

Agenda Amended: 12/03/19

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress Bear Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda



Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
1:00 pm

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Bear Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will convene at 1:00 pm on December 7, 2019 at the Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center located at S2148 County Highway S, Milladore, Wisconsin. The committee will review and act on the items listed on this agenda.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### I. Organizational Matters

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Agenda approval or repair
- D. Review committee mission statement

*The Bear Committee of the Conservation Congress mission is to ensure that we maintain a population of black bear in Wisconsin that allows the citizens the ability to harvest a percentage of that population each year but leave an ample amount of mature bears to continue the breeding process.*

*We also want to promote all legal methods for hunting the black bear which include;*

- 1) Training season for hounds
- 2) Hunting with aid of hounds
- 3) Use of hounds and bait
- 4) Ability to use bait
- 5) Other methods

*The charge of the committee is to help make it possible that everyone that hunts the black bear has a chance to have an enjoyable and maybe a successful hunt and that the future of the black bear in Wisconsin remains a noble and well sought-after animal.*

### E. Public comments

*Citizens who wish to address the committee should contact the committee chair (**Mike Rogers at 608-643-8057**) prior to **December 5, 2019.***

### II. Information & Action Items

#### A. Citizen resolutions

- 1. Allow Bear Hunters on Private Land to Use Man-Made Containers for Baiting ([620319](#))
- 2. Change in Bear Baiting Regulations ([040619](#))
- 3. Reinstate Class B Bear License Requirements ([050419](#))
- 4. **Banning chocolate and cocoa derivatives in bear baits ([130419](#), [270119](#)) originally assigned to the Floor of the Congress (added 12/03/19)**

#### B. Department Information & Updates

- 1. Research update
- 2. 2019 bear season harvest summary
- 3. Proposed 2020 harvest quotas/permits

4. Damage/nuisance shooting permits harvest data
5. APHIS-2019 human-bear conflict update
6. 2019 LTH Bear Hunt
7. Update on Bear Management Plan
8. Implementation timeline for new bear management zones
9. Law Enforcement Updates

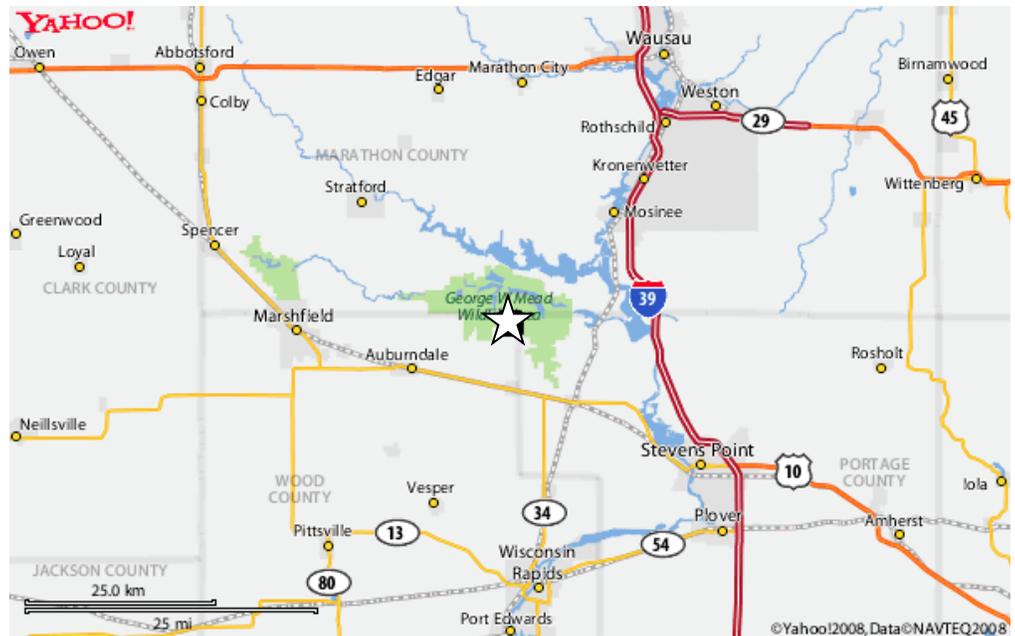
**C. Discussion on what is legal containers for bait (added 12/03/19)**

III. Member Matters

IV. Adjournment

(Lunch will be provided for committee members and DNR staff prior to the meeting)

**From Marshfield:** Take Highway 10 East to County S. Drive north approximately 6 miles.  
**From Stevens Point:** Take Highway 10 West to County S. Drive north approximately 6 miles.  
**From Wausau:** Take Interstate 39 and US-51 South to Exit 175 for WI-34 towards Knowlton & Wisconsin Rapids, Turn right. Drive south on WI-34 turn right onto County Highway C. Drive west approximately 8 miles to County Highway S turn left. Drive south approximately 3 miles.  
**From Wisconsin Rapids:** Take Highway 34 North to Highway 10 West. Drive west approximately 3 miles to County S. Drive north approximately 6 miles.



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Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html> and click on Advisory Committee Evaluation Form under Delegate Resources.

**Committee Chair and Vice-Chair:** Mike Rogers (608) 643-8057  
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**NOTE: Per the WCC Code of Procedures VII.J.3, committee members must notify the committee chair or vice-chair no less than 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting to confirm your attendance.**