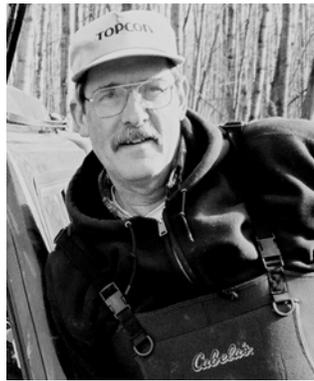


Chairman's Update



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By Edgar Harvey, Jr.

I hope that you are all having a great summer. I have been way too busy. I have gotten out fishing a few times, but not nearly often enough. I have a family bear hunting trip planned to Canada, over Labor Day, and while I always enjoy hearing from all of you, I'm looking forward to being out of phone range for that week. There have been a lot of things going on with the Congress. As always, the

Migratory Committee is busy in the summer working on establishing the 2008 duck and goose seasons. We have more August committee meetings scheduled this year than ever before, and the Executive Committee appreciates all of the study committee chairs who have agreed to hold Saturday meetings this summer. Probably the biggest news however is this newsletter itself. A big "thanks!" to Lee Fahrney. You have no idea how many hours he has put into this. Add that to the time Lee spent on the Youth Expo, and you have a full time job.

Here is some of the major news that I would like to draw your attention to:

DMU boundary and goals.

The Department is beginning the process of unit boundary and over winter goal review. This process is

only open every few years, and it seems that in years when changes aren't being solicited, everyone has ideas for changes. Then, when the opportunity finally comes around, no one has the time to push a change through. This time around a stakeholder committee is being formed to assemble such ideas, evaluate them, and take a package of changes to the Board. Al Phelan will represent the Congress on the committee. Please get whatever ideas for changes, which you may have brewing, or stewing upon, to him. We expect a little later down the line that you will have opportunities to provide input at hearings. Please be sure to attend these.

Among the ideas being considered will be the consolidation of units which was suggested, two years ago, by

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Youth Expo leaves "No child left inside"

By Lee Fahrney, Outdoor Heritage Committee Vice-Chair

BEAVER DAM – They came from the nearby towns of Columbus and Fall River and from the four corners of the state: from La Crosse on the Mississippi River; Bril-

lion and Reedsville to the east; from the southern Wisconsin communities of Sun Prairie and Plain; and the "Up North" village of Schofield.

By mid-morning on Thursday, May 15 and again the next day, a steady stream

of yellow school buses bursting with eager and excited students jammed the access roads to the Dodge County Fairgrounds near Beaver Dam to take part in Wisconsin Outdoor Education Expo 2008.

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Wisconsin Conservation Congress Donates \$1,320 for the 2008 Learn To Bear Hunt Program

MADISON – On Tuesday, July 15, 2008, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) donated \$1,320 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Bureau of Law Enforcement, Learn-to-Hunt Program for use during the 2008 Learn to Bear Hunt event.

“The Congress is a strong proponent of youth hunting opportunities and understands the importance of recruiting new hunters,” stated Rich Kirchmeyer, Chair of the WCC Bear Committee and Secretary of the WCC. “The WCC felt that the best use of this money was to help defer the costs for the youth hunters that will participate in this year’s event.”

The funds were originally donated to the Congress a number of years ago by the Wisconsin Bear Hunters’ Association and the Wisconsin Bowhunters’ Association to develop educational materials. In May 2008, the WCC Executive Council voted unanimously that these funds be directed towards the Learn to Bear Hunt event.

According to Recreational Safety Warden Jon King, the Learn to Bear Hunt program coordinator for the Department, the Learn to Hunt program has no dedicated funding, so gifts like this from the Congress are extremely valuable.

“We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Congress,” he said. “These funds will go a long way in helping the young hunters and their families, many of which will be traveling a great distance to participate in this unique event. This is just one example of the type of dedication and effort that has been exhibited by sporting groups and hunters to help make this year’s Learn to Bear Hunt event happen.”

The announcement of the donation coincided with the drawing of successful participants in the 2008 Learn to Bear Hunt. On Tuesday morning, approximately two dozen children aged 11 to 14 were selected to participate in this year’s event. Rich Kirchmeyer from the WCC, as well as members from the DNR were present for the drawing.

“We received about 180 applications for this special event, from children across the state,” stated King. “We then conducted a random drawing to select the lucky hunters that will participate in this year’s event.”

According to King, participants and their families will attend one of five field days around the state on Friday, August 22 where they will learn about bear biology, hunting techniques and safety. Then, on Saturday and Sunday they will be mentored by experience bear hunters who have volunteered to take the kids bear hunting.

“This will be the fourth year of this special hunt,” stated Keith Warnke, DNR Big Game specialist. “The Department has established a system of reserving a proportion of unclaimed bear harvest permits for use during the Learn to Bear Hunts. Approximately 100 bear have been harvested over the three previous years.”

The Learn to Hunt Program is focused on giving youth and novice hunters fundamental knowledge of game species and how to hunt them. Anyone who is over the age of 10 and has less than two years of hunting experience is eligible to



WCC Secretary Rich Kirchmeyer presents a check to Chief Warden Randy Stark for the 2008 Learn to Bear Hunt Program.

participate. Participants experience classroom and field teaching in various avenues including; biology, hunting tactics, calls, and firearm handling and safety. Following this required instruction the participants take to the field. Mentors, with five or more years of hunting experience, provide knowledge and guidance to their youth and novice companions in the field.

“Wisconsin has one of the most well known hunting traditions in the United States,” explained Ed Harvey, Chair of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. “It is a proud tradition that has brought families together for decades, but now families are busier and are finding it hard to take children out hunting. We feel the Learn to Hunt Program helps to fill the roll of introducing youngsters and novice hunters to the outdoors and Wisconsin’s rich hunting and conservation heritage.”



WCC Special Outreach Committee

In May 2007, the Congress Executive Council tackled some pretty big questions. *How do we communicate who we are? How do we communicate what we do? How does the Congress stay in touch with its members?*

Why does all this matter? Because these questions all related back to the ultimate question...*How does the Congress stay relevant?*

Following the May 2007 Executive Council, Chairman Harvey hand se-

lected a group of delegates to address these big picture questions. The group identified itself as the Congress Special Outreach Committee. Members included: Larry Bonde, Manitowoc County; Dale

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Expo '08 offered seven different "Camps" where the more than 3,000 fourth- and fifth-grade students enjoyed a multitude of hands-on outdoor activities. The camps included Wildlife and Heritage, Archery, Wildlife, Fishing, Sporting Dogs, Firearm Safety, and Trail Recreation.

The event has its origin as a project of the Wisconsin Outdoors Alliance Foundation in conjunction with more than 75 conservation-related and other interested organizations. Prominently included among those involved were the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Instruction.

Ratings from students and teachers indicate a high level of satisfaction with the event. The 2008 expo recorded the highest rating – an average of 9.4 on a scale of 1-10.

Amanda Patterson, 5th grade teacher at Schofield Elementary School had the following comments: "This was an absolutely AMAZING experience. My students and I were extremely impressed by the amount of time and effort that was put into the event. It fit exactly with our district's 5th grade environmental education goals."

"This will now become our 5th grade 'big' class trip for the year, even with the two-and-one-half hour trip each way," she added.

Mary Farron, a 5th grade teacher from Elkhart Lake Middle School, echoed her comments. "We had a wonderful time at the Expo this year. Many of the kids got to try things that they would not have otherwise been able to do."

The total number of students served during the three-year history of the event exceeds 14,000. Overall numbers were down this year, however, as several schools cancelled the week prior to the event. In all cases, cost of transportation was cited as the major factor.

In most cases, school districts pick up the cost of transportation. Now, thanks to the generosity of Conservation Congress members, more students will be able to attend.

Stepping up to the plate in a big way at the state convention, WCC members donated \$870 in a pass-the-hat surge of generosity with another \$450 being added from the gun raffle. All the money will go toward helping financially strapped school districts pay for transportation costs.

"The Outdoor Expo is perhaps our most significant state-wide involvement with youth education each year," said Conservation Congress Chair Ed Harvey. "It was heartwarming to see the great response from our members at the convention in support of this effort," he added.

Expo organizers provide teachers with a descriptive packet in advance, detailing information about the event as well as materials that connect with academic standards established by DPI. A DVD describing the activities and both pre- and post-tests round out the assistance provided to each teacher.

The Expo succeeds with the help of numerous volunteers from sponsoring organizations. Dale Maas, chair of the Dodge County delegation to the Conservation Congress, serves as the local liaison for the event. He contributes dozens of hours of volunteer work, coordinating logistics with local organizations and businesses to provide tents, tables, utility vehicles, communications, security and emergency medical services.

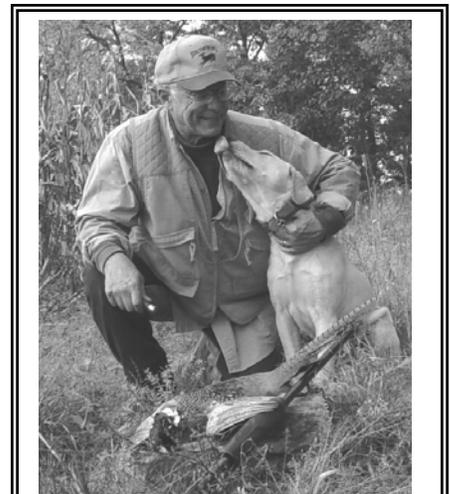
"I've been involved with conservation all my life – hunting as soon as I was old enough to hold a gun and fishing when I was big enough to hold a pole," he said. "I want to make sure the outdoor heritage is passed on."

While funding for the event comes from scores of organizations within Wisconsin, the program got its start in 2006 with a \$10,000 grant from Weatherby Foundation, Inc. The WFI partners expo events in 18 states across the country.



Beaver Dam 5th grade teacher Glen Milleville visited the Wisconsin Conservation Congress display at Youth Expo 2008 with members of his class and a classroom aide. Milleville has brought students to the Expo each of the last three years.

The Outdoor Expo as presently organized can accommodate up to 5,000 students and teachers. For more information about the Wisconsin Outdoor Education Expo, go to www.wisexpo.com or call toll free at (877) 432-7698.



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Maas, Dodge County; Lee Fahrney, Iowa County; Dustin Grant, Marquette County; Rob Bohmann, Racine County; and the DNR's Congress Liaison, Kurt Thiede.

At the direction of the Executive Committee, the Special Outreach Committee met twice in 2007 in Beaver Dam to address these types of issues and discuss outreach related topics. Also, since many of these issues came to light due to the lack of Congress involvement in the 2007 Outdoor Education Expo, the committee also debated the future involvement of the Conservation Congress in the Outdoor Education Expo.

In January 2008, the Special Outreach Committee presented their findings to the Executive Council. The special committee identified two critical goals that they felt that the Congress needed to address:

- 1) Make sure we let our members know what is happening from the top down and from the bottom up.
- 2) Make sure external groups, the NRB, the DNR and the legislature know what we are about and where we stand on important issues.

The one tool identified that the committee felt could immediately help with these tasks was a dedicated Wisconsin Conservation Congress newsletter.

"According to the historic Congress files, at one time there was a Congress newsletter," stated Kurt Thiede, Congress Liaison with the DNR. "The title of the newsletter was the *Conservation Chronicle*. I'm sure there are delegates who may know more about the publication and how regularly it was distributed. When we were considering names for the newsletter, it seemed like it was appropriate to stick with tradition."

The newsletter was seen as a way to communicate with delegates. To share stories, and to keep delegates, as well as other organizations informed of Congress positions, current issues and what was going on around the state.

"We don't intend this to be a top down publication," explained Rob Bohmann, Outreach committee member and Congress Vice-Chairman. "While there will be articles from the Executive Committee, we also want delegates to submit stories, photos, and even recipes. We

hope this publication will become a way for delegates to get to know one another as well as stay informed."

"This is the Congress' newsletter and we need delegates to be involved," he added. "There are a lot of delegates that have a gift for writing; we need to have these folks come forward and contribute their talents and knowledge."

One of the Committee's other recommendations was that the Outreach should continue meeting to monitor existing outreach activities and identify new opportunities and initiatives.

"The Congress can benefit from an effective and active outreach plan," stated Larry Bonde, Outreach Committee member and Chair of the Congress' Rules and Resolutions Committee. "Good outreach and communication can go a long way in promoting the Congress' mission, recruiting members, and developing a sense of pride in our organization. The Congress represents everyone, and we need to make sure we do an effective job of keeping our members informed."



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the SAK audit report. The larger the units become, the more accurate the population estimate for the individual units will be. It's a math thing. However, management units have become as small as they are in Wisconsin for a reason.

The greatest concern that we hear from the public, concerning deer numbers is what the herd looks like from each hunter's tree. They do not care that the average density in their unit is 35 per square mile of deer range. If the average density in the township that they hunt in is only 5 deer per square mile, they want the rest of the deer that they are entitled to. Never mind that in another part of the unit, where hunter access is much poorer, the average deer density is 60 deer per square mile.

Larger units will mean even larger disparities. Nothing can be done to

force landowners who want more deer to allow more deer to be harvested. Those areas will always have populations significantly over goal. Whatever formula, or structure, or schema we use, we can not change the densities there. The herd across each unit is brought to goal by reducing the population in areas where access is allowed, and where quotas and permit numbers are effective to a level correspondingly below goal (this is also a math thing). Those who allow access to their properties, those who actually hunt deer, and control deer numbers are thereby penalized with still lower numbers.

Larger units will reduce opportunities to increase goals, or otherwise address problems in local areas, because those areas will not cover most of a unit. There are, I'm sure, opportunities to consolidate units. We need to be open

to these changes. However, we need to be careful about how far we are willing to go for the sake of more accurate average deer density numbers.

USFS. Travel Management Project

The travel management plan is a recent proposal to close 55% of the roads in Wisconsin's National Forests. Although the Forest Service is keen on the idea of lower deer numbers, they do not think that hunter access to the forest is necessary. Although they are keen on reducing the forest's beaver population, they do not feel obligated to provide access to sportsmen to trap them. They have their own "sportsmen" who will harvest beaver with dynamite, completely wasting the resource.

Closed areas will provide populations of fish and game which are more or

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less unexposed to human harvest. Those populations will be accessible only to the fittest of the fit. The proposal flies in the face of family oriented outdoor activities. We will not be able to enjoy these areas with our twelve year old grandchildren or our seventy-five-year-old parents. It is not clear who the Forest Service feels will use and enjoy the closed areas. However, the obvious next step is to close these areas to timber harvest.

We should all be outraged that time and money was made available for this project in the first place. The U.S.F.S. told the press that they were not able to get participation, in the process, from sportsmen. We have assigned this issue to the Public and Private Lands Committee. We are not able to get the Forestry and Parks Committee together before the review period ends. In the mean time, written comments should be submitted to: Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor, Attn: Travel Management Project EA, 1170 4th Avenue S, Park Falls, WI 54552; or FAX 715-762-5179. by August 11, 2008. Also, please solicit comments from any groups which you are involved with.

Alternate Funding

A few years ago (perhaps ten years ago), a Congress group, which has developed into our Alternate Funding Committee, looked at alternate funding with a great deal of scrutiny. They determined that the sales tax is the only alternative that will generate anything close to enough revenue to make a difference. A license plate will generate only a small percentage of what is needed to keep hunting, fishing and trapping licenses affordable. The same is true of registration of utility trailers (that money would soon be raided for highway purposes, because it would seem more appropriate to legislators), registration of boat trailers (that would only be an additional tax on those who would pay the increased license fees anyway), or any of the other bones that have been thrown our way to shut us up.

Going into this election, we are being told that key legislators will not entertain any proposal on alternative funding that is associated with a sales tax.

If we can find a legislator who is fool enough to introduce the bill, it will never be seen again. The idea of accepting such a declaration from legislators is not acceptable to me. Conservationists should either see some action on the issue, or they need to hire some different legislators. However, the sportsmen's groups appear to have little interest in the issue at present.

Unless something earth shattering comes out of the elections, we should probably put the issue on hold until the political waters are better. Instead, we should be prepared to support budget solutions that will keep conservation programs operating, which may mean support for a fee increase in next year's budget.

Delegate Reimbursement Rate Increase

Speaking of funding, a couple years ago in response to a deficit in the Congress operating budget, the Executive Committee volunteered to reduce reimbursement rates for travel to and from required committee meetings. We have been monitoring our budget closely, and as I mentioned in your fall district meeting packets, after another year of belt tightening, it appears that we can again step up our mileage reimbursement for delegates. I am pleased to announce that we have increased our mileage from \$0.32 per mile to \$0.40 per mile. None of us got into this to make money, but hopefully the rate increase for mileage will offer some relief from high gas prices.





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Delegate Profile... Rich Kirchmeyer

Rich, the current Conservation Congress Secretary, has served on the Congress for 28 years. He has served on the Fur Harvest and Turkey Committees, and has served on the Bear Study Committee since 1985, and has been Chair of that committee since 2000.



"In 1985 I was asked by then Chairman Murphy to serve on the Ad Hoc Bear Committee," said Kirchmeyer. "When the Bear Committee became a permanent committee in 1990 I became Secretary. In 2000 after being elected to the Executive Council, I became Chairman of the Bear Committee."

Rich, a lifetime resident of Price County, is married and has a son, Mitchel, 21, and daughter, Kelly, 19. Rich is a self employed carpenter, wood worker, Christmas tree grower, and a licensed guide catering primarily to bear and ruffed grouse hunters.

Rich is an avid bowhunter, mainly deer and turkey. He also does a fair amount of varmint calling for coyote and bobcat. Rich also spends a lot of the fall trapping and also participates in the cable restraint season.

"I really enjoy being on the Congress," he said. "Being informed and active on the outdoor issues can take up a fair amount of time, but I want to make sure that our generation and future generations have a chance to enjoy what I enjoy now. That's why I have been a hunter safety instructor for 30 years, and a mentor for the Learn to Bear Hunt and for the turkey and deer youth hunts."

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The Natural Resources Board Acts on 2008 Spring Hearing Rules

The Natural Resources Board, at its May and June meetings, approved proposed hunting and fishing related rule changes which appeared on the 2008 Spring Hearings.

The Department placed seven statewide wildlife questions and three wildlife related questions that were primarily of local interest on the 2008 Spring Hearing Questionnaire. All of those questions received majority support by total votes and by county tally. The Department recommended Board adoption of all 10 proposals.

Ed Harvey, Congress Chairman, testified in support of the Department's recommendation.

"The Wisconsin Conservation Congress convened for its 74th annual convention on May 8, 9, and 10, 2008," stated Harvey. "Considering each of these proposals received wide spread support across the state by attendees to the April 14, 2008 Spring Hearings, the Congress delegates, at our annual convention, voted to support adoption of these proposals by the Board."

Fisheries rule changes were brought to the June Board meeting. The Fisheries program presented 32 rule changes at the 2008 Spring Hearings for public comment. Many of the fisheries rule proposals, like the wildlife proposals, passed and were in turn passed by the delegates at the statewide convention. However, there were a few proposals that were defeated.

"Questions 12 – 16 related to rule changes that originated from legislation included in the state budget regarding the catch and release bass and musky seasons," said Harvey. "Neither the Congress nor the public at the Spring Hearings supported any of the proposed rule changes associated with the budget bill provisions. Sen. Meyer, the legislator who placed the provisions in the budget, since the annual Conservation Congress statewide convention has publicly rescinded his support for the proposition."

Considering the statement from Sen. Miller, regarding his intent to introduce legislation to rescind the budget language, the DNR did not recommend adoption of any of the proposals relating to the catch and release bass or musky questions.

"The Congress appreciates that the Senator has received the message loud and clear and we also appreciate that the DNR has decided to not advance any of the proposed changes," added Harvey.

The Congress did not support the Department's position to advance question 24, dealing with musky size limits on the Chippewa Flowage. While the Department's position was supported by the statewide vote of 2,175 to 1,805, the delegation voted to oppose the advancement of this rule change proposal based on the discussion on the floor at the annual meeting.

Prairie River - The most debated proposal heading into the June Board meeting was question 36, pertaining to trout fishing regulations on a stretch of the Prairie River in Lincoln County. In 2003, the length of the category five section of the Prairie River, in Lincoln County, was increased to about five miles. This was the result of a question which appeared in the 2002 spring hearing questionnaire.

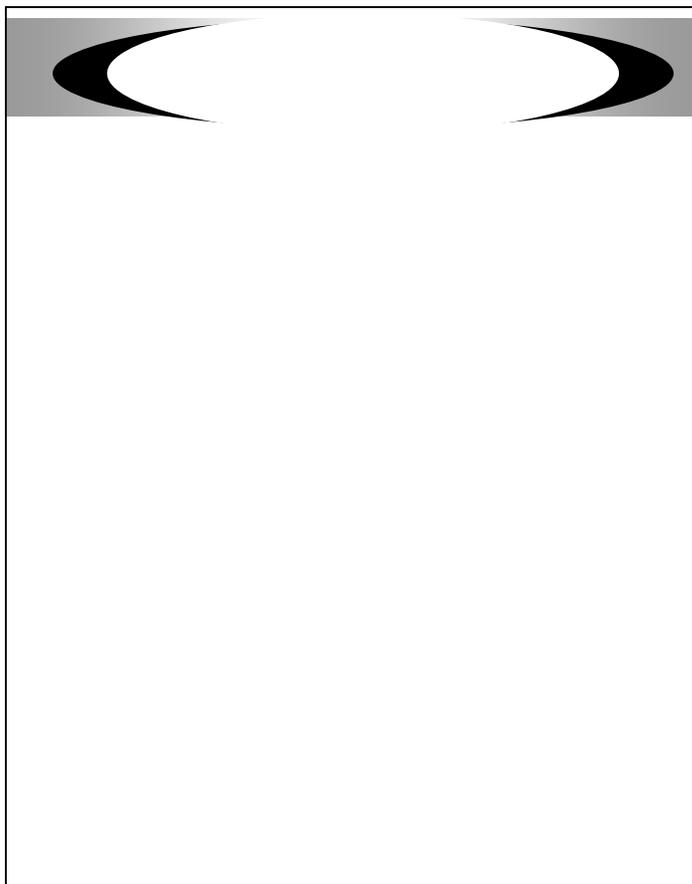
The new rule set a one fish bag limit, with a 12" minimum size limit for brook and rainbow trout, and an 18" size limit on brown trout. Artificial lures only were allowed.

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"The new rule was locally unpopular," Harvey testified. "By 2006, Department personal dealing with the issue noted that those opposed to the rule were not likely to take no for an answer. In the 2007 questionnaire, the Department of Natural Resources asked the public if, beginning in 2008, they would prefer that the river be changed to a category four stream. The vote on the 2007 question was 909 voting to go to category four, 563 voting to stay at category five. In Lincoln County 47 favored category four, 29 preferred category five."

The rule was put in place. However, concerns were raised that if more complete information had been provided with the question, the vote might have gone differently. In response, Board members worked with Department staff to place a new question, with more complete information on the 2008

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questionnaire. The statewide vote was 2024 favoring category five, 1494 favoring category four.

“There was additional information which the voters at the spring hearings did not have,” said Harvey. “They could not possibly have known that, at that very moment, more people had assembled in Lincoln County than had ever assembled for a Lincoln County spring hearing before. In Lincoln County, only 36 people voted for the category five proposal, and 135 voted to return to category four.”

On the floor of the Congress, on May 9, 2008, delegates voted to recommend to the Board that the statewide vote be overturned, and the stream remain category four based on the overwhelming local opposition to the category 5 regulations.

“This is not a Congress advisory question, it is a proposed rule change,”

Harvey concluded. “The question before the Board today is not whether or not the Congress has the authority to overturn the statewide vote. We do not. The question before the Board today is not necessarily whether the statewide vote or the local vote should bear more weight in the decision. If you believe, as I do, that in this case the local vote should prevail, then your mind should already be made up. If you believe that the statewide majority should rule, then the question that you must consider today is whether 266 voters would have changed their votes on April 14, if they had known what was going on in Lincoln County. Our delegates believe that the added information about the Lincoln County vote would have swayed voters. I think that they are right.”

After further deliberation and one proposed compromise amendment failed. The Board voted to support the

DNR and congress position that the category four regulations should remain on the section of Prairie River.

Legislative Review - Currently, both the Wildlife and Fisheries Program rule proposals are under the period for legislative review at the capitol. The Assembly Natural Resources Committee held a public hearing on the wildlife rule proposals on June 18, 2008. The Wildlife program anticipates that the rules will clear legislative review and take effect on February 1, 2009.

The legislature has up to 60 days to review the Fisheries rule proposals. Both the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Environmental Resources Committee can call for a hearing within that 60 day period.



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August

- 2 Migratory Committee Mtg.
- 4 District 1 Fall Mtg.
- 5 Districts 7, 10, 11 & 12 Fall Mtgs.
- 6 Districts 2 & 9 Fall Mtgs.
- 7 Districts 4 & 5 Fall Mtgs.
- 9 Upland Game Committee Mtg.
Private/Public Land Use
Committee Mtg.
- 11 Districts 3, 6, & 8 Fall Mtgs.
- 12/13 NRB Mtg. - Platteville

- 15 Habitat Committee Mtg.
Hunting w/ Dogs Committee Mtg.
- 22 Turkey Committee Mtg.
- 23 Endangered Res / Law
Enforcement Committee Mtg.
Rules & Resolutions Committee
Mtg.
Mississippi River Committee Mtg.

September

- 12/13 Trout Committee Mtg.
- 23/24 NRB Meeting Wausau
- 27 Warm Water Committee Mtg.
Great Lakes Committee Mtg.
Legislative Committee Mtg.

October

- 21/22 NRB Mtg. Eagle River
- 24 Wolf Committee Mtg.

December

- 5 Fur Harvest Committee Mtg.
Bear Committee Mtg.
- 9/10 NRB Mtg. Madison
- 12 Migratory Committee Mtg.
- 19 Big Game Committee Mtg.

January

- 9 Executive Council Mtg.

March

- 14 Awards Committee Mtg.

April

- 13 Spring Hearings

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