

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## 2013 Annual Convention

### Friday Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	May 10	9:00 am	Plaza Hotel & Suites 1020 W. Clairmont Ave Eau Claire, WI
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chair Bohmann at 9:00 am
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##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	71 Counties Present
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	Menominee County
GUESTS	

##### C. ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion by Manitowoc to accept, second by Clark to approve. Motion carried. Motion carried.

##### D. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Adoption of agenda: Motion by Clark to approve, second by Door. Motion carried.

##### E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Pledge of Allegiance

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. WELCOME -

##### City Council President Kincaid

DISCUSSION	Unable to Attend	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**B. DNR SECRETARY COMMENTS –  
Cathy Stepp, Secretary DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Cathy Stepp: More involvement with public based on new protocol. There were more than 13,000 responses to the online survey.  Portage County: asked why staff cannot give professional opinion  Stepp: They can give their professional opinion.  Oconto: Mentioned cut in budget for Stewardship.  Kenosha: Noted positive outcome of encounter with conservation warden. “That would not have happened in the past”  Clark: Asked what has changed as far as environmental concerns expressed by native Americans re: mining.  Stepp: Gave the department options to move the process along without un-do delay. Tribes were not supportive of the mine regardless of what is in the bill.  Rusk: Asks about resolution on Sandhill Crane hunt from 2011; referred to Rep. Kleefisch.  Dodge: Concerned about debt service on stewardship purchases.  Stepp: \$1 million per week.  Douglas: Thanked Stepp for simplified form, four pages to one.  Marquette: Wanted to know next step on crossbows.  Stepp: It’s in the legislature.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD COMMENTS -  
Greg Kazmierski, Natural Resources Board Secretary**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Greg Kazmierski: Would like to see more participation at the NRB meeting. Not enough hunters, anglers, and trappers are at the meetings.  There were questions regarding hunting and trapping in state parks.  Kaz: NRB chair has promised that we will go back and revisit the matter based on spring hearings vote.  Iowa: What’s going on trustee with report?  Kaz: Recognizes difficulty. Need to think outside the box. Plan is to give hunters and landowners the freedom to make decisions and how many deer will be shot on your property. “You are more powerful than you think you are. Very simple charge is to implement the plan.  Oconto: Questions on state parts hunting and trapping.  Kaz: Show up at board meeting. Sportsmen outnumbered 20-1. Said there is a misperception about the danger. He noted that we need to be 100 yards from a trail but only 50 feet from the center of the road.  Dodge: Asked about litigation before implementation of Kroll recommendations.  Kaz: Hasn’t heard of that.  Wood: Attended the meeting on the hunting in state parks. It was intimidating as those who were opposed constantly disrupted. Said we need to show up.  Winnebago: Re: changing turkey season: 80 percent satisfied. Change to one season  Kaz: Currently, no bill to change the turkey season. Certain legislators wanted it. A statement was made by Sen. Kedzie about it and a rumor started.  Dane: hunting in parks issue diverse group. He’s pleased that the board is going to revisit. Need to look at be respectful toward groups that support us on other issue, e.g. stewardship.  Kaz: as a board member, I was glad to see it on the ballot because it gives the board direction.  Thinks congress has been very tolerate of diverse opinions.  Clark: Remind everyone that the county vote is important.  Eau Claire: Believes Wisconsin gives its resources away because of low cost for tags for non- residents.  Kaz: Bringing in nonresidents is important. We are destination state because of traditions rather than “product.”</p>	
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<b>ACTION</b>	None
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**D. CHAIRMAN’S YEAR IN REVIEW -  
Rob Bohmann, WCC Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Rob Bohmann: Highlights: You belong to a hunting fraternity/sorority. We need to support others if fair chase is to be maintained. We are a band of brothers and sisters. We need to get involved in the political discussion. Need to introduce others to the hunting, trapping and anglers. We need to get people involved.	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**E. LEARN TO HUNT BEAR TAG RECIPIENT ANNOUNCEMENT -  
Mike Rogers, WCC Bear Committee Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mike Rogers announced Taylor Wondra will receive the Congress' learn to hunt bear hunt tag.	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**F. STATEGIC PLAN -  
Art Lersch, UW-Extension**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Art Lersch: Introduced the finished product approved unanimously by the Executive Council. He noted two additional members to the Executive Committee. They will come from the Executive Council. All of this is about getting the word out about what the congress does. We must keep the plan on the agenda as we move forward. It needs to be revisited; probably by the Outreach committee. Tracking progress on what are you doing.</p> <p>Sheboygan: Supports the change. Observation on new committee structure is positive.</p> <p>Bohmann: Every delegate who wants to be on a committee should be assigned to one. The Plan will need some work in Code of Procedure changes. The council moved to go forward. Calumet: Some things in progress? How do we get us to the goals? Who will be responsible?</p> <p>Art: We will continue to work on that.</p> <p>Bayfield: Was budget addressed?</p> <p>Art: The Friends program is one option for raising required money.</p> <p>Wood: Is the intention of the Congress to try to change statute. Advise the NRB and DNR, both?</p> <p>The congress should advise the NRB which would direct the DNR.</p> <p>Crawford: Provided some history of Congress and continuing tradition. Also, noted the loss of species of plants and animals. Need to expand knowledge of losses of native species, and all invasive species.</p> <p>Iowa: Notes COP calls for election of exec committee on the same day.</p> <p>Iowa: Says we need to be careful of lobbying Congress</p> <p>Bohmann: We testify on positions of the Congress.</p> <p>Dane: Is it legal to lobby. Legal Council says it was deemed ok.</p> <p>Sheboygan: Once told that we could not lobby. DOJ said we can lobby but be can't do it with state dollars.</p> <p>Bohmann: Anyone can go the legislature, but they must go as a private citizen and not as a rep of the Congress.</p>
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	<p>Vilas: Had info at the Cable convention which disputes that we can lobby.  Ozaukee: The legislature now has more power. But we can go to the legislature, and must.  Clark: Lobbying, we can't lobby with state funds. Need to look for resources to pay for lobbying.  Oconto: Noted problem with modifying the voting procedures. Also, disagrees with on line voting. People need to come to the spring hearings.  La Crosse: Resists on line voting.  Calumet: On line voting very difficult to take time off to participate. We need to consider second and third shift workers; a whole population that we are missing.  Dodge moved to approve Strategic Plan, second by Vilas.  Vilas: Waller sent comments. Wants to know what happened with comments.  Bohmann: You can speak for three minutes.  Vilas declined the opportunity.  Washara: Says not enough time to look at the Plan before the convention.  Bohmann: The plan has been on the website since January.  Calumet: Call the question. Motion carried.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Dodge moved to approve Strategic Plan, second by Vilas; Motion Carried	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**G. 2013-14 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	See Website For Results	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**H. PROPOSED CODE OF PROCEDURE CHANGES -  
Dale Maas, WCC Rules & Resolution Committee Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Dale Maas read Code of Procedure Changes  Door: Asks about hunting with dogs since the committee has been disbanded.  Bohmann: It will go to the appropriate committee e.g., wolf hunting with dogs to wolf, bear hunting to bear committee.  All changes approved as read.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved as Read	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**I. REPRESENTATION ON COUNTY BOARD LANDS  
COMMITTEES -  
Larry Bonde, WCC Vice-Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Larry Bonde: County Boards and Land Conservation Committee. Says Congress can expand circle of influence. The money that goes through that body is our hunting and fishing dollars. Money comes from sportsmen. Cost sharing money goes through that committee. Helps with crop damage claims where some requests are now turned down because they don't meet the requirements.  Calumet: Wilbersheid is now a member of his County Conservation committee.  Clark: Our County is big in agriculture.  Monroe: Serves as a consultant to the county conservation committee.  La Crosse: Should look at each county; some are different.</p>	
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	<p>Outagamie: Difficult to get involved because no agenda is available.          Bonde: Needs to be an agenda under open meetings.          Langlade: Have an agriculture agent in the county. Good place to start for getting information.          Biggest problem there is bears.          Bonde: Wants feedback from delegate's progress and getting involved.          Item 10: Rules simplification</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	None
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**J. RULE SIMPLIFICATION INITIATIVE –  
 Tim Lawhern, DNR Science & Enforcement Division  
 Administrator**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Tim Lawhern: Department is working on a framework. Is there a way that we can come up with a way to make it simple while still protecting our resources. Write them in a way we can understand them. Said some laws are written that are legalese.          Will need to get input, and work on the ones that need changing.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	None
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**K. 2013 RESULTS OF WCC ADVISORY QUESTIONS –  
 Larry Bonde, WCC Vice-Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADVISORY QUESTIONS</b>          Question 69: Panfish (Advance)          Question 70: Hunting/trapping in state parks (Advance)  <b>BEAR COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION</b>          Question 71: Transfer Class A Bear Harvest Permit (requires legislation) (Advance)          Dane: Need to make sure it also applies to National Guard.  <b>BIG GAME COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION</b>          Question 72: End the December antlerless deer season (from resolution) (Advance)          Buffalo: Wants December hunt to continue in western part of the state. They have too many deer. Noted there was some starvation in 2013.          Door: Don't take another tool away from the department, Opposed.          Eau Claire: Biggest problem is lack of access.          Outagamie: A lot of questions will be answered through DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program)  <b>ENDANGERED RESOURCES &amp; LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTIONS</b>          Question 73: Remove backtag requirements from resolutions (requires legislation) (Failed)          Question 74: Expand definition of artificial lights allowed for predator hunting (requires legislation) (Advance)  <b>FUR HARVEST COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTIONS</b>          Question 75: Allow trapping on NPS (National Park Service) owned land along Namekagan/St Croix Rivers (requires federal rule change) (Advance)          Polk: Wants to know what counties are involved.          Sawyer: Need to connect with Wild River Act.          Question 76: Extend muskrat season until March 31st (Advance)          Lafayette: Swamps are ok, but a lot of raccoons will be killed. Opposed          Rock: Concern for duck kill.          Question 77: Statewide bobcat season (Advance)          Question 78: Simplify season framework (Advance)  <b>HUNTING WITH DOGS COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION</b>          Question 79: Dog training in Bear Zone C (Advance)</p>
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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTIONS**

Question 80: Increase non-resident deer license fees (requires legislation) (Advance)  
Washington: License fees are lower in surrounding states.  
Ozaukee: Need to keep in mind people coming in from Minnesota. They need people to come to Wisconsin, Opposed.  
Question 81: Sport License change (requires legislation) (Advance)  
Question 82: Non-motorized boat registration (requires legislation) (Advance)  
Iowa: Noted that some questions get boiled down to a few words. Says some important information was omitted.  
Washington: Agrees with Iowa. Noted if authorities find an empty canoe they can trace it.  
Clark: Concern over the assessment policy, bigger vs. small boats.  
Crawford: Disagreed with non-consumptive users not having to pay for the privilege of using the resources of the state.  
\*\*Vilas: Drake Schneider is the first youth delegate to speak. Supports rejection based on cost to users of small craft such as row boats.  
Question 83: Armed Forces licenses (requires legislation) (Advance)  
Question 84: Hunting feral pigs (requires legislation) (Advance)  
Question 85: Transfer of license/permit (requires legislation) (Advance)

**MIGRATORY COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION**

Question 86: Waterfowl hunting concealment rule (Advance)  
Wood: Suggests the rules are not clear enough for anyone to understand.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION**

Question 87: Minnow harvest regulations as pertaining to control of fish diseases and invasive Species (Advance)

**OUTDOOR HERITAGE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTIONS**

Question 88: Allow 14 & 15 year olds to participate in the youth hunts unaccompanied by a mentor (Due to federal regulations, these proposed changes would not be applicable to youth waterfowl hunts) (Advance)  
Question 89: Allow 16 & 17 year olds to participate in all youth hunts Note: Due to federal regulations, these proposed changes would not be applicable to youth waterfowl hunts. (Advance)  
Question 90: Eliminate Inland Trout & Great Lakes Stamp for 16-17 year old youth (requires legislation)(Advance)  
Pierce: Proposal would take needed revenue away from department.  
Portage: Nothing is free. If people have the money to buy gas they can purchase a stamp.  
Crawford: We have a mandate to get people outdoors, Supports.  
Clark: Suggests calling it a habitat stamp.  
Question 91: Eliminate hunting stamp requirements for youth (requires legislation) (Advance)

**UPLAND GAME COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION**

Question 92: Pheasant hunting season opening time change to 9:00 a.m. (Advance)

**WARM WATER COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTIONS**

Question 93: Bluegill bag and size limits on Allequash Lakes, Vilas County (Advance)  
Question 94: Crappie size and bag limit on Lake Wausau, Marathon County (Advance)  
Question 95: Reduce bag limit for bluegills on Chequamegon Waters, Taylor County (Advance)  
Question 96: Change walleye size and bag limit on Spirit Lake and North Spirit Lake, Taylor Co (Advance)  
Question 97: Musky size limit on Castle Rock and Petenwell Flowages (Advance)  
Question 98: Size and bag limit change for northern pike on Winnebago System waters (Advance)

**WOLF COMMITTEE ADVISORY QUESTION**

Question 99: Introduce year-round coyote hunting (Advance)

ACTION	Listed After Question	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**L. 2013 FISHERIES SPRING HEARINGS RESULTS & PROGRAM UPDATES – Mike Staggs, Director, DNR Fisheries Management**

DISCUSSION	<p>Question 1: Rough fish harvest within 200 feet of a fish-way, lock, or dam (Advance)</p> <p>Question 2: Sturgeon spearing hours on the Winnebago System (Advance)</p> <p>Question 3: Rough fish spearing seasons (Advance)</p> <p>Question 4: Apply Northern Bass Management Zone catch and release season to smallmouth bass only. (Advance)</p> <p>Forest: Says this will hurt our area, and is opposed.</p> <p>Clark: Suggests the reason the walleye population is down is because of tribal spearing.</p> <p>Vilas: The largemouth bass are here today because of protection of the fisheries.</p> <p>Staggs: The tribal take is 30-35,000 fish.</p> <p>Question 5: Length and bag limits for walleye on the Wisconsin River (Advance)</p> <p>Question 6: Allow trolling statewide (Advance)</p> <p>Vilas: The issue is not trolling, but the three lines.</p> <p>Wood: We have studied this to death. If we go with trolling, we can't go back and fix it if necessary.</p> <p>Waushara: Opposed to three-line trolling. Muskies can't take the heat if they are caught and released.</p> <p>Washington: Thinks three-line rule is appropriate.</p> <p>Sawyer: His County is opposed.</p> <p>Fond du Lac: Noted that one-line got the most votes, three line the most negative votes.</p> <p>Oneida: Motion to amend to one line.</p> <p>Forest: This would be even bigger mess.</p> <p>Staggs: Can't go back on the waters where there are three lines.</p> <p>Outagamie: Michigan does high speed trolling. Would we need legislation on speed?</p> <p>Vilas: Motion to amend the main motion to advance: Counties that are at three lines remain at three. Those who voted in favor of three lines would go to three lines; those who voted no would stay at one-line. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 7: Alternate length and bag limits under certain conditions (Advance)</p> <p>Question 8: Lead tackle restriction on Escanaba, Nebish and Palette Lakes, Vilas Co. (Advance)</p> <p>Question 9: Length limit for muskellunge in Lake Michigan waters (Advance)</p> <p>Question 10: Ceded territory walleye or muskellunge bag and length limit adjustments (Advance)</p> <p><b>PROPOSED LOCAL FISHERIES RULE CHANGES</b></p> <p>Question 11: Length and bag limits for walleye on Silver Lake, Barron County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 12: Length and bag limits for northern pike in Diamond Lake, Bayfield County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 13: Predator fish in Park Lake and the Fox River, Columbia County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 14: Urban fishing program designations in Dane County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 15: Length and bag limits for walleye on Beaver Dam Lake and Mill Creek, Dodge Co (Advance)</p> <p>Question 16: Length and bag limits for walleye on Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 17: Length limits for walleye on Minong Flowage &amp; Cranberry Lake Douglas &amp; Wasburn Co(Advance)</p> <p>Question 18: Bass protected slot size limit on Half Moon Lake, Eau Claire County (Advance)</p> <p>Speaker Unknown: Said this is not a trophy lake. Need to take some bass. There are no walleye left.</p> <p>Question 19: Length and bag limits for walleye on Patten Lake, Florence County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 20: Bass protected slot size limit on Trump Lake, Forest County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 21: Length and bag limits for walleye on Sandy Beach Lake, Iron County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 22: Length and bag limits for northern pike on Lake Six, Iron County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 23: Length and bag limits for catfish in Yellowstone Lake, Lafayette County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 24: Lake Tomah rehabilitation and predator protection, Monroe County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 25: Bag limit for panfish in Thompson Lake, Pepin County (Advance)</p>
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	<p>Question 26: No minimum length limit for bass on Balsam Lake, Polk County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 27: Urban fishing program designation in Rock County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 28: Length and bag limits for bass and walleye in Big Chetac Lake, Sawyer County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 29: Bass protected slot size limit on Bass Lake, St Croix County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 30: Control of exotic species in Sparkling Lake, Vilas County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 31: Urban fishing program designation in Waukesha County (Advance)</p> <p>Question 32: Bag limit for panfish on Little Hills Lake, Waushara County (Advance)</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Listed After Question	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

### M. GOVERNOR WALKER COMMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Governor Walker mentioned the need to get youth and first time hunters involved. Mentioned need to make it easier to get people involved.</p> <p>Please that we were able to play an active role in working with Dr. Kroll, and appreciates the involvement of the Congress with that process.</p> <p>Wolf harvest was a success. Much greater response than we expected. Stayed away from the delisting in the past, but need to get more involved. Need to let people in Washington know we care about hunting in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Regarding the Stewardship Fund, my focus is that what we put into the Stewardship Fund is available to the public. My objective is that there access. Need to make an inventory of the land that is out there. You pay for the land so we should make sure that land is available to the public.</p> <p>We have a long history of safety.</p> <p>Mining: Even though it has been passed, there are several steps to go through. Even before the mine is open we hope there will jobs available. Iron County has a 12 and a half unemployment rate. I have every confidence that when it comes to clean air and water, they will be able to do it effectively. He mentioned the history behind the badger as state mascot. The badgers were the miners who burrowed into the hills to live while they mined.</p> <p>We are going to hold mines to a high standard. We have included additional staff to make sure the frac sand miners are maintaining standards. Make sure the laws and administration rules are followed.</p> <p>Monroe: Streamline hunter's safety for adults.</p> <p>Governor is trying to have a condensed timeline for those over 18.</p> <p>Oconto: Stewardship complained about the reduction in funding. \$28 million given up last year and the budget new proposes that \$20 would come out of the budget again.</p> <p>Governor: Said he can't veto a number up. He can veto an amount or can lower it but can't increase it.</p> <p>Bayfield: Mentioned Kroll report and the need for better communications. Noted things have improved; we've been successful in bringing antlerless tags down.</p> <p>Sauk: Info on proposal to sell large tracts to foreign investors and the impact on hunting, fishing and trapping.</p> <p>Governor: not a large impact.</p> <p>Fond du Lac: Concern with high capacity wells.</p> <p>Governor: Has not looked at specifically; will talk to Stepp.</p> <p>Vilas: toured the Jackson county mine operation. Impressed and concerned with the volume of water. Need proper water management. Key to their success will be proper water management.</p> <p>Governor: important to have the DNR</p> <p>Waukesha: Made a promise that you would sign concealed carry bill at a previous convention and has done that.</p> <p>Pierce County: commended the wolf season, but is concerned that people couldn't fill their tag, because 85 tags (tribes) were un-filled.</p> <p>Governor. That was the concern last year.</p> <p>Adams: Legislation allows for release of contaminants in the water.</p>
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	Governor: Need to make sure the release is done in compliance with the law.	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**N. 2013 WILDLIFE SPRING HEARING RESULTS & PROGRAM  
 UPDATES – Tom Hauge, Director, DNR Wildlife  
 Management**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>PROPOSED STATEWIDE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RULE CHANGES</b>          Question 33: Allow the use of rifles for deer hunting statewide (2014) (Advance)          Question 34 &amp; 35: Pheasant hunting regulations simplification and requiring sex/species identification during transportation (2014) (Advance)          Rock: Voted no at spring hearings. Will conflict with other states' seasons and will conflict with duck season, and will result in low-quality furs.          Grant: Agrees with Rock.          Question 36: Allow cutting and gathering willow stakes on Department managed lands for non-commercial uses. (Advance)          Question 37: Simplify mink and muskrat trapping regulations by creating more consistent opening and closing dates throughout the state (2014) (Advance)          Question 38: Establish that, when the bear hunting season is open, hunting hours apply to people who are training bear hunting dogs as well as to people who are hunting bears. (Advance)          Question 39: Establish that certain traps placed for weasels need to be checked by the trapper at least once every four days instead of daily (2014) (Advance)          Question 40: Require 24 hour harvest reporting of otter and fisher (2014) (Advance)          Question 41: Allow unattended, overnight placement of portable stands and blinds on Department owned and managed lands (2014) (Rejected)</p> <p><b>PROPOSED LOCAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RULE CHANGES</b>          Question 42: Eliminate the refuge/closed area at Mecan Springs, Waushara County as recommended in voting by the Conservation Congress in 2012 (Waushara County) (Advance)          Question 43: Simplify pheasant hunting regulations at Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Kenosha County by eliminating the arm band requirement (2014) (Advance)          Question 44: Establish a controlled dove hunt at Bong State Recreation Area in Kenosha County in order to improve hunter satisfaction by reducing hunter interference (2014) (Advance)          Question 45: Increase the daily pheasant hunting fee at Bong State Recreation Area in Kenosha County from \$3.00 to \$12.00 (\$5.00 if stocking did not occur that day because the current fee is not sufficient to cover the cost of this stocking program (2014) (Advance as amended)          Question 46: Allow the use of rifles for firearm deer hunting in part of Outagamie County (2014) (not considered)          Question 47: Allow the use of rifles for firearm deer hunting in more of Shawano County (2014) (Advance)</p>	
	<b>ACTION</b>	Listed After Question
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**O. FISH & WILDLIFE 10 YEAR PLAN –  
 Kurt Thiede, DNR Lands Division Administrator**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Reviewed public outreach effort on two action plans. Due in June 2015	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

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**P. LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE -  
Randy Stark, Chief Warden, WDNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussed staffing for law enforcement. He discussed marijuana operations that were halted.	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**Q. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS -  
Rob Bohmann, WCC Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Bohmann read the names of those who passed away this past year.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Moment of Silence	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**R. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECLARATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE  
CCOMMITTEE – Rob Bohmann, WCC Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Bohmann announced declarations for exec committee: Bohmann chair Bonde: Vice Chair Weiss: Secretary Fahrney: public affairs/outreach Suchla: Historian.	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**S. RECESS FOR DINNER**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>ACTION</b>	Recessed for Dinner @ 5:15 PM	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

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### Saturday Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Plaza Hotel &amp; Suites 1020 W. Clairmont Ave Eau Claire, WI</b>
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Chair Bohmann at 8:30 am
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##### B. ROLL CALL

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	66 Counties Present
<b>excuse D</b>	
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	Langlade, Lincoln, Menominee, Rusk, Shawano, Vernon
<b>GUESTS</b>	

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. ELECTION OF 2013-14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2013-14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Bohmann announced Executive Committee: Bohmann - Chair Bonde - Vice Chair Weiss - Secretary Fahrney - Public Relations & Outreach Suchla - Historian	
<b>ACTION</b>	None	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

##### A. DEPARTMENT WILDLIFE ADVISORY QUESTIONS & NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD ADVISORY QUESTIONS – Scott Loomans, Wildlife Management

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT ADVISORY QUESTIONS – WILDLIFE</b> Questions 48-51: Regulations for training dogs that will be used to hunt wolves (Advance) Vilas: Should delay a decision until the court issues are settled. Questions 52-63: Expanding open water hunting opportunities for waterfowl (Advance) Clark: Would like to have someone explain the duck hunting rules to someone who doesn't hunt. Suggests so complicated no one can understand them.
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	<p>Question 64: Expand the area where bobcat hunting and trapping are legal (Advance)          Question 65: Canada goose hunting simplification, reducing the size of the Horicon Zone (Advance)  <b>NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD ADVISORY QUESTIONS</b>          Question 66: Option to expand the use of crossbows (Advance)          Outagamie: If the proposal for "first in, first out" is followed, does that mean handicapped people are the first ones out.          Ozaukee: Schimelpfenig Explained current legislation for full inclusion. Explained there would be no need for handicapped license.          Question 67: Option to expand the use of crossbows (Rejected)          Question 68: Restricting hunting wolves with dogs (Rejected)          Price: Hunting with dogs is not dangerous.          Dane: Says hunters don't want this. It's dog fighting. It's a blood sport. WCC should consider the backlash. It is animal cruelty and inhumane.          Sauk: Agrees with Price. Never had a dog killed in summer. If we take away this opportunity, what's next?          Door: Says he's been running dogs for 30 years, including wolves. Says no dog owner is going to put his dogs at risk. Must avoid rendezvous sites when pups are young.          Waushara: If you haven't done hounding, don't pass judgment on those who do.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Listed After Question	
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**B. RULES & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT (2013 RESOLUTIONS) –  
 Dale Mass, Rules & Resolutions Committee Chair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Maas: Report on assignments of resolutions          Notes two resolutions inadvertently added 130213 and 130913 were rejected for format and were voted on.          Motion to move 500313 to Environmental approved.          Forest: 320313 Motion to move from Great Lakes to warm water (Rejected)</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Listed Above	
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**C. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>La Crosse: Re: Stewardship: 2007 vote at Cable on resolution to support Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund; that was the seed that the Congress sowed. Not enough time spent on management of land. Need to increase the funding for managers. Need to let public know where this stuff. Need to reaffirm our commitment to the 2007 resolution. Need signage.          Motion by La Crosse to reaffirm support of the Knowles-Nelson as submitted in 2007, second by Sheboygan, Motion carried.          Buffalo: Mentioned lack of first names on roster. Kari will fix and redistribute.          Ashland: Try to avoid creating a new resolution that will circumvent original resolution.          Motion was made by Ashland to revisit Resolution 6, second by Washburn.          Discussion: Need for change based on confusion Motion carried.          Fritsch: There will be hearings on population goals for wolf population. The motion to reaffirm the goal of 350 wolves was made by Oconto; Second by Waukesha. Motion carried.          Barron: Need more info at local level. Another tool to help at county level is WCC banner.          Bohmann: Brochures will be provided. Counties can make up their own banners.          Washington: Apologized for mistakes made during spring hearings. Need to tighten up procedures regarding photo id. Washington motioned to send a letter of support on the</p>	
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	<p>crossbow bill that is pending in the Assembly, seconded by Ozaukee. Washington motioned to withdraw, motioned carried.</p> <p>Vilas: Influx on attendees to spring hearings. Biggest hang-up is the sign-up sheets. Need half dozen or more sign up stations. Need to separate those two groups. Need to stack materials ahead of time. Need to have each delegate speak on what they have done to communicate with the public</p> <p>Door: Wants to delay the starting time.</p> <p>Wood: Need to inform yourself on what other people think about issues. Would like to bring back the feral cat issue.</p> <p>Outagamie: Acknowledges respectful attitude.</p> <p>La Crosse: Motion to have WCC notify the Joint Finance Committee that the WCC opposes any further cuts to Steward; second by Dane. Motion passes.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Listed Above

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Lee Fahrney</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>May 11, 2013</b>