




Waukesha, Wisconsin: Testing the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact

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Outline

1. The Alliance for the Great Lakes
2. Great Lakes – A Precious Resource
3. Waukesha, WI – A Precedent Setting
Diversion Application
4. Each Great Lakes State has a role to play
5. Regional Review Process

An aerial photograph capturing a sunset over a vast body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and light blue. The water below is dark, with intricate, winding patterns of lighter-colored sandbars or shallow reefs visible, creating a complex, maze-like shoreline. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Our mission at the Alliance for the Great Lakes is to conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource using policy, education and local efforts, ensuring a healthy Great Lakes and clean water for generations of people and wildlife.

THE GREAT LAKES ARE
THE LARGEST
SURFACE FRESHWATER SYSTEM
IN THE WORLD



...including 18% of the world's supply.

THE
GREAT
LAKES
HOLD
5,500
CUBIC
MILES

*...including 90% of
North America's supply.*

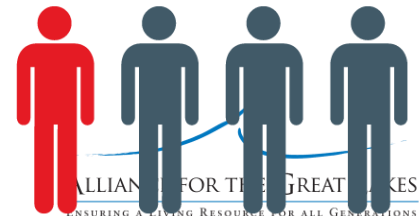


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THE GREAT LAKES PROVIDE DRINKING WATER TO OVER **40 MILLION** PEOPLE



...including 1 in 10 Americans



ALLIANCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES
ENSURING A LIVING RESOURCE FOR ALL GENERATIONS

...and 1 in 4 Canadians. 4

The Great Lakes Basin





Journal Sentinel

**This Decision
Will Set a
Precedent for the
Compact**

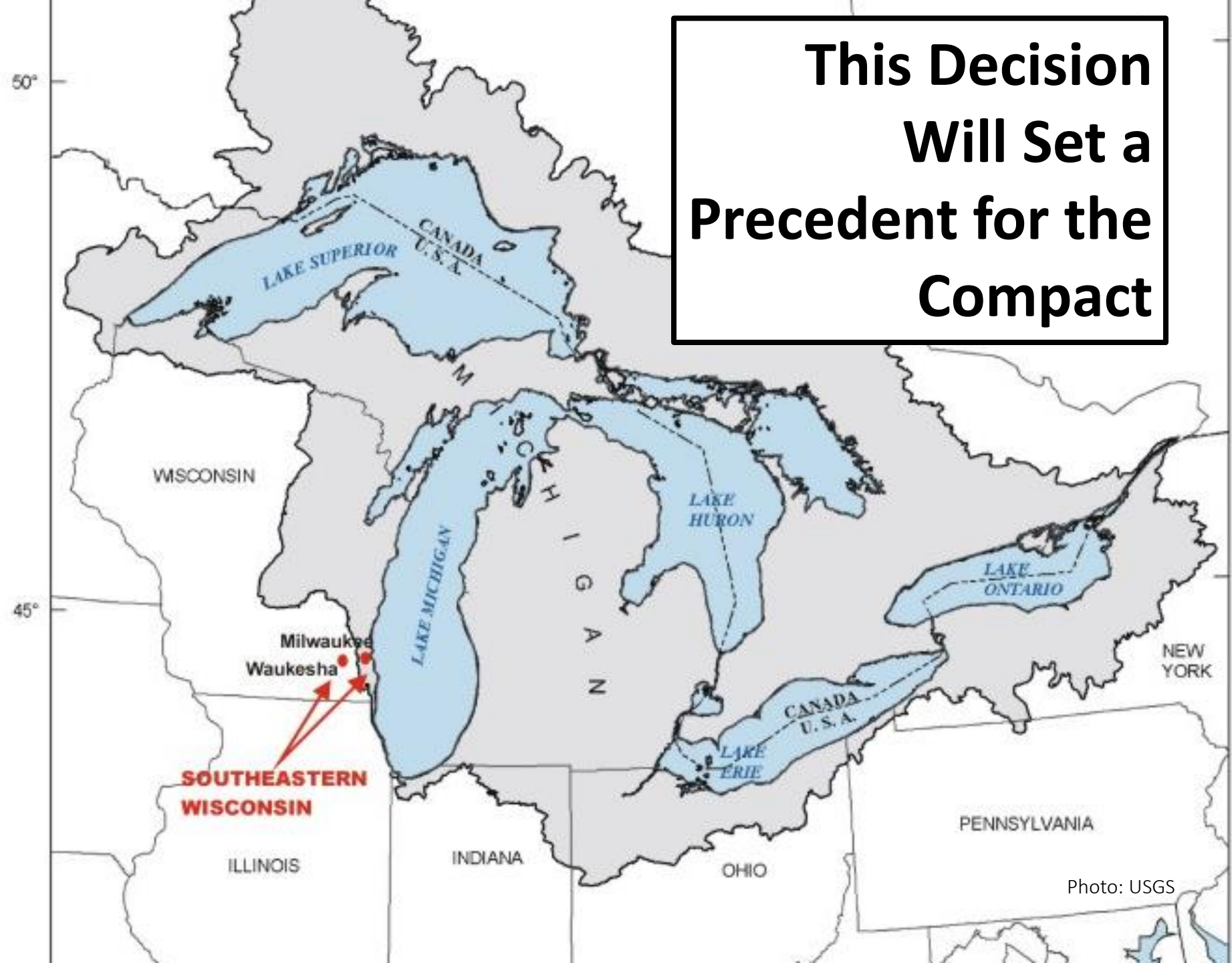
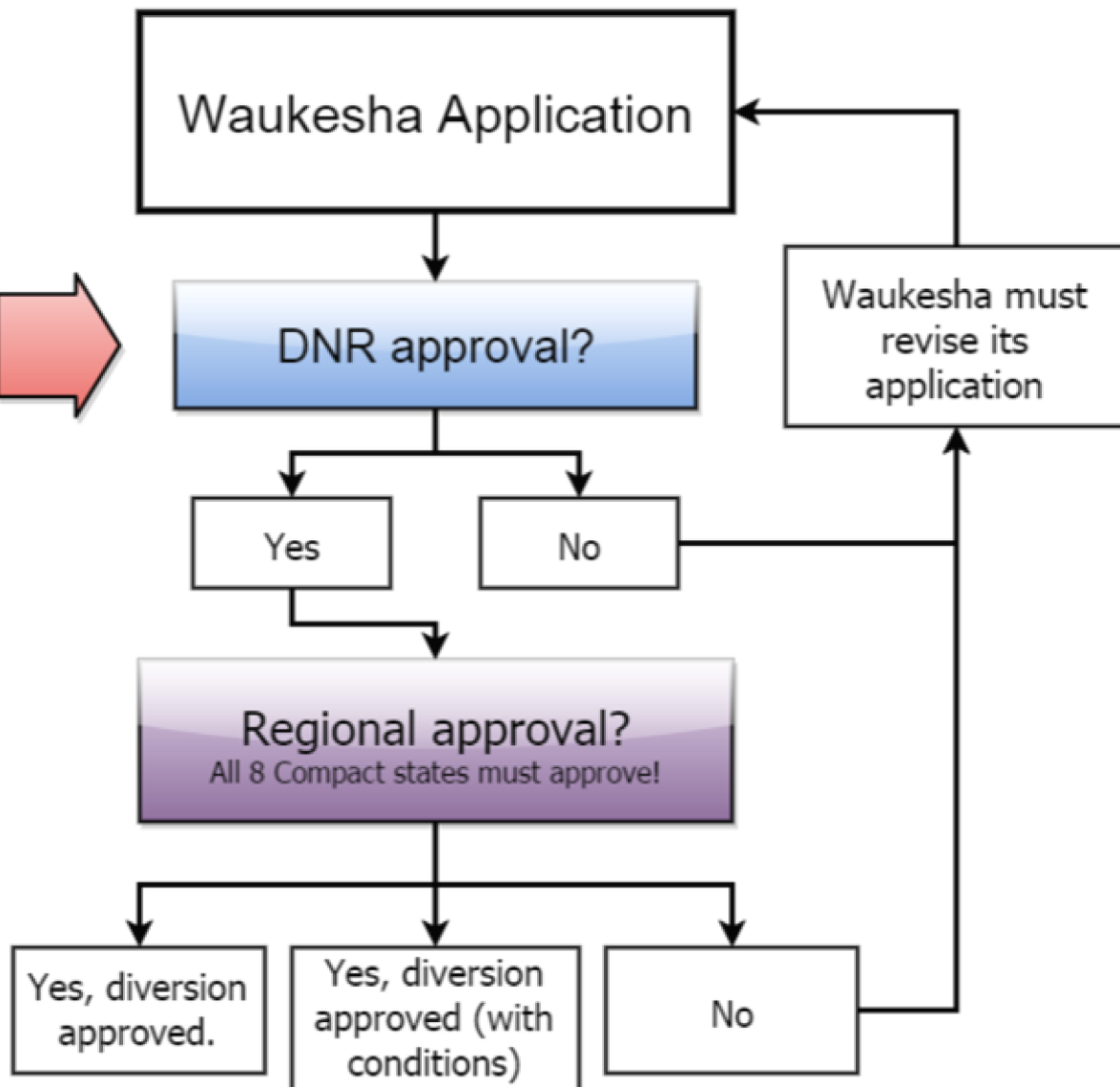


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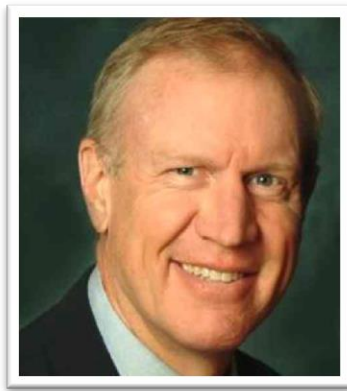
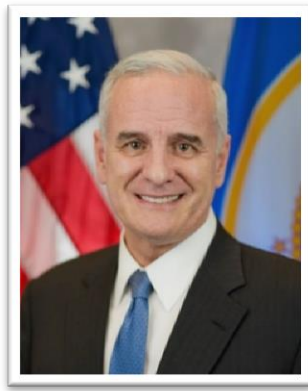
Key concerns about Waukesha's application

1. Waukesha wants to divert Great Lakes water for **towns that don't need it** and have **not requested water**
2. Diverting Great Lakes water should be a **last resort**
3. Waukesha **failed to demonstrate that it needs** Lake Michigan water
4. Waukesha has a **feasible alternative** to meet its water needs
5. Waukesha's **plan to return water** to the Great Lakes **could damage the Root River**

What's Next?



Each Great Lakes Governor Gets a Say in the Waukesha Diversion Application Decision



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Public Participation

Regional Action

Waukesha's DNR-Approved Application

Regional Body/Compact Council hold information hearing in Waukesha

Regional Body reviews application, declares finding to Compact Council

Compact Council reviews application in light of Regional Body's findings

Approved? Application returns to DNR for final approval

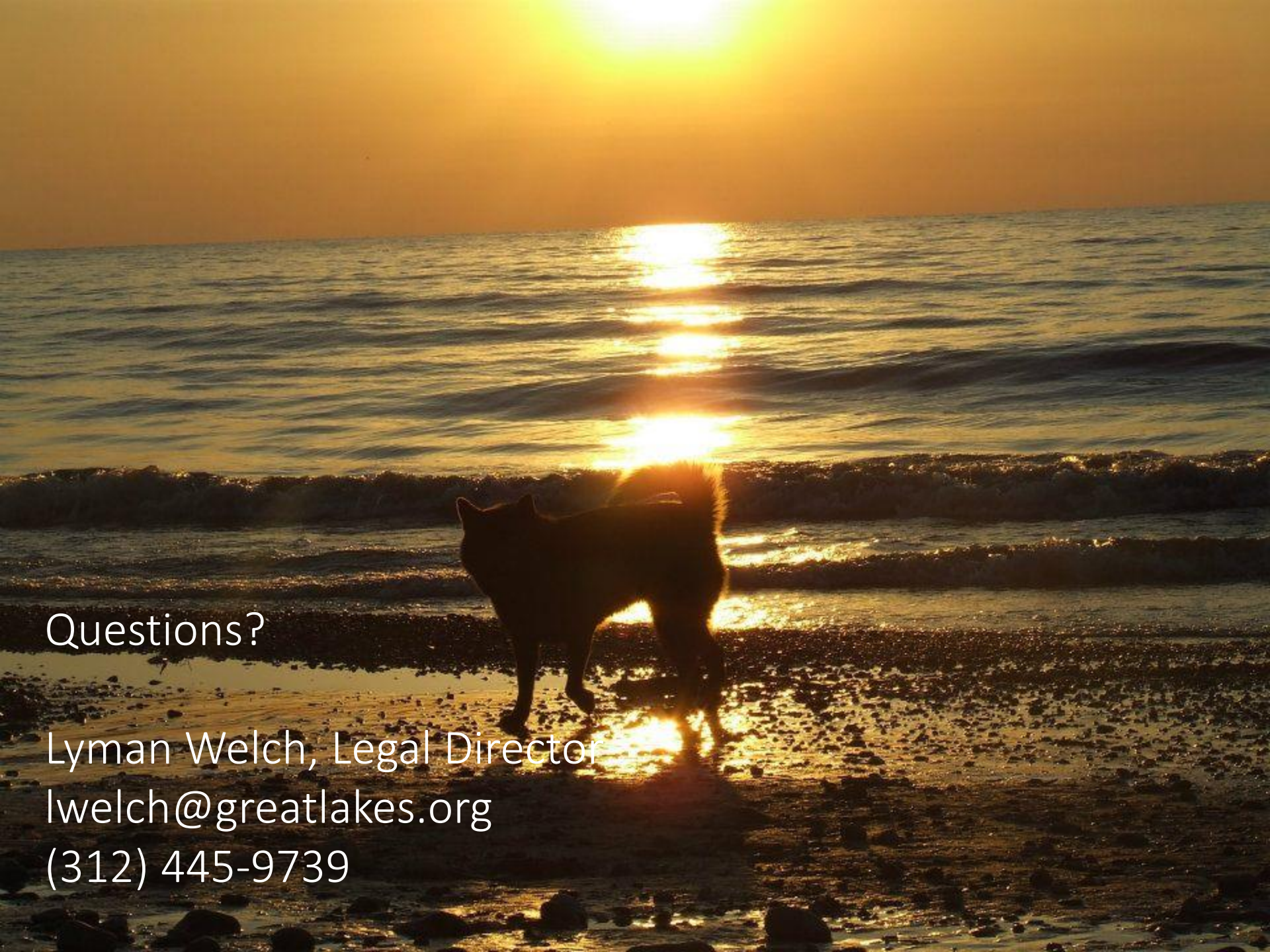
Rejected? Waukesha must revise its application and submit again.

Technical reviews within 60 days

Other public meetings/hearings?

The Regional Body's goal is to review applications within 90 days after they are received

The Compact Council's goal is to approve or deny application within 60 days



Questions?

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