

JULY 17, 2012

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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### BRIEF OF ACTION

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 in the Spruce/Sands Conference Room at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. for action on items 1 and 3. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters
- 1.A. Calling the roll

William Bruins – present	Preston Cole – present
Christine Thomas – present	Jane Wiley – present
Terry Hilgenberg – present	David Clausen – present
Greg Kazmierski – present	

- 1.B. Approval of agenda for July 17, 2012

**Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Information Item
- 2.A. Update on Wetland Legislation Implementation

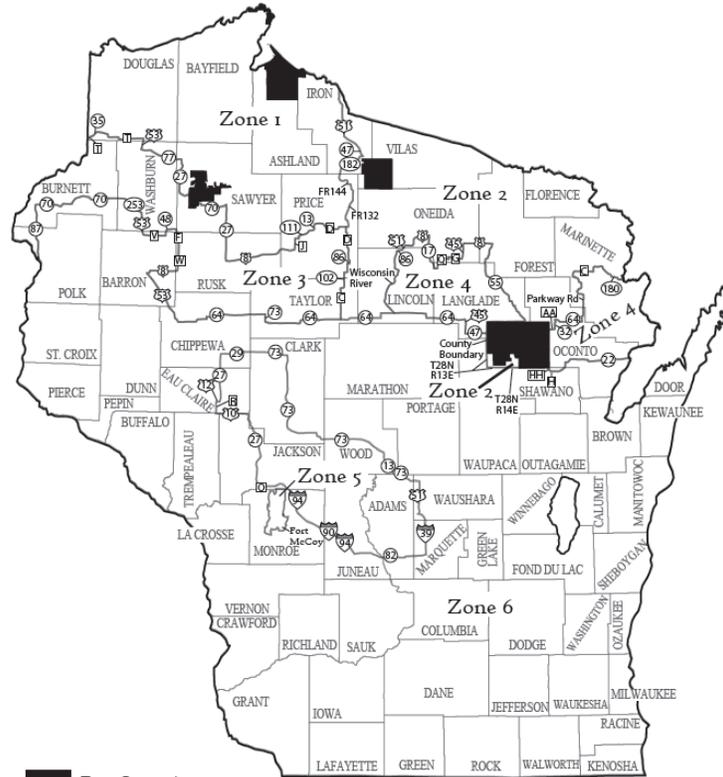
INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

3. Action Item
- 3.A. Request adoption of Emergency Board Order WM-09-12(E), proposed rules affecting Ch.'s NR 10, 12, and 19 pertaining to the wolf hunting and trapping season and regulations, a depredation program, and approval of quota and permit levels, and approval of 2012 wolf harvest zones and inclusion of 2012 harvest zones as addendum to Wolf Management Plan

**Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley.**

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas, to amend Board Order WM-09-12(E) to add the Stockbridge-Munsee lands to the non-quota areas where wolf harvest is not allowed.**

1. In SECTION 27 amending NR 10.145(30(f), at the end of the second sentence, add “Stockbridge-Munsee wolf zone”.
2. In SECTION 29 creating NR 10.295, replace the map with this map:



Wolf harvest is not allowed within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Menominee, and Red Cliff reservations nor within the designated Stockbridge-Munsee wolf zone except with DNR depredation permits.

**The motion passed 7 - 0 on a roll call vote.**

<b>William Bruins – yes</b>	<b>Preston Cole – yes</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – yes</b>	<b>David Clausen – yes</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – yes</b>	

**Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen to amend Board Order WM-09-12(E) to require the department to consider establishing additional areas where wolf harvest by hunting and trapping are not allowed if a tribe makes that request.**

- 1. In SECTION 27 amending NR 10.145(3)(f), create a third sentence which reads, “The department shall consider requests from any tribe for inclusion in additional zero quota, no-harvest zones by rule.”**
- 2. In SECTION 29 creating NR 10.295, add a sentence following the introductory material which reads, “The department shall consider requests from any tribe for inclusion in additional zero quota, no-harvest zones by rule.”**

**The motion failed 3 - 4 on a roll call vote.**

<b>William Bruins – no</b>	<b>Preston Cole – yes</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – no</b>	<b>David Clausen – no</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – no</b>	

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to amend Board Order WM-09-12(E) to include language that the department shall come back to the Board on September 26, 2012 with a plan for data gathering and that the data must answer many of the unknown questions prior to the permanent rule. Data also must be**

**gathered annually from the wolf harvesting season. This information must be utilized in establishing recommendations for subsequent seasons. Information gathered shall include, but is not limited to, whether or not there has been physical contact between dogs and wolves, and information necessary to use the criteria in subs. (1m) and (1u) to establish harvest quotas and the number of licenses to issue.**

Mr. Cole requested that the department come back to the Board at the September 26, 2012 meeting with a timeline for updating the Wolf Management Plan and that the new wolf plan must be proposed in tandem with the permanent rule.

**The motion passed 7 - 0 on a roll call vote.**

<b>William Bruins – yes</b>	<b>Preston Cole – yes</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – yes</b>	<b>David Clausen – yes</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – yes</b>	

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to amend Board Order WM-09-12(E) to require any wolf found not dead in the trap be humanely dispatched by shooting.**

[This is in a trapping-only section, preceded by the introductory material, “No person may . . .”]

**Section 25. NR 10.13(1)(b)18. is created to read:**

**NR 10.13(1)(b)18. ‘Killing captured wolves.’ Kill any wolf except by the use of a firearm. A person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law, who has caught a wolf by trapping, may authorize a person who is accompanying them and who is allowed to possess and use a firearm to kill the trapped wolf with a firearm.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Clausen commented on reopening the wolf plan. As was said today, the wolf plan was the reason Wisconsin got the delisting. If there is reluctance to reopen the wolf plan, which the Board has mandated should happen every five years, look at what was actually in the wolf plan that we received the delisting from. We have departed a long way from the plan in that it calls for no public harvest for a considerable period of time and it called for no compensation for dogs used for hunting. There were several things in there that were absolutely ignored. Fish and Wildlife did not say that this a deal breaker and we are going to relist you. I do not think we should have any fear about reopening this plan, especially when we are trying to bring more knowledge in.

Mr. Cole reminded the Board that there was an update to that plan in 2006-2007.

Ms. Wiley asked Secretary Stepp to use her considerable powers of persuasion as well as the strength of her position to convince the Legislators not use their collective heavy hand to enact laws rather than to go through the usual administrative rule process

We’ve seen with Act 169 what happens when the professional DNR staff and the Natural Resources Board are excluded from the process.

And if the Legislature ignores you, Secretary Stepp, I hope you can appeal to the Governor not to sign environmental laws forwarded to him. We need public hearings beyond the Natural Resources Committees of the Assembly and Senate. We need our professional staff’s input, we need the Congress, we need environmental and conservation organizations and interested citizens input. And we need the Natural Resources Board to review the process and set the policy. We need total transparency for Wisconsin citizens to trust and value what DNR does and that will not happen if we are continually forced down this awkward and unreasonable path (ovation).

Mr. Cole called the question.

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**The original motion as amended passed 7 - 0 on a roll call vote.**

<b>William Bruins – yes</b>	<b>Preston Cole – yes</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – yes</b>	<b>David Clausen – yes</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – yes</b>	

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bruins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.\*\*\*

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