

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: 2016 Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing Advisory Question Summary and Convention Report

FOR: May 2016 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Larry Bonde, WCC Chair

SUMMARY:

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress convened for its 82nd annual convention on May 12, 13, and 14, 2016 in Manitowoc. The statewide delegation reviewed the Department's proposed rule changes and advisory questions, NRB advisory questions, and Congress advisory questions. The full delegation received informational updates on current natural resource issues and DNR programs. The delegations conducted elections for the Executive Council and Executive Committee and conducted other important Congress business including approving changes to the WCC Code of Procedures and acknowledging our delegates years of service.

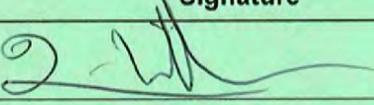
The WCC delegation supported the advancement of 25 of the 33 WCC advisory questions for further consideration by the Department as they work with the legislature and the Natural Resources Board.

RECOMMENDATION: information only

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

- Background memo
- N/A

- N/A
- N/A

Approved by	Signature	Date
Quinn Williams Bureau Director		5/17/16
N/A (choose division) Division Administrator		
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		5/17/16

cc: Board Liaison – AD/8

2016 DNR Spring Rule Hearings - WCC County Meetings
 Summary of Results
 Statewide by Question

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No.	Question Description	Votes Yes	Votes No	Majority	Counties Approving	Counties Rejecting	Counties Tie vote	Counties Not Voting	WCC Recommendation
2016 STATEWIDE ATTENDANCE		4363							
1	Allow the overnight placement of portable stands/blinds on DNR lands north of Hwy 64 Sept. 1-Jan 31	1639	2192	No	20	50	2	0	Reject
2	Allow the overnight placement of stands/blinds on DNR lands north of Hwy 64 during firearm/muzzleloader seasons	1018	2780	No	0	71	1	0	Reject
3	Three year trial period for allowing the overnight placement of stands/blinds on DNR lands north of Hwy 64	2253	1600	Yes	54	16	2	0	Reject
4	Establish that legal hours for taking game be referred to as "shooting hours" rather than "hunting hours"	2339	1474	Yes	61	8	3	0	Reject
5	Issuing antlerless deer permits on a first-come, first-serve basis as currently done	2489	1275	Yes	66	4	2	0	Support
6	Issuing antlerless deer permits through a random drawing with application deadline and preference categories	1630	2137	No	13	56	3	0	Reject
7	Zone A: Shorten beaver/otter trapping by two-four weeks on non-trout waters, keep current season on trout waters	1954	1273	Yes	47	21	4	0	Support
8	Zone B: Shorten beaver/otter trapping by two-four weeks on non-trout waters, keep current season on trout waters	1913	1310	Yes	44	27	1	0	Support
9	Local public notice and input process to change regulations to the most common for fish species on inland waters	2486	1205	Yes	66	5	1	0	Support
10	Local public notice and input process to change regulations for fish species on waters under consumption advisories	2633	1050	Yes	69	3	0	0	Support
11	NRB: Establish consistent season end dates for fall turkey, pheasant, partridge, fisher trapping, and archery deer	2820	894	Yes	72	0	0	0	Support
12	NRB: Eliminate exceptions that allow harvest of antlerless deer in buck-only management units with zero quota	2224	1439	Yes	60	12	0	0	Support
13	Support the Natural Resources Board choosing the DNR secretary (130115)	3436	418	Yes	72	0	0	0	Advance
14	Eliminate the "artificial-only" restriction from regular season trout regulations	1758	1754	Yes	42	25	5	0	Reject
15	Exempt fish and wildlife rules from Act 21	2896	709	Yes	72	0	0	0	Advance
16	Apply for a bear preference points up to six years at a time (510215)	1728	1681	Yes	35	31	6	0	Reject
17	Non-resident black bear preference point price increase (050215)	3110	500	Yes	72	0	0	0	Advance
18	Division of counties into multiple deer management units (110215)	2216	1441	Yes	56	14	2	0	Advance
19	Allow the CDAC's to extend archery season to Jan. 31 in Southern Farmland Zone (520315)	1908	1642	Yes	40	26	6	0	Advance
20	Repeal the iron mining law (010415, etc.)	2350	1140	Yes	62	8	2	0	Advance
21	Moratorium on new state permits for frac sand mining and processing (090115, etc.)	2802	826	Yes	70	2	0	0	Advance
22	Require non-toxic shot on all DNR managed lands (131915)	1920	1959	No	27	45	0	0	Reject
23	Require non-toxic fishing tackle under 1/2 ounce in weight (131915)	1740	2124	No	19	53	0	0	Reject
24	Single dry land trapping opener (500315)	1894	1378	Yes	45	24	3	0	Return to Committee

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25	Establish an otter bag limit (230214)	1933	1403	Yes	63	7	2	0	Advance
26	Nighttime fishing prohibition during spring walleye spawning run near DePere Dam, Fox River (050515)	2340	884	Yes	69	3	0	0	Advance
27	Hunting and trapping on DNR lands at Strawberry Creek (150215)	2309	703	Yes	71	1	0	0	Advance
28	Creation of a Senior Citizen Conservation Patron License	3132	590	Yes	72	0	0	0	Advance
29	Initiate the selling of gift certificates for DNR licenses, fees, permits (270315)	2719	985	Yes	69	3	0	0	Advance
30	Increase scientific, professional natural resource management in Wisconsin DNR (130215)	3287	506	Yes	72	0	0	0	Advance
31	License fee increase (640315)	1951	1885	Yes	31	40	1	0	Advance
32	Registration of non-motorized watercraft (670215)	1374	2450	No	12	60	0	0	Reject
33	Removal of waterfowl blinds on public lands (680315)	2293	1240	Yes	63	8	1	0	Advance
34	End the 16-day 1:00 pm closure in Mead Wildlife Area (370415)	1063	1904	No	12	58	2	0	Reject
35	Raise public awareness of DNR/ conservation efforts for all Wisconsinites (130915)	3391	296	Yes	72	0	0	0	Advance
36	Learn-to-Hunt participation (140215)	2345	1238	Yes	68	3	1	0	Advance
37	Wildlife Conservation Stamp (130515)	2467	1213	Yes	60	10	2	0	Advance
38	Alternate bag limits for Wisconsin's trout fisheries (020315, etc.)	2015	1002	Yes	58	11	3	0	Advance
39	Allow unfilled spring turkey permits to be used in 5th and 6th periods (520215)	1805	1789	Yes	39	32	1	0	Reject
40	Reopen the year round walleye fishing season on the Lower Black River (270415)	1383	1367	Yes	37	32	3	0	Advance
41	Increase the musky size limit on Trout Lake (Vilas County) to 50 inches (640715)	1809	1140	Yes	53	16	3	0	Advance
42	Holding fish for personal gain	2814	644	Yes	71	1	0	0	Advance
43	Elimination of size limit on largemouth bass on Diamond Lake, Bayfield County (040415)	1766	836	Yes	67	4	1	0	Advance
44	Muskellunge size limit increase on North and South Twin Lake, Vilas County (640615)	1689	1106	Yes	49	21	2	0	Advance
45	Reduce yellow perch daily bag limit on Bearskin Lake, Oneida County (440115)	2086	672	Yes	71	0	1	0	Advance

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