

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Sturgeons for Tomorrow will donate \$20,000 for the lake sturgeon exhibit at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center and another \$5,000 for the rearing of lake sturgeon at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery.

**FOR:** JUNE 2011 **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE:** Secretary Cathy Stepp

**SUMMARY:**

The Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery has focused on enhancing and restoring fish populations in Wisconsin for more than a century. Wild Rose grows more trout and salmon than any other in the state and after completion of hatchery improvements in 2010 is back to producing musky, sturgeon, northern pike and walleye. The Department encourages the public to visit the hatchery, which includes the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center with two large aquariums, interpretive displays, activities, and games that help tell the story of the fish hatchery then and now.

Sturgeon for Tomorrow is generously donating \$20,000 for the lake sturgeon exhibit at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center and another \$5,000 for the rearing of lake sturgeon at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the generous donation of \$20,000 for the lake sturgeon exhibit and another \$5,000 for the rearing of lake sturgeon at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

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Bureau Director, Michael Staggs

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Date

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Administrator, Kenneth Johnson

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Secretary, Cathy Stepp

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Date 6/6/11

cc: NRB Liaison  
DNR Rules Coordinator  
  
Steve Fajfer-Wild Rose Hatchery

## *Acknowledgment of Gift*

This is to certify that at its June 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$20,000 and \$5,000 from

### **Sturgeons For Tomorrow**

to support operations at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery. We thank you for the gift of \$20,000 for the lake sturgeon exhibit at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center and another \$5,000 for the rearing of lake sturgeon at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery. Wild Rose has focused on enhancing and restoring fish populations in Wisconsin for more than a century. These donations will help Wild Rose produce lake sturgeon for stocking in Wisconsin waters, as well as educate the public about the history and biology of this important fish species.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

*Natural Resources Board*

David Clausen, CHAIR