

# Overwater Structures - Keep in Mind:

- The guidelines “no-net-loss” requirement still applies to new o/w structures and proposed SMP design standards
- More than just impacts to bio/physical processes considered:
  - Navigation
  - Aesthetics
  - Associated (upland) impacts from intensive use
  - Other local considerations (adjacent swimming areas, DNR designated “Harbor Areas”, etc.)
- Even with tight standards minimizing impacts, new o/w structures are not appropriate everywhere – can still be prohibited in the SMP (*Samson*, Court of Appeals, Div II)
- A significant issue in marine, lake and river settings
- Please help us determine what our guidance should cover
- Ecology will soon produce guidance on this topic – stay tuned!