



July 18, 2019

Phantom Lakes Management District
P.O. Box 391
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Subject: Adjustment of sensitive area boundary, Lower Phantom Lake

Dear Phantom Lake Management District,

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed your request to adjust the boundary of the sensitive area for the bay located adjacent to Lake Street, located on the Northeast corner of Lower Phantom Lake. The Department designated sensitive areas on Upper and Lower Phantom in 2006, per the criteria listed NR 107.05(3)(i)(1). The 2006 boundary placed approximately ½ of the bay in the sensitive area and approximately ½ of the bay outside the sensitive area boundary. The Phantom Lake Management District (PLMD) verbally requested during the February 2nd, 2019 public informational meeting (regarding the five year harvesting permit) that the bay located adjacent to Lake Street be mapped as entirely out of the sensitive area.

The Department has reviewed your request and has adjusted the sensitive area boundary. The bay located adjacent to Lake Street is now mapped as out of the sensitive area. The enclosed maps show the 2006 Non-Sensitive area and the 2019 Non-Sensitive area. I have also enclosed the original 2006 Sensitive Area map for Lower Phantom.

The adjustment of the sensitive area boundary does not change the restriction in the 2019-2023 five year harvesting permit regarding harvesting in less than three feet of water. The adjustment of the sensitive area boundary does allow the use of contracted DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvest) services or the use of a shallower draft harvester, if the PLMD purchases one in the future. Permits are required for DASH harvesting. The existing five year harvesting permit does include permit conditions that cover the use of a smaller, shallower draft harvester, if one is purchased by the PLMD.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 262-574-2130 or at Heidi.bunk@wi.gov.

Sincerely,

Heidi Bunk
Lakes Biologist