

Media Advisory

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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SUBJECT: Sporting Heritage on the agenda next week, twice

Greetings outdoor writers and editors:

Two “sporting heritage” meetings are scheduled next week, one by the Sporting Heritage Council and the other by the Sporting Heritage Committee. The groups have similar titles, and the missions are similar, but they are not formally related to each other, other than the fact that the chairman of the Sporting Heritage Council was tasked by the law to appoint three of the five members of the Sporting Heritage Committee. The other two members of this committee are the chairs of the natural resource committees in the Assembly and Senate.

The **Sporting Heritage Council**, created by Gov. Walker to make recommendations on recruiting and retaining hunters, anglers and trappers in Wisconsin, holds its next meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the WWII Memorial Building, 440 Main St., Wautoma. The meeting is open to the public but there will be no opportunity for public input. The website for this group is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/OutdoorRecreation/sportingheritage.html>

There are two main items on the agenda:

- A presentation and discussion with Christine Thomas – Natural Resources Board member, chair of the UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, founder of Becoming an Outdoors Woman –on recruitment and retention.
- Ten-year fish and wildlife plan, presented by Kurt Thiede, DNR administrator of the lands division.

The five-member **Sporting Heritage Grant Committee**, created by the legislature in Wisconsin Act 20, will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, in room 813, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, to review a grant application from United Sportsmen of Wisconsin Foundation, Inc. This was the only application submitted for the \$500,000 Sporting Heritage Grant created in Act 20 (2013 Assembly Bill 40) Wisconsin Statutes 29.605. The committee will meet just this once. Some members may attend the meeting via conference call.

For more information on either of these meetings, contact Paul Heinen at 608-266-2120.