



## Media Release

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### **Rep. Shankland Awarded “Lake Michigan Champion of Conservation”**

MADISON— Today, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) announced that she has been awarded the “Lake Michigan Champion of Conservation Award” from the Lake Michigan Stakeholders. Lake Michigan Stakeholders is a proud partner of Natural Resource Partnership, who brings together a diverse network of stakeholders who work together to promote and protect the viability and health of Wisconsin’s Lake Michigan.

Representative Shankland was chosen from a group of over 30 conservationists by the Champion of Conservation Awards Committee to receive this award.

Upon receiving the award, Rep. Shankland released the following statement:

“I am so grateful to be accepting the Champion of Conservation Award for 2024 from the Champion of Conservation Awards committee. It is an honor to receive this recognition from such an amazing group of conservationists who have shown unparalleled dedication to conserving and protecting our state's precious natural resources.

“We all understand that every Wisconsin resident deserves access to clean and safe drinking water, as well as healthy lakes, rivers, and streams. I am proud to have been recognized for the work that I've done during my time in the Legislature to protect this fundamental human right. While our work is far from over, I am excited to see the progress of current and future conservationists as we continue working to build a sustainable future for generations to come.

“The Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership and the Lake Michigan Stakeholders have been invaluable partners in protecting the health of Wisconsin’s water. Their mission to unite groups who all share in the enjoyment, caring, and preservation of Lake Michigan is undeniably important. Thank you again to them for recognizing me with this award.”

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Katrina Shankland**

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**About Lake Michigan Stakeholders**

Lake Michigan Stakeholders brings together a diverse network of Wisconsin stakeholders- including professionals in the fields of environmental management, academic research, education, community outreach, outdoor advocacy, agriculture, and private industry- to promote and preserve the health of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Basin. The group acts as a "voice for Lake Michigan," and meets on a regular basis to discuss LMS business, provide presentations and outreach on Lake Michigan topics, and offer networking and information sharing opportunities to members.