

# Wisconsin Coastal Beaches Working Group Spring 2019 Meeting

Racine Yacht Club  
May 16, 2019



# Thank You



# Working Group

Long history of successful collaboration

WCBWG another phase of this existing partnership

Wisconsin Beach Health Workshop (March 2015, Madison)

Annual Meeting (November 2015, UW-Milwaukee)

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Wisconsin as a regional and national leader

# Core Functions

## 1. Information Sharing

- Keep stakeholders informed on relevant issues and projects
- Share and identify expertise

## 2. Coordination and Leveraging

- Encourage collaboration and shared resources
- Avoid duplication

## 3. Stakeholder Input

- Identify research, management and education priorities and needs
- Transmit local knowledge to state/federal beach programs

## 4. Research Guidance

- Align research efforts with beach management needs
- Identify data gaps

## 5. Funding Information

- Identify funding needs and priorities, collaborate on proposals

# Steering Committee

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# Wisconsin's Beaches: Integrated and Holistic Approach

Water Quality

Dangerous Currents

Harmful Algal Blooms

Habitat

Green Infrastructure

Invasive Species

Erosion and Sediment Transport

Coastal Storms and Water Level Changes

Economics

**Importance of beaches:** environmental/ecosystem health, public health and safety, economics, recreation and tourism, community quality of life

# Roundtable Discussion

Has anyone had plans that have not gone accordingly?

What have you done to address long beach closures?

Have beach managers/community leaders considered quantifying economic impacts from beaches?

Do you monitor for swimmers itch or new emerging contaminants?

Any exciting beach projects (past, present, or future) to share?