

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution for Dr. Steven W. Hewett

**FOR:** JANUARY, 2009 BOARD MEETING

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

**SUMMARY:**

Dr. Steven W. Hewett will retire from his position as Chief of the Fisheries Policy and Operations Section in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Fisheries Management on February 28, 2009 after completing 17 years of outstanding service to the anglers and citizens of Wisconsin. Dr. Hewett has worked tirelessly throughout his career to improve fisheries management and fishing here in Wisconsin, has gained the respect, trust and gratitude of his supervisors, peers, and anglers across the state.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

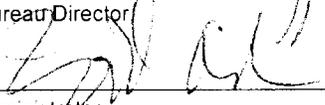
- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
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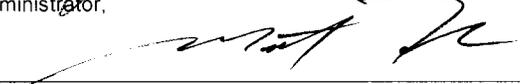
**APPROVED:**

  
 Bureau Director

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 Administrator

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 Secretary, Matt Frank

1/5/2009  
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1/8/09  
 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
Todd Ambrose, AD/8  
Michael Staggs, FH/4

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Dr. Steven W. Hewett will retire from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Fisheries Management on February 28, 2009 after completing 17 years of outstanding service to the anglers and citizens of Wisconsin.

After finishing his PhD in 1980 and working in research positions in Iowa, Michigan, Maryland and Wisconsin, Steve joined the DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management in 1992 - initially as the Treaty Data Analyst and soon thereafter as the statewide Treaty Fisheries Coordinator. In that position, Steve was the DNR lead on all issues relating to ceded territory tribal fishing rights and also chaired the Department's walleye committee. In 1999, Steve was promoted to Chief of the Fisheries Policy and Operations Section which administers the DNR's fish hatchery system, angling and commercial fishing regulations, fish habitat projects and regional field operations. Steve was stationed in the State Natural Resources Building in Madison during his tenure here.

Among his many, many accomplishments, Steve led the development of Wisconsin's Walleye Management Plan, co-chaired the State-Tribal Technical Working Group, chaired the Great Lakes Fishery Commission Lake Superior Committee, oversaw the long overdue renovation of the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery, and sponsored the Walleye, Sturgeon, Fish Propagation Staffing and Fish Hatchery teams. Steve was an adjunct professor at UW-Stevens Point and served as an advisor for several graduate students. He was also active in the American Fisheries Society serving as the Secretary of the Wisconsin Chapter and Wisconsin representative to the Walleye Technical Committee.

Steve's legacy is improved fishing here in Wisconsin. He brought an excellent scientific perspective and thoughtful wisdom to leading the Fisheries Policy and Operations Section resulting in more efficient hatchery operations, more effective fishing regulations and better management planning. He built stronger working relationships with federal, tribal, Great Lakes, Conservation Congress and sport fishing partners which brought more combined management resources to improving our fisheries. Steve's efforts have made fishing better in Wisconsin.

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Steven W. Hewett has worked tirelessly throughout his career to improve fisheries management and fishing here in Wisconsin, has gained the respect, trust and gratitude of his supervisors, peers, and anglers across the state, and has earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Natural Resources Board at its January 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