

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us in person or virtually for the July 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will hear an update on the greenhouse gas (GHG) calculator development, hear about feedback and vote to approve the strategic plan, and vote to approve the Tribal Policy.

More information, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting details, can be found on the [Board meeting webpage](#).



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

[City of Ranier Community Dock](#)

Location (city/township; county): Ranier; Koochiching

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: August 8, 2024

Project description: The City of Ranier is proposing to renovate and expand an existing City Dock to provide 26 tie-up facilities with up to seven available for overnight stays. The overnight facilities would be accessible for non-trailerable boats of 26+ feet in length. Amenities, including 20-, 30-, and 50-AMP electrical hook ups, freshwater services, and a sewage pump out station would be located on the dock.

[City of Ranier Community Dock project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Ranier Community Hall, PO Box 186, Ranier, MN 56668

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Ranier, [Sherril Gautreaux](#), 218-286-3311

General notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Aerial Application of Herbicides for Reforestation Purposes

Notice description: The MN Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry (DNR FOR) conducts reforestation activities (planting, seeding, and tending of established tree seedlings) on over ten thousand state forest acres a year. From August 15 to September 15, 2024, DNR FOR is planning to aerially apply herbicides on a small portion of those acres to prepare sites for upcoming tree planting and seeding and release established tree seedlings from competitive vegetation. Herbicide applications will occur using a helicopter on 21 sites comprising 429 acres in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lake, Pine, and St Louis Counties in the Aitkin, Backus, Hibbing, Sandstone, Tower, and Two Harbors DNR FOR administrative areas. All projects have been planned, reviewed, and approved following DNR FOR Pesticide Use Guidelines. For further information regarding this project, please contact: reforestation.dnr@state.mn.us

Contact: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Mike Reinikainen](#), 651-259-5270

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
6/27/2024	Mankato	Blue Earth	Blue Earth River	Carp, Catfish	50

6/28/2024	Spicer	Kandiyohi Florida Lake	Bullhead, Carp	50-60
7/1/2024	Chaska	Carver Bavaria Lake	Crappie	hundreds
7/1/2024	Weaver	Wabasha Whitewater River	Northern Pike, Bluegill, Carp, Drum	100's
7/1/2024	Brownsville Houston	Mississippi River	Sunfish	100
7/1/2024	Welch	Goodhue Mississippi River	Mixed Species	1210

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The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Access the EQB monitor submission service](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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