

Rep. Kitchens: Appointed chairman of Environment Committee

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MADISON, Wis. – State Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding his appointment to serve as chairman of the Assembly Committee on Environment for the 2019-20 legislative session:

“I couldn’t be happier to be selected as the chairman of the Assembly Environment Committee. I cannot think of many issues – if any – that are more important to the 1st Assembly District and Wisconsin than protecting the environment. There’s no area in the state that is more reliant on clean water.

“While the 1st Assembly District is the most beautiful region in Wisconsin, it’s also one of the most delicate, with its 300 miles of shoreline and thin soils overlaying dolomite bedrock. We are blessed with an abundance of natural resources, and our local economy heavily depends on those resources. I want to focus on solutions that preserve the environment while also bolstering both tourism and our robust agricultural economy.

“I would like to thank Speaker Vos and Assembly leadership for entrusting me to serve as the chairman of the vitally important Environment Committee. I look forward to working with the Department of Natural Resources and the newly-elected administration to do what we can to protect the environment across the state. I will also continue to bring the agriculture and conservation communities together to work toward our common goal of safeguarding our ground and surface water.”