

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Strategic Plan Committee

### Meeting Minutes



EX COMMITTEE MEETING	August 6 <sup>th</sup> 2013	7:00 PM	Teleconference
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Rob Bohmann at 7:00PM
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##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Rob Bohmann, Lee Fahrney, Larry Bonde, Al Suchla,
EXCUSED	Joe Weiss
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Kari Lee Zimmermann, Ed Harvey, Al Shook

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Move item 2-D to the top
ACTION	Motion by Fahrney second by Bonde...Motion carried.

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	

##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. RESOLUTION 040213

DISCUSSION	Bonde asked for clarification to what the R&R committee is being asked to do with this resolution. Bohmann explained that R&R needs to see if the WCC goes against the strategic plan by making an additional standing committee or if the issues of shooting ranges that resolution 040213 deals with can fit into another committee	
ACTION	Motion by Bonde second by Fahrney to send resolution 040213 back to R&R Committee; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**B. WCC MIGRATORY COMMITTEE RECCOMENDATIONS FOR MIGRATORYGAME BIRD SEASON.**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	WCC Migratory Chair Al Shook gave an overview of the proposed migratory game bird season as presented by the DNR. (see attachments for complete details.) All parts of the proposal were excepted except the Mississippi River season framework for both waterfowl and goose, which were rejected	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Fahrney second by Suchla to except the recommendation as presented by Migratory Chair Al Shook; motion carried	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**C. WCC FURHARVEST STUDY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2013 BOBCAT SEASON**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	WCC Fur Harvest Committee Chair Ed Harvey gave a report on the 2013 Bobcat season and what the Department was recommending for the harvest quota. Harvey, also gave a detail description of past bobcat harvests and what was claimed by the tribes in the past. He further explained under the current process the public doesn't get any time to review and give input on the bobcat harvest quota and feels the WCC needs to address that issue. Also noted, was the discussion that the harvest zones may need to be changed or expanded. The Fur harvest Committee also supported a statewide bobcat season where zones are closed once the quota for the zone has been met. This would allow hunters and trappers more opportunity to hunt or trap in different areas of the state and still not go over quota in any given zone. The Fur Harvest Committee also supported expanding the bobcat season to 4 zones.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Suchla second by Bonde to approve the WCC Fur Harvest committee recommendation on the 2013 bobcat; motion carried.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

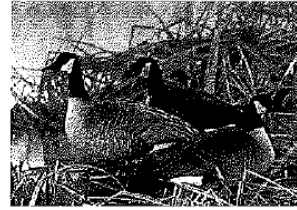
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Suchla requested approval of overnight reimbursement for travel to WCC Legislation Committee meeting August 10th
<b>ACTION</b>	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>Motion by Bonde to adjourn second by Suchla. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:20</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Larry Bonde</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>08/06/2013</b>



# 2013 Waterfowl Rule Proposal



**Early September Canada goose season** – September 1-15, with a daily bag of 5 geese. *yha*

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt** - September 14-15. The daily bag is the same as the regular seasons. *yha*

## Ducks

*AD/NA/CO*

60 Day Season – Daily bag of 6 ducks in total. Of the 6 ducks, no more than: 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen, 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail, and 2 canvasback. In addition, 5 mergansers to include not more than two hooded mergansers. (For species of duck not listed such as teal and ring-necks, the combined total with all other species may not exceed 6 ducks). Coot daily bag of 15.

\*Opening day shooting hours will begin at 9am.

*17 yha  
6 NO*

**Northern Zone:** Sept 21 – Nov 19 *yha*

**Southern Zone:** Sept 28- Oct 6, Oct 12- Dec 1 *yha*

**Mississippi River Zone:** Sept 21- 29; Oct 12- Dec 1 *12/19 12/8* *Motion Resect 20*

## Canada Geese

**Exterior Zone:** Daily Bag of 2.

- North - Sept 16 - Dec 16 *yha UNH*
- South - Sept 16 – Oct 6, and Oct 12 – Dec 21 *yha*
- Mississippi River Subzone: Sept 21- 29; Oct 12- January 2 *Resect 13 A*  
*12/19 12/8* *Jan/9 yha*

**Horicon Zone:**

- H1- Sept 16 – Oct 27 *yha UNH*
- H2- Oct 28 – Dec 16 *yha UNH*

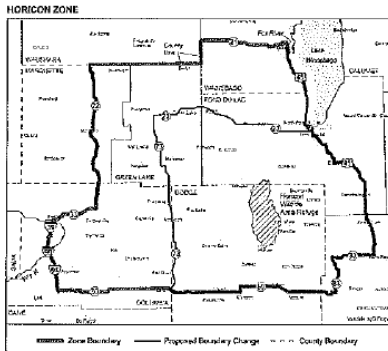
Daily Bag of 2. 6 Tags per hunter.

**Light geese, brant and white-fronted geese** - Light geese (Snow, Blue and Ross) and Brant: Seasons are the same as for the Canada goose zones and subzones. Daily Bag Limit: 1 brant and 20 light geese. The open season for White-fronted geese begins on September 20 for the Exterior (north and south) and the Horicon zone and then follows the same dates as for Canada geese in those zones. In the Mississippi River subzone of the Exterior zone the White-fronted goose season does not open until September 25 and then follows the same dates as those for Canada geese in that subzone. Daily Bag Limit: 1 white-fronted goose.

*yha*

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**Horicon zone Changes** – In 2012, to harvest and hunter pressure on Ontario nesting Canada geese within the Horicon zone were evaluated. Based on input from staff, stakeholders and standing committees, modifications to the boundary line and tagging/registration procedures have been proposed, but would not take effect until the **2014 license year**. Shrinking the zone's <sup>North</sup> ~~southern~~ boundary to Hwy 23 and the western boundary to Hwy 73 will allow additional harvest opportunities in the areas removed while maintaining harvest controls on the areas of high harvest for the migrating geese that nested in Ontario. Changes to the Horicon permit would make the format similar to other goose permits, eliminating the application deadline/drawing and allowing hunters to acquire a permit through any license sales location. A 1-800 reporting system currently used to monitor harvest in other goose zones would simplify the regulations and provide more comparable data.



**Additional open water hunting lakes** – A citizen resolution in 2006 proposed an expansion of the lakes available for open water duck hunting and in 2007 a statewide spring hearing question showed support for this idea. In 2008 and 2009, an ad hoc committee of staff and stakeholders reviewed the idea and proposed a list of 13 new lakes for consideration. This proposal was reviewed by standing committees and shared with local communities in public meetings. Following spring hearing votes in 2012 and 2013 the list was revised to this final list of 10 lakes. Hunters would need to be 1000 ft from shore and securely anchored, which is consistent with existing regulations for open water hunting. The following lakes are being recommended for providing additional lakes:

- Beaver Dam Lake (excluding Rakes and Trestle Works Bays)  
Dodge County
- Castle Rock Lake (south of railroad bridge and Cty G),  
Adams and Juneau counties
- Fence Lake, Vilas County
- Grindstone Lake, Sawyer County
- North Twin Lake, Vilas County
- Lake Puckaway (the waters west of the west end of the dredge  
bank, excluding the waters east of the west end of the dredge  
bank), Marquette and Green Lake counties
- Shawano Lake, Shawano County
- Trout Lake, Vilas County
- Lake Wisconsin (north of railroad bridge), Sauk and Columbia counties
- Lake Wisconsin (south of Cty S and north of Cty X), Chippewa County

In addition to the scheduled meetings and hearings, comments can be submitted before midnight August 8 to:

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