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Retain DNR Research Scientists

WHEREAS, the research projects and surveys by these individuals (Research Scientists) provide scientific information that is the foundation for fish and wildlife management in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, The research by these Research Scientists provides the data for the DNR, the Legislature, Wisconsin hunters, anglers and trappers to make informed decisions about fish and wildlife populations, harvest seasons, harvest quotas, habitat needs and land management practices; and,

WHEREAS, All of the funding for these Research Scientist positions comes from funds paid by hunters, anglers and trappers; and,

WHEREAS, Sportsmen and women that pay these funds want a strong and robust fish and wildlife research program in Wisconsin.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Douglas County on April 13, 2015, opposes the 2015-2017 State Budget proposal which removes funding for research positions and respectfully requests the Wisconsin Legislature to retain the research Scientists in the 2015-2017 State Budget.

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