

# Resolution #1

Beaver Management Follow Through

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## The Problem:

The state just completed a 10 year beaver management plan. Objective 2.1 of the plan was geared towards discouraging beaver in unwanted places (cold water) while also encouraging beaver in warm water environments through habitat project done by WI DNR Forestry department. These habitat projects have the potential to benefit other species like small game, ducks, deer and even predators like bobcat just as much as the beaver.

The problem is that anything positive the state has proposed to help beaver has lacked follow through and is quickly bypassed for projects geared to discourage beaver. This includes the water bank from the last beaver management plan done in 1990 which should have greatly benefited Winnebago county and the surrounding counties. Unfortunately, this part of the plan was not started, let alone completed. Compounding the issue is beaver are not welcome where they want to be and uninterested in going where they are wanted.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress will work with the Department to ensure just as much money is spent in the encouragement of beaver as they spend to discourage beaver. At the end of 5 years, the state should be able to provide an equal list of priorities that were accomplished in both areas.

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