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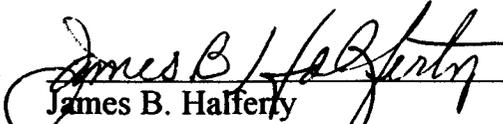
**RESOLUTION Regarding Fish & Wildlife Service's proposed closed areas
& Regarding Open Water Hunting**

The Problem: Fish & Wildlife creation of new closed areas on the Mississippi River and Wisconsin's failure to allow its waterfowlers to fully utilize available open water hunting opportunities.

The Solution: FWS must abandon its proposed closings in the Upper Mississippi and Wisconsin's DNR should permit open water hunting on all state waters unless safety concerns require closure of a particular area.

Resolved: That the conservationists present at this meeting:

1. Support the conservationists of Crawford County in their objection to the partial closing of the Wisconsin River Delta and Sturgeon Slough area;
2. Object to the Fish & Wildlife Service closing of part of Pool 11 of the Upper Mississippi River (the Potosi Pool) to open water hunting;
3. Demand that the US Fish & Wildlife Service amend its proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Upper Mississippi River to continue to allow Wisconsin hunters to engage in open water hunting on Pool 11 as was previously allowed;
4. Demand that the US Fish & Wildlife Service amend its proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Upper Mississippi River to eliminate all of the new closed areas proposed in Alternate E of that plan;
5. Demand that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources refuse to take action of any sort to support the creation of the additional closed areas that are now proposed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service in Alternate E of its Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Upper Mississippi River;
6. Demand that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources change its current regulations to permit open water hunting of migratory waterfowl statewide without restrictions such as the requirement that the hunter be within 100 feet of shore or partially concealed by natural vegetation.


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