

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Bear Committee

### Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<b>12/7/2013</b>	9:30 AM	Mead Wildlife Education Center
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Chairman Mike Rogers at 9:30 AM
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##### B. ROLL CALL

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Gary Mabie, Dave Mabie, Connie Kadubek, Jeffrey Thums, Arlen Heistad, Nate Stahl, Ralph Fritsch, Russell Hitz, Terry Olson, Larry Osegard, Al Lobner, Scott Strook, Michael Pfankuch, Dale Detampel, Christopher Wegner, Michael Murphy, Michael Rogers, Randy Voegeli, Dennis Jones, David Lois, Robert Kaminskis, Dave MacFarland, Kelly Crotty.
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Bruce Prentice, Daniel Vacho
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	Jerry Huston
<b>GUESTS</b>	Rob Bohman, Alan Wegner, Laurie Groskopf, Carleen Cadubek, Abbey Heistad, Colleen Runey, Adam Lindsey, Meghan Elgan, Kalene Sobeck, Kacey Tait.

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion Carried.

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion made by Mike Murphy, second by Russ Hitz to approve Mission Statement as is. Motion Carried.

##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>ACTION</b>	None

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. RESOLUTION TO BAN HOUNDING #130513

**NO PRESENTER OR AUTHOR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Hound hunting is a legal activity and it would take legislative action to change.		
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Mike Murphy, second by Russ Hitz to reject. Motion carried.		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>	

##### B. RESOLUTION FOR EARLIER BEAR HUNT IN ZONE C #100313

**LARRY OSEGARD**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussion included concerns for Native American Treaty Agreements. Also the possibility of adding weeks on to the end of the Zone C season as bears become more active after natural food begins to come in short supply.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Larry Osegard, second by Al Lobner to Accept. Motion Failed	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

### C. HARVEST QUOTA LEVELS

**DAVE MACFARLAND**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Quota levels were generally well received however some committee members feel there are still more than enough bears in some areas of Zone B. They were also grateful that permits will be increased for next year.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Russ Hitz, second by Dennis Jones to support Harvest Quota levels as presented by Dave MacFarland. Motion Carried.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussions included concerns for staff requirements, budget requirements and availability to do the work, and other priorities in relationship to DNR activities.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Mike Murphy, second by Russ Hitz that the WCC Bear Committee on Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 based on the information presented to date by the WDNR Bear Management staff does support the continuation of another 5 year interval for the tetracycline based bear population study. The continuation of this tetracycline based study effort to be done again in 2016.	

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>12:10 PM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Al Lobner</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>12-7-2013</b>