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EQB Announcement

EQB wants to hear from you! Integrating climate information into the Environmental Review Program

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is considering changes to integrate climate information into the Environmental Review Program. EQB would like input on draft recommendations before making final decisions on any program changes. Learn more about the project and how you can participate by visiting EQB's [Climate Change and Environmental Review webpage](#). There will be opportunities to participate throughout the spring. Updates will be posted on the website and in the *EQB Monitor*.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

White Bear Lake Independent School District (ISD #624) High School Expansion

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2021

Project Description: White Bear Lake School District (ISD) 624 proposes to redevelop an approximately 90-acre site located in the City of White Bear Lake. The site currently serves as the District's North Campus High School (serving Grades 9th & 10th) and Central Middle School (serving Grades 6 through 8). The proposed school expansion at the North Campus site will create a single campus high school building serving all ISD students in Grades 9 through 12. The proposed project includes a 397,977 sq./ft. expansion of new institutional building space (classrooms, office, storage, gymnasium, theater, and other accessory/common areas). Other site features will include internal access roads, parking lots, sidewalks, stormwater management features, athletic/activity field improvements, and utility infrastructure for the expanded school and ancillary uses. The property is bound by Bald Eagle Avenue (west), Division Avenue (east), Central Middle School (south) and the Canadian Pacific Rail corridor (north).

Link to Document: <https://www.isd624.org/about/building-our-future>

RGU: City of White Bear Lake

RGU Contact: Anne Kane, 651-429-8562, akane@whitebearlake.org

Big Lake Flood Risk Reduction Project

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2021

Project Description: The Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD) proposes to install a water control structure on the west end of Big Lake to manage water levels and provide flood risk reduction for the City of Herman and downstream lands and communities, while enhancing natural resources within Big Lake.

Link to Document: No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided by the RGU. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

RGU: Bois de Sioux Watershed District

RGU Contact: Jamie Beyer, 320-563-4185, bds wd@runestone.net

General Notices

ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECT PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF FISHERIES

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning a rotenone treatment on the lake below:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Frank Lake	76003400	121N	37W	5,6

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning a rotenone treatment during the spring (April 2021). The project involves the boat application (2 boats utilized) of powdered rotenone (5% active ingredient) at approximately 1PPM (low-dose) concentration to eliminate carryover Walleye in Frank Lake which is a DNR Section of Fisheries Walleye rearing pond. All attempts will be made to remove and stock as many carryover Walleye as possible prior to the treatment. This project will take place only if winterkill of Walleye does not occur during 2020/21 winter. Fish sampling will be conducted between ice-out and project initiation to confirm/deny winterkill of Walleye. Endangered or threatened species are not present in this lake. The goal for this project is to remove primary predators in order to substantially increase Walleye fingerling production for fall 2021 to better meet statewide Walleye stocking quotas.

For general information about this project contact Dave Coahran – Spicer Area Fisheries Supervisor (320-796-2161 ext 225).

Minnesota Department of Agriculture-- Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Bayer Research and Development Services LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **21-NO-01**. Notification is for genetically modified **SOYBEANS**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybeans, referenced as Application Number **20-315-104rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Goodhue-1 location with 25 acres; Rice-3 locations with 25 acres per location; Steele-1 location with 25 acres; Waseca-1 location with 25 acres**. Project categories include **AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), and IR (Insect Resistance)**.

For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

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