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Title: Silencing Dissent by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress

The Problem: Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) committees have and can reject any county resolution without valid reason. This denies everyone an equal chance to participate on the Spring Statewide ballot. Per WCC Rules and Resolutions Committee minutes, 8/29/2015, Res. 410315: "Discrimination was not found as each species is managed separately". Since the WCC manage NO species, (i.e. is advisory only) and since a resolution is only a suggestion and NOT a management rule, I believe the above quote proves, WCC rejection without valid reason still occurs. And since removing WCC delegates for discrimination doesn't seem an option.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing change(s) to Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) procedures and or rules, to prohibit any WCC committee from rejecting any passed county resolution and that all passed County resolutions be put on the WCC spring statewide ballot along with any recommendations of the author, WCC and DNR.



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