county shoreland zoning requirements.
5. The Department does not anticipate substantial changes in management of the Totogatic River or lands along the Totogatic River as a result of this wild river designation. The river is also designated an Outstanding Resource Water in Chapter NR 102, Wis. Admin. Code.
6. DNR staff may be called upon to provide information to the public concerning the Totogatic wild river designation.
7. Duties of the Department with respect to state wild rivers include active leadership in developing practical management policy, consultation with other agencies and planning committees, resource and conservation groups, and collaboration with county and town boards.

Estimated one-time costs:

Inventory existing piers and recreational bridges, train staff, coordinate with county programs and partner groups, and provide public information:

DNR St. Croix Basin Supervisor: 160 hours at \$35.60 per hour plus fringe = \$5,700
DNR Water Management Specialists: 80 hours at ~ \$28.00 per hour plus fringe = \$2,200
DNR Community Assistance Specialist: 20 hours at ~ \$30.00 per hour plus fringe - \$600
DNR Water Quality Biologist: 20 hours at ~ \$30.00 per hour plus fringe = \$600
Additional travel cost = \$300
Total one-time costs to implement program = \$9,400

Estimated on-going costs:

Coordinate with county programs, internal staff, partner groups and the public, and evaluate Chapter 30 and Chapter 31 permit applications and zoning variances with regard to wild river requirements.
DNR St. Croix Basin Supervisor: 80 hours at \$35.60 per hour plus fringe = \$2,800
DNR Water Management Specialists: 40 hours at ~ \$28.00 per hour plus fringe = \$1,100
DNR Community Assistance Specialist: 20 hours at ~ \$30.00 per hour plus fringe - \$600
DNR Water Quality Biologist: 20 hours at ~ \$30.00 per hour plus fringe = \$600

Additional travel cost = \$200

Total one-time costs to implement program = \$5,300

The bill has no fiscal effect at the local government level, other than coordinating with DNR staff and understanding the relationship of wild river requirements to local zoning.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): One-time costs of \$9,400 to implement the program.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$5,100	\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		200	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$5,300	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		5,300	
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$5,300	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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