

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - William J. Mitchell

**FOR:** AUGUST BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

William J. Mitchell will retire after 42 years of exemplary service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for William J. Mitchell

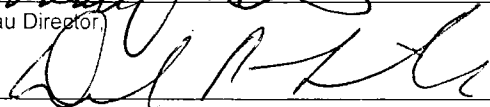
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached

**APPROVED:**

  
Bureau Director

  
Administrator

  
Secretary, Matt Frank

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## *Retirement Resolution*

William J. Mitchell will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on July 18, 2009 after serving the citizens of Wisconsin for more than 42 years.

Bill began his career with the Department in June of 1967 working as an LTE for Wildlife Management shortly after the DNR was formed by the Kellett Reorganization Commission. Bill was the first person to be stationed at the Bong Recreation Area.

In 1973 Bill worked for the Bureau of Information and Education in the Southeast District Office located in a rented building at 116th and North.

In January of 1974, Bill realized a dream, as he began his true career as a Conservation Warden. After training across the state, Bill was assigned to the West Bend Station where he has remained to this day.

Bill was promoted to the position of Assistant Regional Warden, again working in the Southeast District Office which was now located on the Milwaukee County institutional grounds. But Bill's love of the work of a field warden soon sent him back to the West Bend station.

Bill has an excellent working relationship with the local sportsmen groups, all the law enforcement organizations, fire departments, volunteer safety instructors, other DNR employees, and citizens of Washington County.

Bill has never missed a hunter, snowmobile, boating, or ATV safety class in his area.

In addition to his station responsibilities, Bill has served as a Field Training Officer, and as a firearms, DAAT, and Professional Communication Instructor.

Bill has always strived to follow the mission statement of the DNR, especially to protect and enhance our natural resources, and to ensure the right of all people to use and enjoy these resources.

**WHEREAS**, William J. Mitchell has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of his duties, he thus has earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Natural Resources Board at its August 2009 meeting at Hayward, 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