

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club

Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club will donate \$90,000. This donation will be used to construct Phase I of a breakwall for habitat restoration on Lake Poygan, Winnebago County.

FOR: January 2016 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

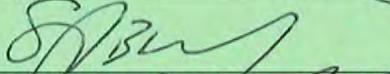
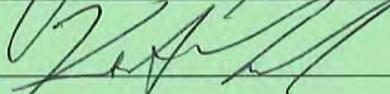
SUMMARY:

The Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club is very active on the upper lakes of the Winnebago System in east central Wisconsin. Their passion lies in habitat protection/restoration. They are contributing \$90,000 toward the construction of the first segment of a breakwall at the mouth of the Wolf River as it enters into Lake Poygan. This will contribute to an approved Department project that is funded for \$378,700. Winnebago County is in support of the project as well.

Breakwalls are linear piles of broken limestone constructed on the lake bottom. They serve to dissipate wave energy, fostering quiet waters where rooted marshland plants can take hold and grow. The Phase I segment of this breakwall project will be approximately 1170 feet long and extend from shore out into Lake Poygan. Eventually there will be a number of these segments forming an arc on the north shore of Lake Poygan, ending at the west bank of the navigation channel known as the Boom Cut. The structure, though out in the lake, is in an area of little navigation to most watercraft due to its shallow nature. The official navigation route is through the Boom Cut located to the east.

The full breakwall structure will form an off shore wave break protecting roughly 400 acres of critical habitat, including littoral zone, deep water marsh, and eroding marsh edge. In addition to being the first segment of the project, Phase I will also serve as an engineering test of the construction techniques and materials that will be used. This project has been 15 years in the making and has strong local support.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$90,000 from Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club

Approved by	Signature	Date
Justine Hasz, Bureau Director		12-1-15
Sanjay Olson, Division Administrator		12-5-15
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		1-6-16

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8
Department rule coordinator - LS/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its January 2016 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$90,000 from:

Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club

This donation will be used to construct Phase I of a breakwall for habitat restoration on Lake Poygan, Winnebago County.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair