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Conservation Congress Supports Joint Finance Committee's Actions on Natural Resources Board

Conservation Congress Chair, Rob Bohmann, said that the Congress applauds the Joint Finance Committee's recent action removing from the state budget the proposal to eliminate the Natural Resources Board's policy making authority and make it an advisory body.

"Wednesday's action to take the NRB item out of the budget was the right move to make for Wisconsin - both for the people and for our resources. The division of power and citizen involvement is critical for the long-term management of the state's resources," said Bohmann.

Citizen resolutions supporting the independent Natural Resources Board were introduced and voted on in most of the 72 counties across the state at the April 13th Conservation Congress Spring Hearings. Those results are still being compiled.

"As an independent policy making body, the Natural Resources Board has provided an essential buffer from political influences for over 80 years and it allows for an unparalleled level of public input." Bohmann stated. "The Conservation Congress commends the Joint Finance Committee for their decision."

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