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Rep. Kitchens to Hold Total Maximum Daily Load Informational Session

Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study informational session next Monday, the 20th of March in the district:

"TMDL studies are an important step in cleaning our rivers. By pinpointing the amounts and sources of total phosphorous (TP) and total suspended solids (TSS) we can implement strategies and qualify for grant funding to clean our waterways. What began with the effort by myself and the Friends of Crescent Beach to have a TMDL study done for the Ahnapee River has expanded into a proposal to study all of the tributaries of Lake Michigan in Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties.

"I am happy to announce that next Monday, the 20th of March from 2:30pm-4:30pm at Algoma City Hall, I will be hosting an informational session by the DNR regarding TMDLs. The speakers will be Brian Weigel, Chief of Water Evaluation at the Water Quality Bureau, and Kevin Kirsch, Statewide TMDL Coordinator. I have received encouraging responses from my colleagues in the Assembly and conservation, sport fishing and farm groups on this proposal. It is our hope that we can return the rivers of Kewaunee County to the clean trout streams that they once were.

"Everyone wants and deserves clean and safe resources in our area. This is especially true of our rivers, which flow into Lake Michigan and allegedly contributes to algae blooms and excessive sedimentation. It is vital that we preserve and protect our beautiful natural resources which attract high numbers of tourists each year.

"I look forward to seeing all interested parties at the session as we discuss our area's precious natural resources."

Where: Council Chambers Algoma City Hall 416 Fremont St. Algoma, WI 54201

When: 2:30pm-4:30pm, Monday March 20th

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