



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Spring Hearings Process Improvement Committee  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	03/26/2023	9:00 am	Zoom
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Terri Roehrig at 9:00 am
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Reed Kabelwosky, Fred Wollenburg, MarySusan Diedrich, Arby Humphrey
EXCUSED	Paul Reith
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Kari Lee Zimmerman - DNR

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	Two resolutions for escalation
ACTION	None

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. RESOLUTION TITLE: Prohibit intentional magnification of wakes for wakesurfing in Presque Isle because State boat wake laws are obsolete.**

1.	Similar to WCC Question on 2023 State Wide Questions #63-68 under Motorized Recreation	Fred Wollenburg
	DISCUSSION	Reed - Because WCC doesn't have an official position, we should let it move forward. If WCC takes a position in May then it becomes redundant. Arby agrees.
	ACTION	Fred to motion to move this forward, pending outcome in May, 2nd by Reed. Motion Carried.
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Terri to move resolution to approved folder	

2.	[DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]	[PRESENTER]
	DISCUSSION	
	ACTION	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**B. RESOLUTION TITLE: Restrict Lead Ammunition for Hunting in Wisconsin** [PRESENTER]

	46,48,52,60,64,16, 55,57,61,75,77,167,173-174,178,181,186-187
DISCUSSION	WCC has a position from 2020 that is very similar to this resolution. <a href="https://p.widencdn.net/pdgo42/2020-05-5A-INFO-NRB-and-WM-spring-hearing-advisory-questions---Copy">https://p.widencdn.net/pdgo42/2020-05-5A-INFO-NRB-and-WM-spring-hearing-advisory-questions---Copy</a>

	<p>QUESTION 1-7: Requiring the use of non-toxic ammunition on state owned or managed lands                  For questions one through seven, the term "state owned or managed lands" applies to any of the following areas:                  (a) All lands, structures and property owned by the department.                  (b) Lands owned by the state of Wisconsin which are under the management, supervision and control of the department.                  (c) Lands under easement to or lease by the state of Wisconsin which are under the management, supervision and control of the department. (This may include VPA lands but would not cover properties enrolled in MFL)</p> <p>The department is exploring requiring use of non-toxic shot on state owned lands or for certain species. Reasons for exploring the use of non-toxic shot include unintended lead poisoning of game and non-game species, lead buildup in areas with concentrated hunting, and potential human health risks. Many state owned and managed properties are popular hunting destinations and enjoy heavy use by our sporting public. But a consequence of their popularity is the heavy burden of lead shot being deposited on DNR-managed lands, resulting in continued contamination of these sites and the predictable negative consequences for our waterfowl, game birds, and other wildlife. Cases of lead poisoning in bald eagles and scavengers spike dramatically during the fall hunting seasons due to the accessibility of gut piles and carcasses from harvested deer. If ingested, relatively small amounts of lead can poison birds; two or three pellets are fatal in some species. And in cases where lead poisoning itself is not fatal, behavioral and physiological changes can influence susceptibility to predation and infectious disease, increasing the probability of death. Because wildlife affected by lead toxicity tend to seek isolation and protective cover, they may not be readily apparent.</p> <p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a nationwide ban on the use of lead shot for hunting waterfowl in 1991 after determining toxic impacts to waterfowl and their predators. The USFWS has required non-toxic shot use for all types of hunting on all waterfowl production areas nationwide since 1998. In Wisconsin, that regulation covers over 20,000 acres of federal lands open to public hunting. In addition, on National Wildlife Refuges in Wisconsin non-toxic shot is required for hunting migratory and upland game bird species, including wild turkey. In 2007, Wisconsin, the department expanded the requirement for non-toxic while hunting other wetland migratory birds such as rails and snipe statewide. In 2008, the department implemented a non-toxic shot requirement for hunting mourning doves on all department lands.</p> <p>1. Do you support requiring the use of non-toxic shot on all state owned or managed properties, except for department designated shooting ranges?</p> <p>Author Comments from correspondence:                  The question on the resolution that you've stated is "similar in nature" states:"Do you support the Conservation Congress and WDNR working cooperatively with other conservation organizations to develop a statewide outreach program that increases the use of non-lead ammunition to end the lead poisoning of wildlife?"</p> <p>That's quite a different question than "Do you support implementing limitations on lead ammunition? This would exclude ammunition used in target shooting, muzzleloader season and could be phased in over time."</p> <p>One is about outreach and the other is about implementing limitations on usage. The resolution you included from 2020 states: " 1. Do you support requiring the use of non-toxic shot on all state owned or managed properties, except for department designated shooting ranges?"</p> <p>This is worded as "shot", to me that only addresses shotgun usage and not ammunition that would be used for deer hunting, etc. It also states "state owned or managed properties", mine does not. I specifically wrote mine to address some of the feedback from the WCC committees and my own strong feelings on how this would work. This is a completely different question.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:                  Reed had reviewed a resolution by Paul Reith WCC delegate and passed it. Discussion around the intent of the resolution. Similar to Paul's resolution - Could we see if he would adopt Paul's. Concern about limiting lead on target ranges. Paul's may want to call this out. Both getting at similar things. Reed willing to work with authors. 2020 is talking about small animals and birds and author resolution is talking about bear and deer. Clarification on trap ranges.</p>
ACTION	Arby makes motion to have Reed work with both authors to determine resolutions Fred Wollenburg 2nd motion. Motion Carried. Reed to follow up with committee on outcome.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reed Kablowski	3/31/23

C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION			
ACTION			
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	<b>9:39 am - Tony Grabinski motion to adjourn, 2nd by Fred Wollenburg. Motion Carried</b>
SUBMITTED BY	<b>Terri Roehrig</b>
DATE	<b>03/26/2023</b>