



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 250
[2015 Senate Bill 436]

**Lake Monitoring and Protection
Contracts**

2015 Wisconsin Act 250 expands the types of costs for which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will make payments under lake monitoring and protection contracts it has with public groups or persons to include the costs of lake surveys and watercraft inspection and the costs of producing and distributing lake survey results and reports. The Act also provides that counties and public or private entities that manage aquatic invasive species under a DNR-approved management plan are qualified to participate in the statewide lake monitoring network under the lake monitoring contracts program.

The Act authorizes the funding appropriated to river protection grants to also be used for lake monitoring and protection contracts, and specifies that the total amount of lake monitoring and protection contracts for each fiscal year may not exceed 25% of the total amount appropriated for lake monitoring and protection contracts, aquatic invasive species grants and river protection grants.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.