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Columbia Co. Conservation Congress Spring Hearing 7:00 PM 4/14/ 14 Poynette Village Hall, 106 S Main Street, Poynette, WI

Citizen Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

(For Hearing Officer completion)

TITLE: Target Shooting on DNR Lands

**THE PROBLEM:** There is a need that should be addressed for target shooting opportunities on state-owned lands. Uncontrolled target shooting on DNR-owned lands has been a problem in Columbia County. For example, the Town of Pacific has received a petition signed by over 200 citizens asking that the DNR address problems at the Swan Lake Wildlife Area. There has been no specific state response to that petition. To address the need for public target shooting opportunities, DNR is proposing to establish a public shooting range on DNR property in Columbia County and has formed an advisory committee to assist with that effort. Whereas the establishment of a safe and controlled public shooting range at an appropriate location in Columbia County should be pursued, that alone will not adequately address the uncontrolled target shooting problems at, for example, the Swan Lake Wildlife Area. The Columbia County Master Plan for DNR properties must be amended by the Natural Resources Board before a DNR target shooting range can be constructed. If the Natural Resources Board decides to amend the Master Plan, the amendments should not only address themselves to the location and operation of a shooting range, but should also address uncontrolled target shooting on DNR properties such as the Swan Lake Wildlife Area. DNR should solicit and welcome public participation by concerned citizens on Master Plan amendments regarding both the issue of a shooting range but also on the issue of uncontrolled shooting at problem areas.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Conservation Congress supports the establishment of a safe and controlled public shooting range on DNR property at an appropriate location in Columbia County and requests that the Natural Resources Board, after full public participation, amend the Columbia County Master Plan for DNR lands to address not only the establishment of a new public shooting range, but also to address uncontrolled target shooting at problem areas such as the Swan Lake Wildlife Area.

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