

President Barack Obama signed a bill March 11, 2009, that will provide nearly \$1 million to fund ongoing work at a ballast water research center on the shore of Lake Superior. The Great Ships Initiative is a cooperative program managed by the University of Wisconsin-Superior and the Northeast-Midwest Institute, a bipartisan, nonprofit research organization based in Washington, D.C. Minnesota and Wisconsin will need to be working on Ballast Water Bills that complement each other since the “salties” frequent both Duluth, MN and Superior, WI ports, twin cities on Lake Superior.

Senator Russ Feingold, (D-Wis.), introduced Clean Water Restoration Act that aims to restore Clean Water Act safeguards to wetlands, lakes and streams.

The Clean Water Restoration Act reaffirms the traditional scope and clear purpose of the Clean Water Act. Two recent split decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have put many wetlands, streams, lakes and ponds at risk by creating ambiguity over the scope of the law. As a result of these decisions and subsequent agency guidance, at least 20 million acres of the nation’s wetlands are currently losing Clean Water Act protections, and many more are at risk. Additionally, some 60% of stream miles in the U.S. that do not flow year-round are at risk of losing protection. South eastern Wisconsin is an area that needs this protection.

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## **REMINDER REMINDER**



### **COMING THIS OCTOBER LMLWV ANNUAL MEETING**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saugatuck, Michigan**

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