

August NRB testimony on Migratory

Distinguished members of the Board and Chairman Cole, thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today.

The Migratory committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress met on August 1st in Stevens Point to hear and discuss the Waterfowl Season Proposal from the DNR.

I'm happy to tell you that the committee agreed with the proposal without exception.

The length of the season, (60 days) bag limits (2 Canvasback).

Opening day start time of ½ hour before sunrise has strong support from the committee, with this idea passing a statewide vote at last spring's annual hearing.

Proposed Duck season dates coincide with stakeholder and survey feedback.

Youth Hunt

North (early as possible/freeze up)

South (10/3 with 5 day split)

Mississippi(10/3 with 7 day split)

The Mississippi zone received the most discussion about the length of split.

Proposed Goose Season dates were approved with strong committee support.

Horicon Zone: the committee approved the two periods and was pleased to see twelve tags with the daily 2 bird bag.

Lesser Goose proposed seasons, approved as presented.

The committee was advised to discuss the Coot, Moorhen, Rails and Snipe bag limit because this year the Congress received a resolution to remove Moorhens and Rails from the game bird list.

The bag limits were approved as presented.

I would like to thank Kent Van Horn and Taylor Finger for all of the hard work they do every year in gathering feedback from waterfowlers that help the committee make informed decisions.

I also want to thank the committee members for their time and hard work on these issues.

I'll gladly try to answer any questions you may have about the committee's actions on these items.

Thank you once again,

Al Shook, Migratory Committee Chair