

Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2016 Spring District Meeting Agenda



1. **Organizational Matters** ~ 7:00 PM
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. District Councilor Election (*District 12 only*)

2. **Informational Items & Program Updates**
 - A. Review Fisheries Spring Hearing Questions— Local Fisheries Staff & WCC District Councilors
 - B. Review Wildlife Spring Hearing Questions—Local Wildlife Staff & WCC District Councilors
 - C. DNR Staff Updates (*regional or statewide issues of interest*)
 - D. DNR Alignment Status Update
 - E. GO WILD system
 - F. Review Conservation Congress Advisory Questions—WCC District Councilors

3. **Conservation Congress Annual County Meeting and DNR Spring Hearing Logistics**
 - A. Review the Information Provided in the *Spring Hearing Logistics Memo*
 - Delegate Election
 1. Review the county seats up for election in 2016
 2. Review election protocol – review protocol for run-off elections
 3. Elections should be held for vacant seats in your county
 - Review Hearing Officer Roles and Responsibilities
 - Review WCC County Chair’s Roles and Responsibilities

 - B. Delegate Profiles
 - Delegate profiles will again be available online in the form of a survey. Delegates have until **Friday, April 15, 2016**, to complete their delegate profile online. Delegates not up for election will receive an informational email in late February with the link to the survey, instructions for taking the survey, and their username and password for logging onto the survey. If a delegate does not have email, a hardcopy will be sent in the mail to be completed and sent back. Newly elected and re-elected delegates with email will receive the informational email a few days after the Spring Hearings and delegates without email will receive a hardcopy at the hearings to be completed and sent back by Friday, April 15, 2016.

 - C. Local Spring Hearing Press
 - This year we will be sending the press release electronically to those delegates with email. Please decide who within your county will be responsible for taking this press release to local media outlets. We offer this press release to media for their use in order to get the word out about the Spring Hearings, but we do not have the funding to pay to have this published in local papers. If you would like a hardcopy of this press release to distribute, please contact Adam Lindsey at Adam.Lindsey@wisconsin.gov.
 - Again this year the one page flyer is available on the WCC’s Spring Hearing website. You can click the dropdown box and find your county and location, print off copies and post around your communities.

4. Other Congress Business

A. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes

- This is your opportunity to review and discuss the Code of Procedure changes that were advanced by the Executive Council. These proposed amendments to the Congress operating procedures will be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2016 Annual Convention.

B. Committee Appointments

- The Executive Councilors will discuss with their districts the advisory committee selection process and will work with their district delegates to identify the appropriate members to sit on the various advisory committees.

C. Expo Travel Grant

- The Friends of the WCC will provide travel grants (up to \$200 per individual grant request) to school districts or other youth groups who wish to attend the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo at the DNR's MacKenzie Center in Poynette. Applications are due **April 27, 2016** and can be found on the WCC website under "community outreach." Please let your local schools and youth organizations know about this opportunity. The MOHEE dates are May 18-19, 2016.

D. WCC Learn-to-Bear-Hunt Tag

- The Congress will receive one tag for the 2016 LTBH event to be awarded to a novice hunter. An application for a novice hunter can be found on the WCC website under "community outreach." It is due **April 27, 2016**. Please share the application with prospective bear hunters and encourage them to submit the form and essay. The winner will be announced at the Annual Convention. Anyone who is interested in mentoring a Learn to Bear Hunt participant or donating/transferring a bear tag to a new hunter should contact Mike Rogers at (608) 643-8057.

E. Delegate Resources

- Delegates have a number of resources available to them under "local delegate resources" from the WCC homepage (<http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html>). Please review the guidance, trainings, and templates available to you. Also, there is a new 1 ½ minute promotional video available for delegates to use when giving talks about the Congress or encouraging others to get involved. It can be found on the WCC homepage (<http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/>).

F. Travel Reimbursement

5. Member Matters

6. Adjourn