

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress Trout Study Committee, DNR Trout Committee, & DNR Trout Regulations Task Force Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<b>25 January 2014</b>	<b>0930-1430</b>	<b>UW-Stevens Point, Student Center</b>
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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	D. Vanden Bloomen (Eau Claire) at 0930
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### B. ROLL CALL

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Maurice Amundson (Monroe), Tom Johnson (Douglas) Mike Kuhr – (Milwaukee) and executive council, Ron Waller (Vilas) committee secretary, Bob Haase (Fond du Lac), Jim Wierzba (Ozaukee) Vice Chair, Dennis Vanden Bloomen – chair (Eau Claire), Dave Barron (Richland), Roger Roehl (Rusk)
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Donahue (Saint Croix), Sterckx (Marinette), Korn (Menominee), Anderson (Trempealeau), Oestrich (Outagamie), Frailing (Brown), Haanpas (Iron), Johnson (Douglas), Klessinger (Green), Pitta (Adams)
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	none
<b>GUESTS</b>	Scot Stewart DNR Trout Committee Chair, Mitch Bent – Antigo TU, editor, trout fishing, Jordan Weeks, DNR, Travis Motl, DNR, Paul Piszczek, DNR, Dave Seibel, DNR, Dave Bartz, DNR, Kim McCarthy – Past State Chair-Trout Unlimited, Andy Killoren – Trout Unlimited, Gene Van Dyck, DNR, Mike Aquino, DNR, Marty Engel, DNR, Joanna Griffin DNR, Mike Reiter – previous WCC trout committee chair, Dave Hausman – DNR Warden, liaison -

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT--NOT APPLICABLE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>ACTION</b>	

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS--

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>ACTION</b>	

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. DNR COMMITTEE REGULATION REVIEW PROCESS

**SCOT STEWART-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Partial reference to--Results of the 2011 Survey of Lapsed , Wisconsin Inland Trout Anglers, Submitted to: Bureau of Fisheries Management, Prepared by: Bureau of Science Services (May 2012)	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**B. SUMMARY OF DNR SURVEYS****SCOT STEWART-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Jim W. we should show goals on the trout pamphlet and he likes the reduced set of special regulations. Also list the county before the lake name in the Lake Trout Table in the regulations.	
<b>ACTION</b>	none	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**C. DNR TASK FORCE SUMMARY AND REGULATION PROPOSALS****MARTY ENGEL-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Bob H. of the 1 trout over limit would like that as part of the yellow base. - team says it would need to be a special regulation not part of the base	
<b>ACTION</b>	Review and amend Yellow Regulations	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Scot Stewart (DNR)	14 April 2014	

**D. DNR TASK FORCE REGULATION SUMMARY****JOANNA GRIFFIN-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	List which regulations go with which goal in the table – especially for the TU meeting next week (1 February in Oshkosh)	
<b>ACTION</b>	Change briefing	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Scott Stewart (DNR)	Feb 1, 2014	

**E. DNR TASK FORCE REGULATION TIMELINE****JOANNA GRIFFIN-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	none	
<b>ACTION</b>	Send Powerpoint slides	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Joanna Griffin (DNR)	5 February 2014	

**F. SPRING WCC/DNR HEARING****JOANNA GRIFFIN-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Make sure to provide sufficient background information for the four (4) trout questions in the Spring hearings.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Provide materials to Fisheries personnel for each county meeting.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Scot Stewart (DNR)	14 pril 2014	

**G. TROUT REGULATION REVIEW ISSUES****SCOT STEWART-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Base regulations differ between adjacent counties. Why? Oconto, Marinette</li> <li>- Regional consistency</li> <li>- Brook trout stream same but different regulations – the goals should be policy – how do we prevent each biologist selecting their own regulations</li> <li>- Highway boundaries instead of county boundaries</li> <li>- How do we get to the lapsed anglers? Or new anglers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Outdoor news</li> <li>o Follow up interviews</li> <li>o Website updates</li> <li>o Social media</li> </ul> </li> <li>- How often would the regulations be checked? Evaluation? Would the biologist be able to change the regulations if needed?</li> <li>- Show goal in the regulation pamphlet – especially for special regulations</li> <li>- Show some of these figures in the pamphlet – increase in trout numbers, etc.</li> <li>- Should we allow the max bag of 10 to remove unwanted brown trout in streams? – LE concern on this</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How many streams want to protect the brook trout? 32</li> <li>- Memorable and quality might cause concern – be careful in defining these goals</li> <li>- How many other states have a category system?</li> <li>- We should do education on tightline bait fishing</li> <li>- Clarify the 12 “ min and 12” max- it can be confusing to have those both</li> <li>- WCC trout committee is behind the regulation package</li> </ul>
<b>ACTION</b>	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Scot Stewart (DNR)	10 June 2014

**H. SPRING WCC/DNR HEARING**

**JOANNA GRIFFIN-DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>WCC spring hearings – or separate hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hand out an informational sheet with the ballot</li> <li>- Write an article in outdoor news before the meetings</li> <li>- Segment on TV show before the meetings to get people to stay</li> <li>- Could the trout hearings be on the same night and location (separate room) before the spring hearings begin? – pre-briefing (not voting) – might run into public notice issues? Would we need a hearing officer?</li> <li>- Might have a hard time getting people to come early</li> <li>- Clarified this was for 2015 not 2014 – would include regs and seasons</li> <li>- Have a separate meeting before as a hearing – only vote for trout fishing package in the early meeting – or hold a separate hearing in certain counties like Dane and Milwaukee.</li> <li>- Hold 12 district meetings – do a hearing instead of one in every county? Need a hearing officer</li> <li>- Or spend more time on trout regulations on the spring hearings</li> <li>- If they are part of the spring hearings then the trout should be at the beginning</li> <li>- Separate meeting ahead of time on the same night will be difficult just getting people in the room.</li> <li>- Why public meetings this summer? Another opportunity to get information out to the public. This is the sales pitch – publicize those meetings (WCC trout committee) – gives a full year to get the info out.</li> </ul> <p>Consensus – 1 proposal in 2015 spring hearings</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	- Scot Stewart will call Don Blum, Dave Carlson, Dan Small and other media people
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Scot Stewart (DNR)	14 April 2014

**15 MEMBERS MATTERS—not applicable**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>ACTION</b>	

**16 ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>1430</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>D. Vanden Bloomen (Trout Committee Chair)</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3 March 2014</b>