

Explanation of Suggested Edits for Legislative Agenda, EANR Committee

Surface and Ground Water Quality:

- **Soil Erosion:** Due to the various admin rule chapters and agencies involved in regulating soil erosion (these are not accurate references), I suggest replacing this language with more generic language to be responsive to changes to administrative rule chapters and agencies involved in soil erosion control.
 - Suggested language: “Support full implementation and funding of the state’s water quality and established runoff pollution performance standards for agriculture, non-agriculture and transportation facilities standards.”
- **Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels:** Please review to ensure this language covers the Board’s request of the DNR.
 - The Committee may also wish to include language that will allow the lobbyist to advocate for recommendations from the technical work group assigned to address recent flooding in the Yahara Chain of Lakes.
 - Suggested language: “Support efforts to manage the Yahara Chain of Lakes, improve the volume of water leaving the Yahara River system, reduce stormwater runoff volumes through increased stormwater infiltration and better management of stormwater on impervious surfaces.”
- **Mining Reform:** Suggest changing negative into the positive based on previous legislative action.
- **High Capacity Wells:** Suggest changing language from a negative to a positive based on previous legislative action and to allow future support of pro-active reforms of high capacity well regulation.
- **Lead Pollution**
 - Sup. Ritt would like to support additional regulations on lead shot. Some potential ideas that I have seen discussed are: (1) “Prohibit the use of lead tackle that is less than 1" in diameter or 1 oz. in weight.” (2) “Support banning the use of lead fishing tackle and shot on all publicly owned hunting areas and publicly owned water bodies.” However, due to the difficulty of enforcement and concerns about the cost of non-lead alternatives, county staff recommends supporting more educational efforts at this time. Offer suggested language, “Support building statewide awareness and educational efforts related to the use of lead shot for hunting and fishing.”
 - Suggest clarifying what or who “statewide/Utility user” means.
- **Public Trust Doctrine:** L&W staff suggests building on this provision to address wetland resources. There has been significant erosion of the state’s ability to regulate and protect wetlands and, in light of climate change and recent floods, protecting wetlands is a critical issue in addressing water quality issues.
- **PFAS:** Sup. Ritt suggests language that allows the lobbyist to advocate on issues related to PFAS. Certain types of PFAS chemicals have been identified by the EPA as a risk to human health. Regulation of other forms of PFAS is an emerging issue, primarily at the federal level due to interstate significance. The Board may wish to include some language for the state to get involved. I have requested the Board on Public Health to provide suggested language for the committee.

- Suggested Language (before hearing from Public Health): “PFAS: Support adopting a state-directed threshold standard of PFOS and the state exploring and identifying PFAS contamination and remediation options, including the associated costs and benefits.”

Natural Resources Conservation

- **Stewardship Fund:** Please confirm whether “1990 funding levels” is the appropriate level of funding that the Board seeks. Might want to change language to be more generic because the entire Stewardship program is set to expire unless new funding is approved in the 2019 state budget.
- **Mercury Products Ban:** Suggest deleting because 2009 Act 44 regulates the sale and use of mercury and mercury containing devices. The law has two components. One component regulates the sale and distribution of specific mercury and mercury-containing devices to Wisconsin citizens, businesses, institutions and others. The second component regulates the sale and use of mercury and mercury containing devices in Wisconsin K-12 schools.
- **Mercury Rules:** Ask staff whether this is still necessary or if rules have been set that will allow the state to achieve a 90% reduction.
- **DNR Budget Reductions:** This language was proactive before DNR staff was reduced. I suggest changing language from the negative to a positive to allow support of increased staffing.
- **Reduce Fine Particle Emissions/Diesel Idling Regulations:** Suggest moving to climate change section.

Sustainable Agricultural Practices:

- **SUGGESTION:** The committee may wish to add language that allows the lobbyist to advocate for policies recommended by the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Taskforce.
- **Revise Formula for DATCP Administrative Funding to Counties:** Suggest deleting. According to staff, current discussions in the conservation world have not revolved around the formula discussion.
- **Restore Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program:** Generalize information so not limited to supporting a specific dollar amount for funding. Staff suggested this language:
 - “Support increased county conservation staff funding for implementation of the county’s land and water resource management plan. Increase available cost share funding to support agricultural producers with implementation of conservation practices to grow the state’s agricultural economy as well as protect soil and water resources.”
- **Non-Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Livestock:** Can delete “national” because this lobbyist is targeted solely at state legislators.

Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience

- **Alternative Energy Production/Renewable Energy/Clean Energy Choice:**

- Office of Energy and Climate Change suggests for messaging purposes to replace “alternative” with “renewable” so it doesn’t sound like solar and wind are not mainstream or cost-effective.
- Added language from “Renewable Energy” and “Clean Energy Choice” provisions to first bullet point to reduce redundancy.
 - IF don’t delete “Renewable Energy” and “Clean Energy Choice,” I suggest minor changes to go from negative to positive.
- **Divestment from Fossil Fuels:** According to Chuck Hicklin, Dane County has already divested, so focus should be on the state and other local units of government—if the Board is still interested in pursuing this.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Suggested language of OECC

Bicycle and Recreational Trails:

- These provisions were approved (but then tabled) by Public Works & Transportation on 1/2/19. Because bicycle trails overlap between EANR and PW&T, I added it here. Executive Committee must consolidate any changes