

Dept. of Natural Resources: Seeks public input for proposed revisions to broad incidental take permit

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public input regarding proposed revisions to its [Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization for No and Low Impact Activities](#).

A number of activities that have no or low impact on endangered or threatened plants and animals are covered by this broad incidental take permit and authorization. Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the overall population of the species at risk.

The Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization for No and Low Impact Activities was initially approved in 2013 and was revised on an annual basis through 2018. The 2020 suggested revisions include:

1. Updating the Bird Avoidance Measures document to incorporate changes needed based on the federal de-listing of the Kirtland's Warbler;
2. Updating the Herps Avoidance Measures document to define a suitable wood turtle stream; and
3. Increasing consistency with follow-up actions throughout Table 2 of the permit.

The Department has concluded the take allowed under this permit and authorization is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence and recovery of the state population of the species, nor the whole plant-animal community of which they belong. These changes will also improve public health, safety and welfare.

The conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered and threatened species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit and Authorization. Copies of the jeopardy assessment and supporting documents are available [here](#).

The Department is accepting public comments through Dec. 13, 2020. Please send comments to Melissa Tumbleson at 608-267-0862 or melissa.tumbleson@wi.gov.