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**RE: Board Order WM-04-15(E): proposed rules affecting Ch. NR 10, related to establishing an early teal season and modifications to the mourning dove hunting season**

and

**Proposed amendments to the Columbia County Planning Group Master Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement for the preferred site for the Columbia County Shooting Range on Mud Lake Wildlife Area**

Chair Cole, Secretary Stepp, and members of the Natural Resources Board;

The Conservation Congress would like to offer our support for the above items (**3.B.1** and **3.B.2**) on your June meeting agenda.

The Executive Committee of the WCC met via conference call on June 19<sup>th</sup> and reaffirmed the Congress' position in favor of the trial teal season. This will be year two of the three year experiment and the Congress supports its continuation in order to increase opportunity and gather data about harvest and hunter satisfaction.

In addition, the Executive Committee voted to support the proposed amendments to the Columbia County Planning Group Master Plan and EIS for a Columbia County shooting range proposed for the Mud Lake Wildlife Area. The Columbia County delegation supports this next step and the Congress is pleased to see this progression toward the final goal of a shooting range in Columbia County. The votes on the two Spring Hearing questions regarding a shooting range in Columbia County also indicate public support for this project.

The Congress respectfully requests the Board approve these two agenda items. Thank you.

Rob Bohmann, Chair  
Wisconsin Conservation Congress

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