

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - Tim R. Larson

**FOR:** FEBRUARY, 2009 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

Tim R. Larson retired on December 30, 2008 with over 34 years of service.

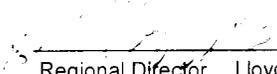
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for Tim R. Larson

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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

- Yes  Attached
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**APPROVED:**

  
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 Regional Director, Lloyd L. Eagan

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
 Lloyd Eagan - Fitchburg  
 Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Tim R. Larson retired from the Department of Natural Resources on December 30, 2008, after completing over 32 years of skilled and dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin. Tim's entire career was spent protecting and enhancing the fisheries resources of the state of Wisconsin.

Tim began his career in Fisheries Management on June 21, 1976, and was initially stationed at La Crosse in the Western District. His first job with the Department was as a Fisheries Manager. Tim transferred to Poynette in the Southern District, September 19, 1977. In this job, Tim was responsible for managing fish in Columbia and part of Sauk Counties. During his time at Poynette, Tim spent a lot of time conducting studies on fish in the Wisconsin River. This work included population estimation, radio tracking, and harvest work on lake sturgeon, extensive work with largemouth and smallmouth bass in relation to movement of these species by tournament anglers, and work with walleye recruitment and harvest. Tim acquired key land on streams such as Rocky Run, Rowen Creek, Lodi Spring Creek and others. He carefully studied the trout populations in his area. His investigations determined how well his habitat improvement projects were working for trout and how well trout were responding to angling regulations in his area. His work also included studies on fish passage at Prairie du Sac and treatment of carp in Lake Delton after the lake drained in 2008.

Tim became the Fisheries Supervisor for the Fish West Unit in South Central Region in 2002. In this role, Tim retained field management responsibilities and also supervised two biologists in Southwestern Wisconsin.

Tim was one of Wisconsin's finest fisheries managers due to his steadfast dedication and his consistent hard work. Anglers and other members of the public respected Tim highly. His work with clubs, kid's fishing events, cooperative rearing projects, the media, and private companies increased the effect he had on the resource.

***WHEREAS***, Tim Larson has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career gaining the respect, trust, and gratitude of his fellow employees and earning the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, the Natural Resources Board at its February 2009 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