

NATURAL RESOURCES -- PARKS AND FORESTRY

Managed Forest Law Timber Cutting Notices  
[Paper #465]

Motion:

Move to adopt the Governor's recommendation to delete 4.0 positions and \$324,500 forestry SEG annually. Further, specify that an owner who intends to cut merchantable timber on managed forest land (MFL) is not required to obtain approval from DNR if the owner is required under the terms of an approved management plan to cut merchantable timber and a cooperating forester or a forester accredited by the Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin Cooperating Foresters, Association of Cooperating Foresters, or Sustainable Forestry Initiative, provided the required notice of intent to cut to the Department. In addition, specify that for land enrolled in the forest crop law (FCL) program, if the cutting notice is provided to DNR by a cooperating forester, or a forester accredited by the Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin Cooperating Foresters, Association of Cooperating Foresters, or Sustainable Forestry Initiative, DNR may not prescribe the amount of forest products to be removed, and if the Department finds that the cutting is inconsistent with sound forestry practices, the landowner is liable for double the severance (yield) tax on the timber harvested and subject to withdrawal from the FCL program. Also specify that, if a cooperating forester or a forester accredited by the Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin Cooperating Foresters, Association of Cooperating Foresters, or Sustainable Forestry Initiative submits the timber cutting notice, all cutting specified in the notice must begin within one year after the date on which the notice is filed.

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Note:

The motion would adopt Alternative 1 but add a forester who is accredited by the Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin Cooperating Foresters, Association of Cooperating Foresters, or Sustainable Forestry Initiative to approved timber cutting notice submitters.

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