
Subject: FRAC SAND SENTINEL ISSUE # 167 NOV. 24, 2017 AB547 WETLANDS AT RISK!
HELP NEEDED!

We all know how busy this season is, but your help is needed in defeating AB 547



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**AB 547 has been
referred to the
Committee on
Regulatory**

Licensing Reform. This bill is designed to eliminate all non-federal wetlands from regulation in Wisconsin. This is regarded as a key bill this session. [The attachment is found HERE.](#) A paragraph from it includes this statement: "The bill exempts wetlands that are not subject to federal jurisdiction (non-federal wetlands) from state wetland permitting requirements. Generally

speaking, only wetlands that are adjacent to navigable waters are subject to federal jurisdiction."

Recently a group of interested individuals listened to Representative Brostoff (from Milwaukee who is on the committee that received this bill in the Assembly) . He is deeply concerned about the bill, which was sent to the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform. He especially feels three senators are queasy about the bill. They are: Sen. Petrowski, Sen. Cowles, and Sen. Olson. (At this time the senate version does not appear to be in committee.)

Please read AB 547 and contact the 3 senators asking them to please not support this bill? The best hope to kill it is in the Senate.

Here is information about the three:

Sen. Petrowski (608) 266-2502 Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov

Sen. Cowles (608) 266-0484, (800) 334-1465 Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov

Sen. Olson (608) 266-0751,
Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov

When connecting with the Senators you may use

**some of the talking points from Wisconsin
Wetlands Association:**

<https://wisconsinwetlands.org/updates/what-are-non-federal-wetlands/>

Wisconsin's non-federal wetlands:

**provide flood storage and reduce downstream
flood damages;**

**supply critical and abundant habitat for waterfowl
production;**

**deliver year-round base flow to cold water trout
streams**

**improve water quality by slowing the flow and
reducing erosion;**

**support a variety of rare plants, animals, and
birds;
and much, much more.**

**it is always good to add one's personal
experiences with wetlands to comments.**

Here are additional articles if people would like to

learn more:

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/wisconsin/articles/2017-10-02/gop-bill-would-end-wisconsin-wetland-development-permits>

<https://wisconsinwetlands.org/updates/small-wetlands-make-big-impact/>

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2017/10/27/wisconsin-environmental-risk-wetlands-legislation/807026001/>

<http://www.nbc15.com/content/news/GOP-bill-would-end-Wisconsin-wetland-development-permits-449081063.html>

<http://urbanmilwaukee.com/2017/10/03/campaign-cash-one-million-acres-of-wetlands-endangered/>

This bill is really very critical and your help is needed. This is one bill the lobbyists for certain corporations will try to slam through. Silica mining would have a hay day with wetlands under this bill.

Here is a listing of lobby groups for and against the bill:

<https://lobbying.wi.gov/What/BillInformation/2017REG/Information/ation/14872>

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