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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.2

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Larry Nelson

FOR: OCTOBER 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Larry Nelson will retire after 35 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Fesolution for Larry Nelson

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Regional Director, — Date: 08-27-2008

Administrator, — Date:

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date: 10/6/08

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
NOR Susan Krantz/Spooner

Retirement Resolution

Larry G. Nelson, Northern Region Operations Supervisor, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on September 30th, 2008, after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the Department's fisheries program and the State of Wisconsin.

Larry began his career in 1972 as an LTE Conservation Aide in Barron, Menomonie and La Crosse at the wage of just $2.50/hour. In 1973 he was hired as a Project Natural Resources Assistant 1 at the Osceola State Fish Hatchery and was reclassified in 1974 to Natural Resources Assistant 2. Larry was promoted to Natural Resources Technician 1/Assistant Foreman at the St. Croix Falls State Fish Hatchery in 1977. He was promoted to Assistant Hatchery Manager the following year and was reclassified to Natural Resources Technician 2 – Fish in 1980. He was promoted once again to Natural Resources Supervisor 1 at the Bayfield (now Les Voigt) State Fish Hatchery in 1983. Larry continued to supervise the Bayfield Hatchery until 2000 during which time his position was reallocated to Fish Propagation Supervisor 3. Since 2000 he has served as Operations Supervisor for the Northern Region guiding the work of four coldwater hatcheries, the two largest cool water hatcheries in the state and a field operations/heavy equipment crew out of Spooner.

Larry came up through the ranks and served nearly his entire career in the Northern Region. He knows what it takes to get the job done on the ground and has always brought a no-nonsense, practical approach to operations. He has forged numerous partnerships with local governments and sports groups which has not only allowed more work to be done but has also fostered public respect for the fisheries program. Larry has taken on jobs that weren't really in his position description including leading the Wild Lakes effort as part of the regions Northern Initiatives. These efforts have led to the purchase of the land surrounding a number of undeveloped lakes ensuring their wild character for the future. He has also given back to the resource in his private life having served as a zone chairman for Ducks Unlimited for many years. He has also been active in the Ashland/Bayfield Counties Sportsmen's Club. Larry has truly had a positive impact on the fisheries resources of Wisconsin and his experience will be greatly missed.

WHEREAS, Larry Nelson 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 October 2008 meeting at Eagle River, 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