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Dear Natural Resource Board Members:

We've become aware of the proposed changes to NR-109 and increased fees that are to be effective in 2024. As the Board representing only fifty residential property owners on Lower Spring Lake in Palmyra, WI, this will become an extreme hardship for our Lake District. We are very concerned that our current harvesting permit fee of \$300 for five years would be increased to \$7,500 under the proposed formula.

Every year, we have spent a significant amount of money to chemically treat areas of our lake, as allowed by the DNR. In addition, labor, fuel, and maintenance costs associated with weed harvesting have dramatically increased. Lake District members are the primary financial source for maintaining the quality of Lower Spring Lake. This fee represents a twenty-five fold increase for the harvesting permit alone.

We would respectfully request some financial relief for our Lake District as well as for other small Lake Districts, similar to ours.

Sincerely,

Lower Spring Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board

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