

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Dean S. Gullickson

FOR: MAY 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Dean S. Gullickson will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on January 8, 2009 after 30 years of service to the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION:

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

- No Fiscal Estimate Required
- No Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No Background Memo

- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached

APPROVED:

Bureau Director,

John M. Crawford

Administrator,

Date

4-15-08

Date

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Dean S. Gullickson will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on January 8, 2009 after 30 years of law enforcement service, 25 of these years as a Wisconsin conservation warden. Dean began his career in law enforcement as a Chippewa Falls police officer before being appointed a conservation warden for the Department of Natural Resources on January 1, 1982. Dean was assigned to Milwaukee, Alma Center, and Winter before transferring to Chippewa Falls in 1987.

Dean prepared for his career with the Department of Natural Resources by attending UW-Stevens Point and UW- Eau Claire, graduating from UW-Eau Claire in 1977 with a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice. During college, Dean also worked for the Department as an LTE in Fisheries and Parks.

Dean received many awards and honors for his accomplishments as a Department employee. In 1977, Dean received the Governor's Award for Bravery and the Wisconsin Senate Award for Life Saving Actions for his response during a tornado at Brunet Island State Park. Throughout his career, Dean has been honored for his work in investigations, Native American treaty rights, safety education, public relations, and working with local units of government in enhancing the natural environment. Dean was instrumental in the creation of the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance, an association that has grown to coordinate conservation activities between 35 organizations in the Chippewa Valley. Dean recruited many volunteer instructors in the hunter, boating, snowmobile, and ATV safety programs as well as teaching these classes himself. Dean shared his knowledge and experience in his capacity as a field training officer and academy instructor for recruit conservation wardens. Dean was selected as the 2000 Wisconsin Bowhunters Association Warden of the Year.

Dean's passion for outdoor education and working with youth is exemplified in the many projects he has undertaken as promoter and advisor, including the Chippewa County Public Shooting Range and Training Center, 4-H Shooting Sports, Marshmiller Lake dam restoration, and the Walleye Wagon portable fish hatchery. His commitment to the public's access to natural resources is evidenced in the public properties which he worked to purchase and develop for future generations.

WHEREAS, Dean S. Gullickson has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its May 2008 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR