

Swimming Raft Exemption Checklist



Certain activities in navigable waters are exempt from needing a permit under [Chapter 30](#). Use this checklist to determine if your project qualifies for an exemption.

Your proposed project is eligible if it meets **all** the following conditions:

- **Federal and State Threatened and Endangered Species:** This exemption does not address threatened and endangered species. Applicants are required to comply with Wisconsin's Endangered Species Law (s. 29.604, Wis. Stats.) and the Federal Endangered Species Act. To determine if the project is in compliance, visit the [NHI Public Portal](#), and enter the project area to generate an Endangered Resources (ER) Preliminary Assessment. Read the ER Preliminary Assessment carefully to determine follow-up steps, if needed.

SIZE/PLACING

- The swimming raft will not exceed 200 square feet in surface area (equivalent to 15-foot diameter for round water trampolines) and will not exceed 38 inches in height above the water level. This does not include protective covers, diving boards, ladders, and slides.
 - *These size and height limitations do not apply if the swimming raft is completely removed from the water and onto shore every day, or if the swimming raft is placed in a designated swim area that is marked and approved by the local municipality and DNR.*
- The swimming raft is placed within 200 feet of the shoreline.

WATERWAY

- The swimming raft will not interfere with public rights in navigable waters.
- The swimming raft will not interfere with the rights of other riparian landowners.
- The swimming raft allows free movement of water underneath which will not cause formation of land on the bed of the waterway.