

Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Legislative Committee Minutes – October 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Legislative Committee was held on October 2, 2010 at the MacKenzie Environmental Center of Poynette, Wisconsin.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Organizational Matters

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 am by Jayne Meyer, Chair.

Ann Marie Kutzke, Secretary called roll.

Committee members present included: Jayne Meyer (*co-chair*); Dustin Grant (*co-chair*); Ann Marie Kutzke (*secretary*); John Jones; William Howe; Harold Drake; Roger Wilson; Bob Chojnowski; Allen Haase.

Committee members excused included: James McCaulley; Michael Reese; David Wineburner; Harley Kurtz.

DNR Staff present included: Tom Van Haren, *Warden*; Paul Heinen, *DNR Legislative Liaison*

Other participants included: Rob Bohman, WCC Vice-Chair; Bryan Johannes, Resolution Author; Dan Syvrud, Resolution Author, Carl Michalski, Resolution Author.

Motion by Harold Drake, seconded by Roger Wilson to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ann Marie Kutzke, Secretary, read the mission statement adopted by the Legislative Committee in 2008.

The mission of the Legislative Committee of the Conservation Congress is to advise the legislature of the official positions of the Congress and to testify to such at legislative hearings and meetings; to review resolutions and legislation in order to advise and recommend positions to the members and leadership of the congress; and to work with the department of natural resources in the development and implementation of wildlife, habitat, and conservation legislation, and administrative rules.

Motion by Harold Drake, seconded by William Howe to approve the 2009 minutes of the Legislative Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Howe to amend agenda to take up Resolution 200310 before the Informational Items to accommodate the resolution author; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution author, Bryan Johannes distributed a copy of resolution 200310 and spoke about Act 82 regarding the agricultural damage program. Mr. Johannes gave background information on how the program was started and why this resolution was created. According to Mr. Johannes, access to land for hunting is decreasing because of this program. Ideally, this program is designed to allow hunters access to farmland either owned or leased by an individual who has ag damage tags without an abundance of paperwork for the landowner or leasee.

Much discussion took place regarding the program itself, how payments are made and how ag damage tags are issued and what the accountability is regarding this program.

Mr. Howe indicated that there are some orchards in southwestern Wisconsin that do not care to have hunters on their land even though they have ag damage. He asked if this law helps those individuals. Mr. Van Haren indicated that presently it does help those land owners because it allows them to control it themselves if they do not collect the money. If they do collect money they do need to open the land. This law allows individuals to harvest out of season.

Mr. Johannes, indicated that there is a landowner with approximately 100 or so acres, who pays less taxes per acre because it is zoned agricultural in comparison to recreational, this same individual is allowed to use a rifle verses shot gun in a shot gun only area, and now because of this law has a private hunting area for him and his buddies. Mr. Johannes believes such individuals who manipulate the system should not have such access.

Ms. Meyer questioned if individuals are getting permits for the ag damage regardless if they are collecting funding, does the DNR collect any funding for it? Mr. Van Haren stated that all the DNR is doing is giving the farmer or land owner-a permit to shoot deer causing damage. He also indicated that there is \$2 surcharge on all hunting licenses that pays for ag damage claims.

Mr. Van Haren stated that when a farmer or landowner who does not apply for payment for the damage, it doesn't take money from the total pool of money available, gives more money to be given out to those that are collecting, gives land owners option to control access to property & control of animals. Exemption for rifle for landowner even in shot gun only. Damage permits extend up to ¼ of an acre past the landowners property, which they can shoot with permission of the adjacent landowners.

Mr. Johannes, indicated that for 1 huntable acre on his neighbors property, the neighbor gets 15 tags, then the neighbor runs out then gets another 15 additional tags. According to Mr. Johannes, his neighbor has been turned in, and all his neighbor does is put the tags in someone elses name such as a leasee. This practice is allowed and hunting continues through these tags all year long. And the permits are for antlerless deer only, not for antlered bucks.

Ms. Meyer clarified the process as far as pursuing a legislative change. If this guy is clearly violating it is clear the DNR needs to do something. Especially if the landowner is not wearing blaze orange etc., this is an enforcement issues that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Johannes, there is a lot of money left over, there is a huge revenue left. When I go to other meetings there are many people that come up with the ag damage permits, they all have the same problem the wildlife biologists passing off responsibility. And the ag tags are increasing and the

other property owners are not allowing hunting. If I was the person with ag tags, but I would allow ethical hunters on.

Mr. Haase said there is no set amount of ag tags/slips/ it is basically based on deer and the amount of damage and the wildlife biologist makes that call. It varies throughout the state.

Mr. Van Haren indicated if they are getting paid, they are required to shoot a certain amount of deer. The individuals must meet the required levels or they will not be eligible for the next year. Furthermore, permits can be revoked because of not following their regulations. But it is only revoked for that season, but the DNR just changed rules to allow the DNR to close that property for that season and then for the following year. Violations of blaze orange or baiting we can already enforce.

Mr. Haase stated if I was a person who owned or leased land if the old program still provided hunting opportunities and was not cumbersome on paperwork, there should be some type of provision to protect the old method instead of allowing for misuse of ag tags and hunting opportunities.

Mr. Chojnowski stated that this is a complicated issued, if we approve this resolution what will change? If this Act 82 is eliminated, these people who own the land will still get to hunt, its fine family still can hunt, but what Act 82 to allow is privatized hunting groups thus the program doesn't stop the farmer or designated person from keeping accurate records and allowing who can hunt the land. It keeps better record of the land. The ag tag program doesn't work according to the DNR, it is just a feel good program.

Mr. Van Haren stated that since January 2007, if a person wants to shoot deer that are damaging regardless of the property damage if they sustain \$1000 and they just want to control the deer the only way they can get a permit is opening access up to hunting if they get paid for the damage, other than that they just get ag tags to help control the amount of damage..

Mr. Wilson stated even if they don't take the compensation they should have to open it up to hunting access for all. If they want tags they have to open up the land. Act 82 allows them to get tags and keep others off the land at their discretion.

Mr. Howe asked how many permits are issued? What is the average number and what is the top limit is allowed under the first permit?

Mr. Van Haren stated that it is up to the discretion of the wildlife biologist based on numbers and damage. I don't know the answer to the question because I am not involved in issuing the permits.

Mr. Grant indicated that there are farms that get 80 to 90 permits.

Mr. Haase made a motion to ask the DNR to pursue legislative change that will repeal this section of the statue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items & Updates

Paul Heinen, DNR Legislative Liaison gave an overview of what took place during the 2010 legislative session.

Handouts included:

- 2009-2011 Legislation (Attachment A)
- Final 2009-2011 Legislation: First 4 pages are all the Senate bills, and then what happened in the Legislature (Attachment B)
- 2009-2011 Legislative Session – Noteworthy Bills (Attachment C)

Mr. Heinen reviewed what took place over the Legislative session, including highlights on the building permits in wetlands.

Mr. Grant indicated that this legislation puts a lot of responsibility on local governments.

Mr. Wilson indicated that he serves on the Board of Zoning in Douglas County and they work very closely with the DNR.

Mr. Howe indicated that that DOT and the DNR do not communicate together about hwy and building projects and there is a process that doesn't allow the builder to do much but it allows for holding pumps. According to an article that he read, the article indicated that we are creating new wetlands without any new outlets and we are going to continue to create wetlands and we won't list them until we are in trouble somewhere in the future with our ground water.

Mr. Heinen indicated that any time a person wants to change a water course someone else will pay the price later.

Discussion and Action Items

Resolution 150210 – Law Requiring WCC Process Before Legislative Action

The committee is in agreement with this concept though the reality of it is that it will probably never make it past the Legislative process.

Motion made by Drake, seconded by Grant to accept this resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 230210 – Change Definition of Vehicle for Transportation of Weapons

Mr. Grant read an email (Attachment D) regarding this resolution. After much discussion regarding the background of this question and clarification as to public safety, Mr. Van Haren indicated that the DNR would not object to a modification in Chapter 167 which simply created an exception to the current firearm in vehicle laws to allow a person to possess and discharge a loaded uncased firearm from a stationary hay wagon or similar trailer or mobile blind provided it was not self propelled or attached to another vehicle.

Mr. Syvrud indicated that they have come across this situation each year and we like it the way it is because we have a large population of Amish and we feel it is a safer situation around us.

Mr. Van Haren clarified that the resolution also only wants to allow the means without propulsion, motorized or otherwise.

Mr. Bohman stated that in Big Game committee they have discussed this issue many times centering around sturgeon shacks used for hunting blinds.

Mr. Van Haren clarified the current law.

CURRENT LAW

Wis. Statute, s. 167.31

(2) Prohibitions; motorboats and vehicles; highways and roadways.

(b) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(c) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle.

Motion made by Howe, seconded by Drake to adopt with the following amendment to s. 167.31(4) "Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to a person who is lawfully hunting from a non-motorized stationary vehicle which is not attached to any animal, motorized vehicle, or other source of propulsion." Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Howe, seconded by Drake to review resolution 320210 and 330110 together. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Haase indicated that resolution 320210 does not clarify gun or bow or both licenses and resolution 330110 expands in to the conservation patrons license.

Mr. Syvrud stated that active military and active reservists would not be included in this. He also indicated that when they were first writing the resolution they thought about a straight low fee for the military so that the DNR would be able to get federal funding.

Mr. Van Haren indicated that the turkey hunting permit privilege found in state statutes allows any qualified US Armed Forces member to obtain a Spring and a Fall turkey license/permit & tag if they did not apply and receive one through the normal application and drawing process. They still must purchase these licenses, the cost for issuing them is the same as the cost for issuing any other person a turkey license.

Ms. Kutzke gave the figures regarding licenses, please see Attachment E.

Ms. Meyer indicated that she does not agree with giving any free licenses.

Motion made by Drake to reject resolution 320310, seconded by Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to amend resolution 330110 to include a minimal fee that will still allow for Federal matching funds, seconded by Grant. Motion passed 7 yes to 1 no.

Motion made by Drake, seconded by Kutzke for military members to establish a reasonable minimal fee for all licenses that still allows for federal matching funds. Unanimous.

Motion to reject 330110 as amended, Howe/Drake – unanimous

Resolution 650610 – Require Waterfowl Hunters to Wear Blaze Orange During Deer Season

Mr. Michalski described why he would like to see this resolution forwarded onto the Executive Committee and the Spring Hearings as a safety issue while he is out hunting his land and the problems that is caused by the waterways.

Mr. Van Haren indicated that what many States have done is require blaze orange at anytime you are moving while hunting.

Mr. Howe stated that it only applies to hunters and it opens safety issues up to others that are out picking mushrooms or berries etc.

A motion to reject was made by Drake, seconded by Haase. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Drake, seconded by Haase to amend current statute section 29.301(2) to read:

Color of clothing. In the areas in which there is a season for the hunting of deer with firearms, no person may hunt any game except for waterfowl when hunting from a stationary location during that season unless at least 50% of each article of the person's outer clothing above the waist, including a cap, hat or other head covering, is of a highly visible color commonly referred to as hunter orange, blaze orange, fluorescent orange, flame orange or fluorescent blaze orange. This requirement does not apply to persons hunting from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise during a firearm deer hunting season if the person is hunting for other game that the department authorizes to be hunted during that firearm deer hunting season. Any person violating this subsection shall forfeit not more than \$10.

Motion passed 5 yes, and 2 no.

Review results and disposition of 2010 Legislative Committee Advisory Questions

Ms. Meyer indicated that we should see if we can affect change on these areas through our politicians, various groups. Congress members are important in making and keeping the organization relevant and make our positions known to legislators. Some newer legislators don't understand the importance of what we do and therefore don't give us much sway.

Priorities for the 2011 legislative session

Ms. Meyer indicated that clearly will be interesting because we have no idea who will be there and what will be proposed. My guess is the DNR secretary bill will not be discussed. I do not expect to see very many good things discussed.

Members Matters

Bob Chojnowski – introduce a resolution, Attachment F, regarding spear pan fishing while scuba diving and snorkeling. Mr. Van Haren stated that you can only spear if skin or scuba diving, you have to be completely under water to do this. Safety issues were discussed. This resolution should be taken up by warm water, and Mr. Chojnowski will work with someone from warm water to get this brought up or allow it to go through the process.

Ms. Kutzke brought up the Lewiston-Caledonia levee (dyke) system and raised concerns that local citizens have with the DNR regarding the maintenance of it.

Motion made by Drake, seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

2009-2011 Legislation

By Paul Heinen

October 2010

AB 377, the “Thrill Killing” Bill. A hearing was held, but the bill died in committee. DNR has strong reservations about the possible unintended impacts of the legislation on hunters and citizens.

SB 243, repeals the three day waiting period before archery licenses purchased during the season can be used. Passed and signed into law.

SB 558, partial ban on baiting. A hearing was held, but the bill died in committee. This was the only activity on baiting during the session so DNR supported it.

This is how the Department testified before the Senate Natural Resources Committee:

Chair Holperin and committee members:

Thank you for your work on this bill and for taking this step. We also support stopping all deer baiting and feeding.

We have heard hunters talk at many meetings and hearings in recent months. Many are saying, and the department agrees, that feeding affects deer distribution and their natural movements. When deer need to move less to find food, and are concentrated in areas where access or hunting is restricted, the quality of the hunt is reduced. For the department, this makes managing the herd difficult and contributes to debate about deer numbers.

Committee members are aware of the department’s position on the disease risk of feeding wild deer. Chronic wasting diseases and bovine tuberculosis are particular concerns here and in our neighboring states. In summary, baiting and feeding treats wild deer as if they were domestic animals. Unfortunately, health treatment and animal husbandry practices that are available to farmers aren’t practical for managing an entire wild herd. The attached “Baiting and Feeding of Deer in Wisconsin” update summarizes recent research and goes into significantly more detail.

Senate Bill 558 would result in less feed being placed on the landscape for deer.

AB 371, the Bear Bill. Vetoed by the governor. One provision of this bill was supported in voting by the Cons Congress, increasing the age at which bear pursuit license is needed from 12 to 16. The department is pursuing this as part of our legislative request package.

SB 222, the cased firearm/group hunting bill, died in Assembly Committee.

May 26, 2009 – Introduced by Senators DECKER, HOLPERIN, HANSEN, HOPPER and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives JORGENSEN, PETROWSKI, SPANBAUER and ZIGMUNT. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

ATTACHMENT B

Final 2009-2011 Legislation

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

Updated on May 21, 2010

Senate Bill #	Author	Subject	1 st House	2 nd House	Gov
SB 5	Miller	Phosphate Restrictions	Passed the Senate Environment Committee, 2/11/09. 5-0		See AB 3- WI ACT 9
SB 6	Jauch	Brunsweler River	Senate Voted on 2/24/09 to pass. Voice Vote	Assembly voted on 2/24/09 to concur.	WI ACT 7
SB12	Jauch	100 foot Slow-no-wake	Senate vote on 2/24/09 to pass. Voice Vote	Passed the Assembly with an amendment	WI ACT 31
SB38	Lasee	Buses in State Parks	The Senate passed the bill on September 15, 2009 on a voice vote	Passed the Assembly on October 27, 2009 on a voice vote	WI ACT 70
SB 47	Jauch	Totogatic River	Passed the Senate Natural resources committee on 2/26/09, 7-0		See AB 43- WI ACT

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SB 48	Holperin	Muskie and Bass Changes	Passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on 2/26/09, 7-0	The Senate passed AB 4, the same bill that was introduced in the Assembly. It is WI ACT 6.	See AB 4- WI ACT 6
SB 61	Liebham	Hunter/Fisher License Plate	Hearing held in the Senate Natural Resources Committee on 2/26/2009		
SB 90	Holperin	Antique Snowmobiles	Hearing held in the Senate Natural Resources Committee on May 21, 2009		

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SB 107	Miller	Electronic Waste Recycling	The Senate passed the Substitute Amendment 23-10 on June 9, 2009	The Assembly Natural Resources passed the bill 9-6 on June 18, 2009	WI ACT 50
SB 112	Holperin	Sale of Fur in the Closed Season	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote May 13, 2009	The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote on June 18, 2009	WI ACT 38
SB 113	Wirch	Natural Resources Board	Passed by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on September 2, 2009 on a 5-2 vote		See AB 138- VETOED
SB 119	Lassa	Safe Burning	Passed the Senate Environment Committee on a 4-1 vote on January 20, 2010		
SB 123	Jauch	Invasives Enforcement	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on May 13, 2009	The Assembly passed the bill on September 22, 2009	WI ACT 55
SB 126	Miller	Green Tier	The Senate passed the bill on a 33-0 vote on	The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote	WI ACT 30

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			April 28, 2009	on June 18, 2009	
SB 139	Hansen	Mining Regulation	Hearing held 4/16/2009 in the Senate Natural Resources Committee		
SB 144	Plale	Environmental TIF's	In the Senate Health and Revenue Committee		
SB 162	Sullivan	Life Vests for Children under 12	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on October 22, 2009.	In the Assembly Tourism Committee	
SB 167	Holperin	Youth Hunting	The Senate passed the bill 27-6 on June 9, 2009	The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote on June 18, 2009	WI ACT 39
SB 188	Holperin	Golf Carts in TGT State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on June 9, 2009.	The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote on October 20, 2009	WI ACT 54

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SB 194	Risser	Land Surveyor's	In Senate Economic Development		
SB 200	Jauch	Mercury Products Ban	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on September 22, 2009	The Assembly passed the bill on a 89-5 vote on September 22, 2009	WI ACT 44
SB 222	Decker	Group Hunting/Loaded and uncased guns	Passed the Senate on Feb. 23, 2010 on a voice vote	Hearing held in the Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee on March 31, 2010	
SB 241	Holperin	ATV Size Increase	Passed the Senate on November 5, 2009 on a voice vote	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote.	WI ACT 85
SB 243	Miller	Eliminate 3 Day Archer Waiting Period	Passed the Senate on September 22, 2009 on a voice vote	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on April 22, 2010	WI ACT 385
SB 247	Kedzie	Stewardship Changes	In the Senate Environment Committee		

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SB 254	Holperin	Bear Bill	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee		See AB 371
<i>SB 264</i>	Leg Council	Trespass Enforcement	Passed by the Senate on a voice vote on October 20, 2009	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on April 22, 2010	WI ACT 252
<i>SB 265</i>	Leg Council	Trail Maintenance and Use	Heard by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on September 17, 2009		
<i>SB 266</i>	Leg Council	Trails Council	Passed by the Senate on a voice vote on October 20, 2009	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on April 22, 2010	WI ACT 394
<i>SB 271</i>	Lassa	Bans Bisphenol A in baby Bottles	Passed the senate 33-0 on January 26, 2010	Passed the Assembly 95-2 on Feb. 16, 2010	WI ACT 145

Senate Bill #	Author	Subject	1 st House	2 nd House	Gov
<i>SB 279</i>	Leg Council	Biofuels	Passed the Senate Committee on Biofuels on March 25, 2010	Passed the Assembly on 4/20/2010 on a 67-31 vote	WI ACT 401
<i>SB 296</i>	Lassa	MFL Extensions	Passed Senate Natural Resources Committee. In the Joint Finance Committee		
<i>SB 300</i>	Sen Holperin	MFL Lands over 8,000 acres	Passed the Senate on a 23-9 vote, October 27, 2009	Heard by the Assembly Forestry Committee on November 18, 2009	
<i>SB 301</i>	Holperin	Shorelands in Unincorporated Areas	Passed the Senate on a voice vote on Feb. 23, 2010	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee	
<i>SB 348</i>	Jauch	Marina Condos	Passed the Senate on a vote on Feb. 16, 2010	Passed the Assembly on a unanimous vote on April 16, 2010	WI ACT 352

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<i>SB 356</i>	Lassa	Size of Deer Farms	In the Senate Agriculture Committee		
<i>SB 360</i>	Lasee	Weid Property sale	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee		
<i>SB 396</i>	Decker	Disabled Anglers Trolling	The Senate passed the bill on a vote on Feb.16, 2010	Passed by the Assembly on April 22, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 375
<i>SB 401</i>	Holperin	One day Fishing Licenses	Passed the Senate Natural on April 22, 2010	Passed the Assembly on April 22, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 364
<i>SB 406</i>	Holperin	Snowmobile Changes	Passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on Feb. 17, 2010 on a 5-2 vote In the Joint Finance Committee		
<i>SB 408</i>	Jauch	MFL Exemption	The Senate passed the bill on a 32-0 vote on	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on	WI ACT 186

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			Feb. 25, 2010	Feb. 23, 2010	
<i>SB 448</i>	Holperin	UTV's Pilot	The Senate passed the bill on a 32-0 vote on Feb.25, 2010	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on March 4, 2010	WI ACT 175
<i>SB 450</i>	Miller	Clean Energy Jobs Bill	The Senate Select Committee on Clean Energy has finished holding public hearings on the bill.		
<i>SB 454</i>	Vinehout	Military Deer Hunting Season	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee		
<i>SB 481</i>	Holperin	Turkey Hunting	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee		
<i>SB 554</i>	Kedzie	NRB members qualifications	Heard by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on March 31, 2010		

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<i>SB 557</i>	Kreitlow	Wetlands Notification	Passed the Senate on a 33-0 vote on April 13, 2010	Passed the Assembly on April 22, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 373
<i>SB 558</i>	Holperin	Bans some Deer Feeding	Heard by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 8, 2010		
<i>SB 590</i>	Holperin	MFL Changes	Passed by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 8, 2010 on a 6-0 vote		See AB 580-
<i>SB 614</i>	Hansen	Phragmites Control	Passed by the Senate on April 15, 2010 on a 33-0 vote	Passed the Assembly on April 20, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 377
<i>SB 620</i>	Miller	Groundwater protection in WI	Heard by the Senate Environment Committee on March 23, 2010		
<i>SB 632</i>	Hansen	Groundwater Protection in the Karst Areas of NE WI	Passed by the Senate Environment Committee on April 1, 2010		

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<i>SB 659</i>	Krietlow	JFC review of Federal DNR funds	Heard by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 8, 2010		
<i>SB 661</i>	Wirch	General Permits for Federal Wetlands Projects	Passed the Senate on April 20, 2010	Passed the Assembly on April 22, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 391
<i>SB 664</i>	Miller	Federal Funds for Principal Forgiveness	Passed the Senate on April 20, 2010	Passed the Assembly on April 22, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 384
<i>SB 668</i>	Plale	Renames Whitefish Dunes Park Governor Knowles Whitefish Dunes State Park	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee		
<i>SB 690</i>	Miller	WCC	Passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 20, 2010 on a 5-2 vote		
<i>SB 693</i>	Lehman	Snowmobile Safety Course/Under 16 years old	In the Senate Natural Resources		

Senate Bill #	Author	Subject	1 st House Committee	2 nd House	Gov
<i>SB 694</i>	Decker	NRB membership Requirements	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee		

Assembly Bill #	Author	Subject	1 st House	2 nd House	Gov
AB 3	Black	Phosphate Restrictions	Passed the Assembly on 2/24/09. 96-0	Passed the Senate 3/24/2009 33-0	WI ACT 9
AB 4	Hraychuck	Muskie and Bass Changes	Assembly Voted on 2/24/09 to Pass. Voice Vote	Passed the Senate 3/24/2009 Voice Vote	WI ACT 6
AB 7	Sherman	Brunswweiler River	Assembly Voted on 2/24/09 to Passed 88-8		See SB 6- WI ACT 7
AB 13	Al Ott	Tax Break for Well Comp Recipients	Hearing held on 4/2/2009		
AB 43	Milroy	Totogatic River	The Assembly passed the bill 88-9 on March 26, 2009.	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote April 23, 2009.	WI ACT 31
AB 52	Schneider	Permits for Bottled Water			

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AB 75	JFC	2009-2011 Budget	The Assembly passed the bill 50-48 on Friday June 12, 2009.	The Senate passed the bill 17-16 on June 17, 2009.	WI ACT 28
			The Assembly passes the Conference Committee Amendment 51-46 on June 27, 2009	The Senate passed the Conference Committee Amendment 17-15 on June 25, 2009	
AB 83	Townsend	Disabled Vets Fishing Licenses	The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote on June 23, 2009	The bill passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on January 20, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 109
AB 86	Hubler	Non resident crossbows for 65 year olds	The Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee passed the bill on a 10-0 vote on May 13, 2009	The bill passed the Senate on September 22, 2009 on a voice vote.	WI ACT 48
AB 87	Suder	Ash Disposal	The Assembly Natural Resources Committee held a		

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			hearing on May 6, 2009		
AB 88	Hubler	Garbage as a Renewable Energy Source			
AB 90	Sherman	100 foot Slow-no-wake			
AB 94	Bies	Buses in State Parks	Substitute Amendment 1 passed on August 5, 2009		
AB 101	Vruwink	Antique Snowmobiles			
<i>AB 114</i>	Molepske	Safe Burning	The Assembly Natural Resources Committee passed the bill 9-5 on March 18, 2009.		
<i>AB 138</i>	Black	Natural Resources Board	The Assembly passed the amended bill 49-44 on November 5, 2009	The Senate passed the bill on a 21-11 vote on November 5, 2009	Vetoed. Veto override failed on a 58-38 vote

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<i>AB 150</i>	Hraychuck	Sale of Fur in the Closed Season	The Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee passed the bill on a 10-0 vote on May 13, 2009		
<i>AB 162</i>	Milroy	Invasives Enforcement	The Assembly Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on May 6, 2009		See SB 123- WI ACT 55
<i>AB 174</i>	Mason	Environmental TIF's			
<i>AB 180</i>	Clark	Green Tier	The Assembly Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on May 6, 2009.		See SB 126- WI ACT 30
<i>AB 219</i>	Clark	Life Vests for Kids under12	Passed the Assembly	Passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on a 5-2 vote on March 10, 2010	
<i>AB 222</i>	Hraychuck	Youth Hunting	The Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee passed 3 amendments to this bill and		See SB 167- WI ACT

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			passed the bill on a 9-1 vote on May 13, 2009		39
<i>AB 257</i>	Molepske	20% Environmental Surcharge	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		
<i>AB 258</i>	Hubler	Bans Oil Filters from Landfills	The Assembly passed the bill on a 82-13 vote on June 23, 2009	The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote November 5, 2009	WI ACT 86
<i>AB 278</i>	Bernard Shaber	Electronic Recycling	The Assembly Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on June 3, 2009		See SB 107 WI ACT 50
<i>AB 281</i>	Black	Restricts Phosphates in Dishwasher Cleansers	The Assembly passed the bill on June 25, 2009	The Senate Environment Committee heard the bill on September 10, 2009	

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<i>AB 299</i>	Danou	Mercury Products Ban	The Assembly Natural Resources Committee passed the bill on September 2, 2009 on a 14-0 vote.		See SB 200- WI ACT 44
<i>AB 332</i>	Hubler	Hunting over 65- Airguns and Crossbows	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on October 20, 2009	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee	
<i>AB 342</i>	Sherman	Allowing Disabled Hunters to use Lightweight Utility Vehicles	Heard by the Assembly Fish and Wildlife on August 5, 2009		
<i>AB 355</i>	Hraychuck	Eliminate the 3 Day Waiting Period for Archers	Passed by the Assembly on October 20, 2009 on a voice vote	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee	See SB 243 WI ACT 385
<i>AB 356</i>	Hraychuck	ATV Definition	In the Assembly Tourism Committee		See SB 241, WI ACT 85

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<i>AB 360</i>	Molepske	Ballast water	Heard by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on September 2, 2009		
<i>AB 370</i>	Gunderson	Stewardship Changes	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		
<i>AB 371</i>	Hraychuck	Bear Bill	Passed the Assembly on January 28, 2010 on a voice vote	Passed the Senate on April 15, 2010 on a voice vote	Vetoed
<i>AB 372</i>	Molepske	Wastes on Household Property	Passed the Assembly	Passed the Senate Environment Committee on March 16, 2010 on a 3-2 vote	
<i>AB 377</i>	Jorgensen	Thrill Killing	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		
<i>AB 382</i>	Hilgenberg	Vets Fishing Licenses	Passed the Senate on Nov 3, 2009 on a voice vote	Passed the Assembly on Jan 26, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 132
<i>AB 431</i>	Friske	Fees waived for	Heard by the		

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		Lake Associations	Assembly Natural Resources Committee on November 18, 2009		
AB 470	Vruwink	Natural Resources Board-One Agricultural Member	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on February 23, 2010		
AB 493	Bies	In State Park fees for out-of-state Armed Forces Members	The Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing on October 28, 2009		
AB 495	Danou	Natural Resources Board-At least three hunters	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on February 23, 2010	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee	
AB 501	Hixson	Lake District Annexation	In the Natural Resources Committee		
AB 507	Mursau	No nonresident voters at Congress	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		

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		meetings			
AB 521	Nygren	Phragmities	In the Natural Resources Committee		See SB 614
AB 530	Radcliffe	MFL Conversions to Agricultural Land	Passed the Assembly Agriculture Committee on a 11-0 vote on February 25, 2010		
AB 531	Hubler	MFL Exemption	Passed the Assembly Forestry Committee on December 15, 2009		
AB 548	Hraychuck	Roadkills	Passed the Assembly on January 28, 2010 on a voice vote	Passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on Feb 17, 2010 on a 7-0 vote	
AB 577	Ballweg	1 Day Fishing License	Heard by the Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee on January 5, 2010		

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AB 580	Clark	MFL Changes	Passed the Assembly	Passed the Senate on April 15, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 365
AB 595	Vruwink	Hunting Licenses for Terminally ill Persons	Passed the Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee on a 10-0 vote		
AB 598	Danou	Snowmobile Changes	In the Assembly Tourism Committee		
AB 599	Kaufert	Repeals sunset on 55 MPH for Snowmobiles	Passed the Assembly on a voice vote on March 4, 2010	Passed the Senate on April 15, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 389
AB 618	Newcomer	Tree Stands	Heard by the Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee on January 20, 2010		

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AB 636	Hixson	Metal Detectors	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		
AB 649	Black	Climate Change	Passed the Assembly Special Committee on Climate Change on April 15, 2010 on a 6-3 vote		
AB 652	Danou	Military Deer Hunting Season	In the Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee		
AB 655	Hraychuck	Duplicate Licenses	Passed the Assembly on April 15, 2010 on a voice vote	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee	
AB 668	Vruwink	Salvage Bidding	Heard by the Assembly Transportation		

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			Committee on February 9, 201		
AB 670	Black	Shorelands Disclosure	Passed the Assembly on February 16, 2010 on a voice vote	Passed the Senate on a voice vote on April 16	WI ACT 211
AB 715	Clark	MFL changes	Passed the Assembly Forestry Committee on Feb. 24, 2010 on a 4-1 vote		
AB 733	Hraychuck	Safe Drinking Water Act Changes	Passed the Assembly on April 13, 2010 on a voice vote	Passed the Senate on April 22, 2010 on a voice vote	WI ACT 217
AB 737	Smith	Felons and Guns	Passed the Assembly on April 15, 2010 on a voice vote	In the Senate Natural Resources Committee	

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AB 749	Clark	Tax Credits for Equipment used to harvest Biomass	Passed the Assembly on April 13, 2010 on a 97-1 vote	Heard by the Senate Economic Development Committee on April 20, 2010	
AB 774	Roth	Stewardship Restrictions	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		
AB 818	Bies	Wetlands Identification	Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on March 31, 2010 on a 15-0 vote		See SB 557 WI ACT 373
AB 841	Molepske	Intoxicated Recreational Vehicle Regulation	Passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on March 30, 2010. In the Joint Finance Committee.		

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AB 844	Black	Groundwater	Heard by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on March 31, 2010		
AB 852	Black	General Permits for Federal Wetlands Projects	Passed by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on March 30, 2010 on a 15-0 vote		See SB 661 WI ACT 391
AB 855	Hraychuck	Free Winter Fishing Day	Passed by the Assembly on April 20,2010		
AB 910	Clark	WCC	Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 14, 2010 on a 14-1 vote.		

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			Passed the Joint Finance Committee on April 20, 2010		
AB 925	Soletski	Hunting on water/100 yards from a home	Heard by the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee on April 13, 2010		
AB 942	Soletski	Phragmities	Passed by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 13, 2010		See SB 614 WI ACT 377
AB 949	Pocan	Clean Water Fund Changes- \$15 Million	Passed by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 14, 2010 on a 15-0 vote. In the Joint Finance Committee		See SB 664 WI ACT 384

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AB 956	Sinicki	Renames Whitefish Dunes-Gov. Reynolds State park	In the Assembly Tourism Committee		
AB 958	Suder	JFC review of DNR federal Funds	In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee		

ATTACHMENT C
2009-2011 Legislative Session – Noteworthy Bills

Signed into law

SB 6 Brunswailer River Act 7
SB 47 Totogatic River Act 31
SB 48 Musky and Bass changes Act 6
SB 107 Electronic waste recycling Act 50
SB 112 Sale of fur in the closed season Act 38
SB 123 Invasives enforcement Act 55
SB 126 Green Tier Act 30
SB 167 Youth Hunting Act 39
SB 200 Mercury products ban Act 44
SB 243 Eliminate 3-day archer waiting period Act 385
SB 264 Trail trespass authority for wardens Act 252
SB 401 One-day fishing license Act 364
SB 557 Wetlands notification Act 373
SB 614 Phragmites control Act 377
SB 661 General permits for federal wetlands Act 391
AB 86 Non-resident crossbows for 65 year olds Act 48
AB 258 Bans oil filters from landfills Act 86
AB 580 MFL changes Act 365
AB 599 55 mph snowmobile nighttime limit Act 389
AB 733 Safe Drinking Water Act changes Act 217

Vetoed Bills

AB 138 Natural Resources Board Vetoed
AB 371 Bear Bill Vetoed

Other Bills that did not Pass

SB 119-AB 114 Safe Burning Act Passed Senate Committee
SB 222 Unloaded and uncased guns Failed to pass Assembly
(after Senate amended)
SB 406 Half-price snowmobile registrations Died in the JFC
SB 450-AB 649 Clean Energy Jobs Act Passed Assembly Committee
SB 481 Turkey hunting No hearing held
SB 620 Groundwater protection Failed to pass Committees
SB 632 Karst Area Groundwater Failed to pass Senate
AB 372 Wastes on household property Failed to pass Senate
AB 377 Thrill killing Failed to pass Assembly Committee
AB 737 Felons and guns Failed to pass Senate
AB 855 Free winter fishing day Failed to pass Senate

ATTACHMENT D

The following was introduced by Dusty Grant on behalf of John A. Schmitt of Browntown, Wisconsin:

“Dear Chairperson Jayne Meyer,

I am pleased to see my request to modify the definition of a vehicle used in the hunting regulation has progressed to your level.

I would love to attend your meeting. Unfortunately on October 2, 2010 we are leaving on vacation to MT. Rushmore.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend your hearing.

I do hope this will not reflect negatively on my request.

As a hunter education instructor I am committed to safe firearm handling!

I believe including a wheeled shelter not capable of self locomotion or attached to a means of locomotion was never the true intent of the regulation for safe transportation of a firearm.

A positive decision by you and your Legislative Committee would be greatly appreciated by me and other hunters whom also believe is currently unnecessarily restrictive.”

ATTACHMENT E

	2010		2009		2008		2007		2006	
	Licenses Given	Cost								
Small Game (\$18)	8375	\$ 150,750.00	9065	\$ 163,170.00	7990	\$ 143,820.00	6423	\$ 115,614.00	5555	\$ 99,990.00
Fishing (\$20)	8375	\$ 167,500.00	9065	\$ 181,300.00	7990	\$ 159,800.00	6423	\$ 128,460.00	5555	\$ 111,100.00
Total Annual Cost		\$ 318,250.00		\$ 344,470.00		\$ 303,620.00		\$ 244,074.00		\$ 211,090.00

	2010		2009		2008		2007		2006	
	Licenses Given	Cost	Licenses Given	Cost						
Deer (Gun Only) (\$24)	8375	\$ 201,000.00	9065	\$ 217,560.00	7990	\$ 191,760.00	6423	\$ 154,152.00	5555	\$ 133,320.00
Deer (Archery Only) (\$24)		\$ 201,000.00		\$ 217,560.00		\$ 191,760.00		\$ 154,152.00		\$ 133,320.00
Deer (Gun & Archery) (\$48)		\$ 402,000.00		\$ 435,120.00		\$ 383,520.00		\$ 308,304.00		\$ 266,640.00
Conservation Patrons (\$165)		\$ 1,381,875.00		\$ 1,495,725.00		\$ 1,318,350.00		\$ 1,059,795.00		\$ 916,575.00

*2010 provides the number of licenses given in the first 9 months.

*Overall increase of 450% since 2003; 95% increase from 2003; 37% increase from 2004; 26% increase from 2005; 16% increase from 2006; 24% increase from 2007; and 14% increase from 2008.

We are also losing stamp money because if the license is free you do not need to purchase a stamp. Also, it is a loss of revenue from the license sales from federal funding.

Attachment F

Resolution

Problem: Presently divers can legally spear panfish in the State of Wisconsin waters.

Whereas: It is very easy for the divers to spear panfish in their underwater environment.

Whereas: Panfish daily limits have been reduced over the past several years in Wisconsin waters to protect panfish species.

Whereas: The taking of large panfish by dives should be considered unethical and not in line with the "FAIR CHASE" concept.

Whereas: Removing the largest of each panfish species by divers can and has had a dramatic effect on some Wisconsin lakes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That our Wisconsin DNR modify the fishing regulations to include "PANFISH" as a fish that cannot be taken by spearing, in all Wisconsin waters.