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Subject: Questions Regarding Public Hearings and Federal Funding

Jim—

Cheryl forwarded me two questions you asked her regarding public hearings under 30.77 and whether federal funding would be impacted by a statewide regulation of wake-surfing.

Regarding the public hearings, you are correct that when one town that has 100% jurisdiction over a shoreline passes an ordinance, it is not necessary for that town to hold a public hearing under 30.77. When more than one town has jurisdiction over a lake, a public hearing is required unless all those towns enact an identical ordinance.

Regarding your question on federal funding, I have not seen or heard anything about federal funding being impaired or impacted by the enactment or proposal of a statewide regulation on wake surfing. There is uncertainty—to say the least—about federal funding at the moment for other reasons, but that's beside the point.

You also asked for “a copy or link relating to anything relating to Federal Funding regarding boating activity in the State of Wisconsin.” A PDF describing federal funding available for our boating programs is attached.

If you'd like us to provide all documents in our possession related to federal funding for our boating programs, I could forward that on to our records team. But I imagine the request would have to be narrowed in scope.

--Eric

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