

The Legislative Committee met on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the MacKenzie Environmental Center in Poynette, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM by the Co-Chair Meyer.

Roll call was taken with Co-Chair Jayne Meyer, Co-Chair Dustin Grant, Bob Chojnowski, Harold Drake, Allen Haase, William Howe, John Jones, Mike Reese present. From the DNR Paul Heinen, Pete Dunn, and Scott Loomans were present.

Excused from the meeting were: Roger Wilson and Harley Kurtz.

Members missing without being excused were: AnnMarie Kutzke and James McCauley.

**Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Haase/Howe to refer 040309 to Executive Council for support to the Legislature. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Paul Heinen discussed bills pending in the Legislature. He also distributed a list showing the various bills pertaining to Natural Resources.

**Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Grant/Drake to amend agenda to move 690809 to first resolution discussed. **Motion carried** unanimously.

680809 – Author Steven Zwicke was present and discussed his concerns with the current law. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Howe/Haase to pass the resolution on to the Executive Council for consideration. The committee expressed concerns about how bowfishing and crossbows would be handled under this resolution. Also expressed was the feeling that this really would not fiscally impact the DNR as it results in a \$2 savings per license. **Motion carried** unanimously.

130109 – Is scheduled for a floor period in September. It was determined that this was on the agenda to be a reaffirming vote. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Haase/Drake to pass the resolution on to the Executive Council for consideration. The committee discussed the history and probability of the bill passing. **Motion carried** unanimously.

370609 – A letter from the author was read. Paul Heinen stated that no Social Security Numbers have ever been compromised. Also it's a Federal Law. Changing the current law could jeopardize various funding sources. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Janowski/Reese to reject the resolution. **Motion to reject carried** unanimously.

370709 – A letter from the author was read. Pete Dunn explained that the DNR gave most power to DATCP. There are currently 540 whitetail enclosures and 150 other species enclosures in the State. Approximately 60-80 of the Whitetail enclosures are used for hunting. It was also stated that if you make a new enclosure, you must remove all wild deer. There is no compensation provision to just leave them in. A DNR warden must verify absence of wild deer. Currently, high-fence enclosures are used by a wide range of situations: pay-to-play, micromanagement, owner hunting, local and out-of-state owners. The group strongly supports the concept of preventing/restricting any

further development of these hunting enclosures and potential ways for eliminating them. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Haase/Howe to pass the resolution on to the Executive Council for consideration. **Motion carried** unanimously.

410309 – **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Howe/Haase to pass the resolution on to the Executive Council for consideration. The board discussed many items such as the half million dollar cost, the potential for an increase in license sales, what other states do. **Motion Carried.**  
No:Haase, Yes: Majority.

430609 – **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Chojnowski/Haase to reject the resolution. Discussion of the problems arising from a change in physical condition. **Motion carried** unanimously.

430809 – The Board discussed the potential for the fiscal impact to be in the millions. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Haase/Chojnowski to pass the resolution on to the Executive Council for consideration. Grant explained that the author wanted to be here but was unable to. **Motion carried** unanimously.

680509 – **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Howe/Grant to reject the resolution. Discussion ensued about constitutional issues, concerns that other states would limit us, decrease in out-of-state revenue. It was stated that only 2.53% of Class A Bear licenses went to out-of-state hunters. It was also discussed that out-of-state landowners have rights too. Scott Loomans stated that for Elk, if and when a hunt happens, all tags go to residents, and non-residents are already last preference for turkeys. **Motion to reject carried** unanimously.

Other items discussed was the hearing on “thrill killing”. The committee had concerns about the current version of the bill was worded.

**Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>** by Chojnowski/Drake to adjourn. **Motion carried** unanimously at 12:40PM.