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MADISON – Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed September 2018 as Coastal Awareness Month in Wisconsin in recognition of the important impact that the Great Lakes has on the state. Lake Michigan and Lake Superior are integral to Wisconsin's economy, recreation, tourism, cultural history and quality of life. The Governor's proclamation is a reminder for the people of Wisconsin to protect, promote and enjoy the state's Great Lakes.

In recognition of Coastal Awareness Month and the importance of the Great Lakes, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is proud to announce the release of the 2018 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle. Now in its seventeenth year, the Chronicle promotes public awareness of Wisconsin Great Lakes issues, provides a vehicle for experts to educate public policy leaders, and creates an historical record of Great Lakes events and perspectives. The 2018 edition will feature several articles including those on Ashland Ore Dock Redevelopment, Public Access on the Great Lakes, Coastal Resiliency, and Dunes Lake Restoration. The 2018 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle, including past issues, are available on the WCMP website. The Department of Administration's WCMP, now in its 40th year, works cooperatively with Great Lakes stakeholders to help protect and enhance the natural, cultural and historical resources of the Great Lakes while encouraging responsible economic development. The policy direction for WCMP is set by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council. Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor and represent state agencies, local and tribal governments and the general public. To celebrate its 40th Anniversary, WCMP, in partnership with the Wisconsin Historical Society, is releasing the Great Lakes Chronicle Compendium bringing together more than one hundred articles published since 2002. The official book release will follow the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council meeting. All interested parties are welcome to attend:

- **Thursday, September 20, 2019:** Door County Maritime Museum, [120 N. Madison Ave, Sturgeon Bay](#)

To further celebrate Coastal Awareness Month, the WCMP is again pleased to announce that it is accepting grant proposals to enhance and protect resources within Wisconsin's coastal zone. The Department of Administration's WCMP anticipates awarding approximately \$1.5 million in grant funding. Application materials and the Request for Proposals are available on the WCMP website (<http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>). Applications are due November 2, 2018.

The program, as part of its 40th Anniversary, is supporting the following local events highlighting the importance of the Great Lakes in the community:

- **2nd Annual Harbor Fest**, Milwaukee, Saturday, September 8, 2018
- **Valley Week**, Milwaukee, September 22-29, 2018^{13th}
- **Annual Sturgeon Fest**, Milwaukee, Saturday, September 29, 2018
- **Wild About Rice Festival**, Superior, Saturday, September 29, 2018

The WCMP was the first program in the Great Lakes and among the first ten nationally established through the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. Its mission since 1978 is a balance of resource protection and sustainable development within Wisconsin's 15 Lake Michigan and Lake Superior counties. To learn more about WCMP please visit <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.



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