

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Clean Water Act, Section 401 Certification**

The Baraga County Road Commission is anticipating to complete an emergency culvert replacement project located on Pequaming Road at an unnamed tributary to Lake Superior. The existing culvert is a 57"x38" corrugated metal pipe (CMP) arch culvert that is perched and undersized. The existing culvert is vulnerable with an increased risk for culvert failure and flooding due to the size and condition of the culvert. Recent storm events in the area have proven to have a substantial flood risk, with many similar undersized culverts in the area experiencing culvert failures as a result of these flood events. In order to minimize the risk for culvert failure and flooding, the Baraga County Road Commission is anticipating to install a larger 64"x43" arch culvert with improved invert elevations as a part of their emergency flood damage repair work. The proposed culvert inverts will reduce the excessive perched outlet condition of the existing culvert and provide a more stable stream channel grade. Riprap will be installed to further stabilize the culvert inlet & outlet. The emergency culvert replacement work will include fill and riprap near the culvert outlet to reduce the perched outlet at the site. The proposed work is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2025 in order to minimize the risk for culvert failure and damage during spring snow melt and runoff. The US Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating this project under the Nationwide Permit 3-Maintenance.

**In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is evaluating the submitted materials to determine if there is a reasonable assurance- with conditions attached- that the activities associated with the Army Corps of Engineers' verification of the Nationwide Permit will be consistent with relevant water quality considerations.**

**The Tribe seeks comments on CWA Section 401 Certification of the Army Corps' verification for this project.** All comments are considered during the project review. The 15-day public comment period ends on **10/1/2025**



### **Project Summary**

The proposed project will replace a 57"x38" CMP arch culvert with a larger 64"x43" arch culvert with improved invert elevations as a part of emergency flood damage repair work.

### **Project Details**

Site Access: They will be accessing it through Pequaming Road.

Implementation: The proposed project is to be completed during the fall of 2025. Prior to construction, contractor will implement SESC measures. Existing culvert will be removed and disposed of, site will be stabilized, and replacement will commence in a timely manner. No mitigation will be required as it is only removing and replacing existing infrastructure.

**No discharges should result from this.**

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Water Quality Specialist at (906)524-5757 ext. 4247. Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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**Comment deadline is October 1, 2025**

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