

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Fur Harvest Committee

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	08-03-2013	9:00 AM	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center
-------------------	------------	---------	-----------------------------------

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Edgar Harve, Jr. at 9:00 AM
----------------------------	--------------------------------------

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Karl Kastrosky, Douglas Hilgart, Dave Louis, Mark Loka, Dave Werner, Richard Pladies, Richard Clark, Will Netzer, Hugh Hatch, Aolze Prudlick, Jr., Dave Puhl, Mike Nicholson, Scott Zimmermann, John Hedtke, Daniel Cichantek, Jeffrey Stoeckigt, Ed Harvey, Jr., Marcus Bresee, Kelly, Tollefson, Wayne Stietz, Richard Ammon, and Donald Bongle.
EXCUSED	Richard Moncher, Dan Carroll, David Ferris, and Jim Binder
UNEXCUSED	None
GUESTS	John Olson, John Welke, and Youth Conservation Congress delegates Mega Loka and Drake Schneider were also in attendance.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Under item IIA, Resolution 4 moved to 1 to allow the item to be completed before the author had to leave. Motion by Clark and Seconded by Loka to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	It was felt that the Committee mission statement should have a specific focus and support on renewable resources.
ACTION	The mission statement was amended to read: The mission of the Fur Harvest Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to promote the wise use, management and protection of the Wisconsin's natural resources; specifically it's renewable natural resources, and it's furbearing wildlife species. We promote the harvest of furbearers through regulated hunting and trapping. We will accomplish our mission by considering sound science and through cooperation and partnerships with user groups, researchers and regulatory agencies. We will take into consideration the ideas and input of citizens. We will make recommendations, through the application of science based management, to the Natural Resources Board and the legislature to assure future generations have ample and healthy furbearer populations and natural resources.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Holland Millar addressed the committee. He indicated that he did not support resolution 050113, dealing with trapping hour restrictions.

	Laurie Groskoph addressed the committee. She indicated that she does not consider the Bobcat quota setting process to have been open and complete. She recommended returning to 2011 permit levels.
--	---

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CHANGE TRAPPING SEASON OPENING TIME ON OPENING DAY (170113)

PRESENTER: HOLLAND MILLAR

<i>DISCUSSION</i>	Mr Millar spoke on resolution.	
<i>ACTION</i>	Motion to advance by Hugh Hatch motion died for lack of a second. Motion to reject By Richard Ammon, seconded by Dave Louis. Passed Unanimously by voice vote.	
<i>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>	

B. ELIMINATION OF TRAPPING HOUR RESTRICTIONS (050113, 310113)

PRESENTER: NONE

<i>DISCUSSION</i>		
<i>ACTION</i>	Motion to advance by Richard Clark, seconded by Mike Nicholson, Passed by voice vote.	
<i>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>	

C. LIMIT TRAPPING TO PRIVATE LANDS OR IMPLEMENT FAIR PAY, FAIR TAKE POLICY (130713)

PRESENTER: NONE

<i>DISCUSSION</i>		
<i>ACTION</i>	Motion to reject by Scott Zimmerman, seconded by David Werner , Passed by voice vote.	
<i>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>	

D. PATRON LICENSE-ADDITIONAL FEE FOR OTTER AND FISHER TAG DRAWING (360113)

PRESENTER: LLOYD LUTZE

<i>DISCUSSION</i>	Mr. Lutze spoke on the resolution.	
<i>ACTION</i>	Motion to advance by Richard Ammon, seconded by Jeffery Stoeckigt discussion how much will the fee be, is a trap license needed to purchase? Motion by Richard Ammon seconded by Richard Clark to amend the original motion to make the fee \$3 for patron license as it is with trapping license, passed unanimously by voice vote. Will require legislation to change. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.	
<i>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>	

E. REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING WISCONSIN RESIDENT TRAPPING LICENSE (540113)

PRESENTER: NONE

<i>DISCUSSION</i>	Chairman Harvey read a letter from the author, Larry Meyer.	
<i>ACTION</i>	Motion to advance by Scott Zimmerman and seconded by Dave Puhl. Motion by David Werner and seconded by Daniel Cichantek to amend the original motion to replace the word "farmer" with the word "landowner" wherever it appears in the resolution. Motion to amend carried by voice vote. The original motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.	
<i>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>	

F. RESTORING BEAVERS TO PROTECTED STATUS (130613)

PRESENTER: NONE

DISCUSSION	Committee members reviewed a letter, and other materials provided by the author, Patricia Lowry	
ACTION	Motion to Reject by John Hedtke second by Marcus Bresee. Motion Passed by voice vote.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

G. USING LIGHTS TO SCAN FOR PREDATOR HUNTING (290113)

PRESENTER: DEAN HARMOND

DISCUSSION	Mr. Harmond spoke on the resolution	
ACTION	Motion to advance Mike Nicholson seconded by Dave Puhl, Passed Unanimously by voice vote.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

H. WISCONSIN MENTORED TRAPPERS (060313, 140113, 180113, 320113, 360213, 430113, 540213, 620113, 720113) (140113)

PRESENTER: ALOZE PRUDLICK, JR.

DISCUSSION	Mr. Prudlick spoke on the resolution	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Dave Louis second by Mark Loka, motion Passed by voice vote.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

I. ALLOW COYOTE HUNTING OVER BAIT STATEWIDE (190113)

PRESENTER: NONE

DISCUSSION		
ACTION	Motion to advance by Scott Zimmerman second Richard Clark, motion failed, 15 voting No, 8 voting yes by show of hands.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

J. BOBCAT, FISHER, AND OTTER QUOTAS

PRESENTER: JOHN OLSON

DISCUSSION	Mr. Olson presented the proposed quotas for 2013.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

K. PROPOSED 2014 BOBCAT ZONES

PRESENTER: JOHN OLSON

DISCUSSION	Mr. Olson presented the proposed 2014 zones	
ACTION	<p>Motion to support state wide one zone for Bobcat by Dan Cichantek, seconded by Marcus Bresee: motion withdrawn.</p> <p>Motion by Dan Chichantik and seconded by Marcus Bresee Regardless to the number of zones, the entire state is to be open to bobcat harvest. Motion passed by voice vote.</p> <p>Motion by Karl Kastrosky, second Dick Ammon, to recommend the current four Bobcat zones as proposed by the department. Passed</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**L. CONSIDERATION OF DNR PROPOSED RULE CHANGE
RELATED TO UNIFORM MUSKRAT SEASON.**

PRESENTER: JOHN OLSON

DISCUSSION	Mr. Olson presented a history of the issue.
ACTION	Motion by Scott Zimmermann and seconded by Dave Louis to open muskrat and mink season the fourth Saturday in October state wide. Motion, Scott Zimmermann and seconded by Dave Louis to amend the original motion to the third Saturday in October. Motion passed by voice vote. The original motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

M. TRAP INCIDENT UPDATE

PRESENTER: JOHN WELKE

DISCUSSION	Mr. Welke spoke on the issue.
ACTION	None
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

N. STATUS OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

PRESENTER: JOHN OLSON

DISCUSSION	Mr. Olson spoke on the issue.
ACTION	None
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

O. EU FUR ISSUE

PRESENTER: JOHN OLSON

DISCUSSION	Mr. Olson spoke on the issue.
ACTION	None
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Concern arose after additional discussion on the uniform muskrat season opener. The item had already been disposed of, and so could not be brought back to the floor. However, a coconscious was note for an opener on the Saturday nearest October 25, rather than on the third Saturday as had been agreed on.
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:38 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dave Louis
DATE	08-03-2013