

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award for Wisconsin

**FOR:** FEBRUARY 2008 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Randy Stark and Shikar-Safari Club International

**SUMMARY:**

The Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award winners have shown exemplary performance of their duties in the protection of wildlife, enforcement of game laws and implementation of conservation and game laws. Steve Dewald leads by example in many ways. He is progressive and visionary. He works hard to continuously improve the Bureau of Law Enforcement and adapt the organization to meet new challenges. He has earned the respect of Department staff, external agencies, and citizens over the years. This past year, Steve was heavily involved in reviewing and providing feedback to the Department and the US Fish & Wildlife Service on their proposal for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, and their proposed Furbearer Management Plan for the Refuge. Steve demonstrated his abilities as a visionary when he chaired our Bureau of Law Enforcement Future's Committee. This committee was tasked with developing our new Strategic Plan for 2007-2012. Steve, as well as others on the committee scanned trends, looked into the future, anticipated how these trends will affect us, and then developed strategies to meet these challenges.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acknowledge Steve Dewald's Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award for Wisconsin.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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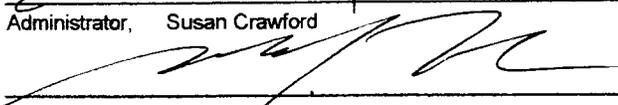
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