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PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR LAKE WAUSAU MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lake Wausau, located in the heart of the Wausau area, provides a unique setting for recreation and outdoor enjoyment in Central Wisconsin. Ensuring a healthy lake for the future is critical in sustaining the value Lake Wausau brings to the community. The Lake Wausau Association (LWA) has coordinated efforts to evaluate the condition and health of the lake including water quality, water flows, fisheries habitat, aquatic plant management, shore land habitat, community values, and recreational uses. While the evaluation indicates many aspects of the lake are healthy, actions may be necessary to maintain its health and some aspects of the lake may benefit from improvements. A formal Lake Management Plan will be developed as part of the final phase of the lake evaluation project. This process will involve a series of three public discussion sessions aimed at providing guidance about the management of Lake Wausau. All who visit and enjoy Lake Wausau are invited to participate in the public discussion sessions. Hosts of these discussions include LWA in cooperation with UW-Stevens Point (UWSP) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The public discussion sessions will be held at the **Wausau and Marathon County Parks Department, 212 River Drive, Wausau - Rooms 1 & 2** on the dates provided below.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 6:00pm – Discussion topics will focus on the fishery and habitat improvements, a review of the aquatic plant management strategies, and strategies for the prevention and early response steps for aquatic invasive species. Biologists and resource specialists will be on hand to share information, make recommendations and respond to questions and suggestions.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 11:00am – Discussion topics will focus on the hydrodynamic modeling results, watersheds, water quality, and land use. Scientists from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present strategies for water quality improvements near Rib Mountain Drive and near the Wausau Country Club. They will also present alternatives and feasibility for the improvement of fish spawning habitat in the upper end of the lake. General water quality conditions as they relate to land management will be discussed with scientists from UWSP and WDNR.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00pm – The discussion topic will focus on review of the draft Lake Management Plan as prepared by Nancy Turyk, Water Resource Scientist at UWSP.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend these public discussion sessions and contribute to the conversations. LWA will provide light sandwiches for participants.

Meeting agendas and materials will be available on LWA's website at www.lakewausau.org/page/calendar.

For additional information contact LWA at lakewausau@gmail.com, or contact Nancy Turyk from UWSP with technical questions at nturyk@uwsp.edu or 715-346-4155.

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