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## Senator Agard Calls for Urgent Action on PFAS after DNR Fish Consumption Warning

*Legislature must take up the CLEAR Act immediately*

MADISON - Today the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) announced new fish consumption recommendations for Yahara Chain waters in Dane and Rock counties. Due to elevated levels of PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate), a type of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance), people should limit their intake of certain fish to once per month and other fish to once per week. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement on this announcement.

"This should serve as a wake-up call. The forever chemicals in our waterways must be addressed immediately. I am calling on legislative Republicans to join my Democratic colleagues and I in supporting and taking action on the CLEAR Act ([SB 361](#)), which would start the process of mitigating PFAS in Wisconsin and getting this poison out of our water.

"I strongly supported the provisions in Governor Evers' budget that would help our local communities in their efforts to promote clean water and address our PFAS crisis. It was disappointing but not surprising that Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee removed these items.

"Water is life, and addressing PFAS should not be a partisan issue. It affects the health of people in blue and red districts. It's time for Republicans to stop acting politically, and start working in the best interests of the people of our state.

"I'm grateful for the dedicated public servants at the DNR and DHS who worked on this report. Their tireless, and often thankless, work is vital in keeping the people of our state healthy and keeping our air and water clean for future generations."

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