

NATURAL RESOURCES -- ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission

Motion:

Move to direct DNR to provide a grant for \$200,000 SEG in 2015-16 from the recreational boating aids grant program to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission to support ongoing activities consistent with the organization's implementation plan, including: (a) initiating and coordinating surveys and research projects relating to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Basin; (b) acting as a liaison between federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations involved in protecting, rehabilitating, and managing water resources; and (c) providing public information relating to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River.

Note:

The Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission was created in 1997 in order to address water resource concerns within the river system. The \$200,000 provided under the motion would bring to \$1,675,000 the total amount provided to the Commission from the water resources account (motorboat gas tax) since its creation.

Under the recreational boating aids grant program, DNR provides grants from the water resources account to municipalities, counties, town sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, qualified lake associations, the Milwaukee River Revitalization Council, and the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board generally for up to 50% of the costs of developing recreational boating facilities approved by the Waterways Commission. Annually, \$400,000 water resources SEG and \$2.5 million in stewardship program bonding is available for recreational boating aids.

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