



Sturgeon Bay Sport Fishing Association  
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Mayor David Ward  
City of Sturgeon Bay  
421 Michigan Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

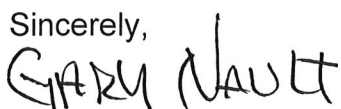
Dear Mayor Ward:

The Sturgeon Bay Sport Fishing Association would like to confirm their support for the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) to be located in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Our members sport fish in both the waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan. They offer outdoor adventures for the warm water species of Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay, as well as the cool water species of the Lake. Nowhere else in our country can offer the ability to access so many species of fish from one location. There is the unique possibility to catch up to 10 different species of fish from just one port. Our members provide those adventures both during the open water season, as well as over the frozen waters during the ice season making our sport fishing a true year-round industry. Sport fishing alone provides billions of dollars to Wisconsin's economy, which Door County gets a large portion of that economic boost every year.

Door County has a long history in both sport and commercial fishing, which still continues to this day. Along with that, recent studies show over 80 percent of our many visitors come to our area, because of the water that surrounds Door County. This is not only to fish, but to sail and boat in our waters, swim, kayak, waterski, or simply sit by the over 250 miles of shoreline and enjoy the serenity that our waters provide.

Locating the NERR in Sturgeon Bay will provide a central location on Green Bay allowing easier access to all of the Bay, as well as the access to all of Lake Michigan from just one location.

Our organization, The Sturgeon Bay Sport Fishing Association of Door County, would greatly welcome and work with the team of the NERR to make our waters and all of the waters a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,  
  
Gary Nault  
President, SBSFA