

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Warm Water Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	11/1/2014	9:00 AM	Mead Wildlife Area, S2148 County Hwy S, Milladore, WI.
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Joe Weiss at 9:00AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Richard Olson, Larry Damman, Allen Brown, Wally Trudeau, Steve Budnik, Peter Doperalski, John Aschenbrenner, Robert Bohardt, Jerry Merrifield, Darold Brathol, Wayne Schmidt, Scott Strook, Michael Arrowood, Harry Bowery Jr., John Nelson, Gregory Wells, Thomas Schwefel, John Blumreich, Mark Krmpotich, Rick Rosen DNR, Joe Weiss, Andrew Rypel DNR
EXCUSED	Brett Weir, Michael Gould, Tim Simonson DNR
UNEXCUSED	Nick Schertz, Elmer Miller, Mark Saemisch, Jeff Paske,
GUESTS	Joe Hill, John Imm, Jon Hansen DNR, Kate Strom Hiorns DNR, Byron Goetsch DNR

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Joe Weiss will read resolutions of guests attending first
ACTION	Motion to accept by Wally Trudeau, Bob Bohardt second

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Joe Weiss read congress position
ACTION	Motion to accept by Jerry Merrifield , Wally Trudeau second

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion Jon Hansen, DNR fisheries biologist, presented panfish 10 year plan to improve the size and numbers . Panfish will be evaluated in 95 lakes that have been on the decline in size. Three plan options for these designated lakes will be reevaluated after 6 years
Action

Discussion Kate Strom Hiorns, DNR fisheries biologist, stated that 705,875 walleye fingerlings were stocked in to 147 lakes. Another area is protecting stream bank easements. The DNR is adding 10 more miles of protected stream bank easements.
Action The DNR Action Plan website is: WAP10YEAR

DISCUSSION	Andrew Rypel PhD, Research Fishery Ecologist, is reviewing past socking results. He is looking at improving the habitat in our waterways. He wants to classify lakes to manage them better.
ACTION	Set up a lake classification system

Discussion DNR Warden Bryon Goetsch discussed adding 10 new wardens but need 20 more. He discussed various violations with not having a license a number 1 followed by no life jackets.
Action Follow the law

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 030214 INCREASE MUSKY SIZE TO 50" ON L WISSOTA AND L HOLCOLME

JOE HIEL, JOHN IMM

DISCUSSION	None of the presenters were from Chippewa county where it failed to pass. No biological facts to support this	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Rich Olson, Harry Bowery second	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Failed		

B. 710414 NO TRASFER OF LIVE FISH FROM ONE BODY TO ANOTHER

JOEL TAYLOR

DISCUSSION	Also includes 220114 concerns of not only VHS nut other aquatic invasive species along with carp minnows. The importance of this high on DNR list. Regulations will be reviewed in 2015	
ACTION	Motion to Advance by Darrell Bratton, Greg Wells second	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE.	VOTE WAS 11 TO 7 TO ADVACE	DEADLINE
Advance		

C. 300314 REMOVAL OF ICE SHELTERS BASED ON ICE CONDITIONS NOT A DATE

BRIAN GATES

DISCUSSION	Law enforcement likes current system because it is clear, simple, and enforceable. This works best to protect personal safety, fishing opportunity, and waterways.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Larry Damman, Jerry Merrifield, second	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE.	FAILED	DEADLINE

D. 050114 Reinstae Dark House Speaking on Wisconsin/Michigan Boundary Stash Gruszynski

Discussion Allowed in 9 surrounding states
 Action Motion to Advance by Larry Damman, second by John Aschenbrenner
 Person Responsible ADVANCE

E. 620214. No size limit for bass on Osseo Rod & Gun Club Candy Amundson

Discussion
 Action Motion to Advance by Rick Olson, second by Larry Damman
 Person Responsible ADVANCE

F. 640514. Trolling while positioning when fishing with live bait. Bill Jacobs

Discussion. Bill is on Governor's desk with a 3 year sunset clause
 Action. Motion to Advance by Steve Budnic, second by Greg Wells
 Person Responsible ADVANCE

G. 590214 Wolf River system spring hook and line Sturgeon fishing season. Gerald Kruger

Discussion. This would eliminate the quota already established. Law enforcement would have logistical problems with staffing during a very busy time of the year
 Action Motion to reject by Mike Arrowood, second by Tom Schwefel
 Person Responsible. REJECTED

H. 720214. No Walleye Stocking in ceded territory
Jim Winkler
Discussion Rick Olson suggested a limit of 3 walleye statewide to minimize the impact of
ceded areas economically
Action. Motion to Reject by Rick Olson, second by Wally Trudeau
Person Responsible REJECT

I. 080114. One Line Trolling
John Mason
Discussion
Action Motion to accept by Rick Olson, second by Wally Trudeau
Person Responsible. ACCEPT

J. 340214. Change Smallmouth size to 9" and increase bag limit to 8
Herbert Buettner
Discussion DNR has no data to support this change to benefit the trout population
Action Motion to Reject by John Nelson, second by Tom Schwefel
Person Responsible REJECT

K. 650114 Close smallmouth bass season on L Beulah when fish are planted
H. Kurtz
Discussion Even though the smallmouth are small, there is no scientific data that closing
the season would later the circumstances
Action Motion to Reject by Harry Bowery, second by John Olson
Person Responsible REJECT

L. 210214. Unattended fishing Lines
J.R. Holmes
Discussion MN has defined distance parameters to define unattended fishing Lines. This can
make enforcement easier.
Action Motion to Advance by Greg Wells, second by Jerry Merryfield
Person Responsible ADVANCE

M. 190114. Eliminate Largemouth bass size limit on Cosgrove Lake
Patrick Doperalski
Discussion DNR confirms very slow growth of largemouth bass
Action Motion to Advance by John Aschenbrenner, second by Rick Olson
Person Responsible ADVANCE

N. 030114. Change Walleye regulations on Silver Lake, Barron county
Brett Moravitz
Discussion DNR does not have a biological data to support this
Action Motion to Reject by Larry Damman, second by Wally Trudeau
Person Responsible REJECT

O. 220114 Harvest of bait minnows on VHS affected waters
Mike Widner
Discussion Need more clarification on handling of minnows in same water systems
Action Motion to Advance by Rick Olson, second by Harry Bowey
Person Responsible ADVANCE

P 640314. Introduce lake Sturgeon to Eagle R & Three lakes chain.
 Bill Reardon
 Discussion According to DNR, there is very little reproduction potential versus costs
 Action Motion to Reject by Larry Damman, second by Bob Bohardt
 Person Responsible Reject

Q. 240414. Limit motorized watercraft on spring spawning marshes of the Fox River
 Bill Reardon
 Discussion DNR regulates this
 Action Motion to Advance by Mike Arrowood, second by John Collen
 Person Responsible ADVANCE

R. 180514. Reduce Panfish limits on Lake Eau Claire from 25 to 10
 Discussion No weeds or other structure to protect predation. Lake needs Structure like cribs
 Action Motion to Advance by Jerry Merrifield, second by Wally Trudeau
 Person Responsible ADVANCE

S. 410514 Walleye Slot Limits
 Cliff Schulz
 Discussion DNR wants to use this tool on healthy walleye populations only, not statewide
 Action Motion to Reject by Larry Damman, second by Tom Schwefel
 Person Responsible REJECT

T. 200314 Limit motorized watercraft on spring spawning marshes on Wolf R
 Mike Arrowood
 Discussion DNR has been able to restrict areas to protect the fish
 Action Motion to Advance by John Collin, second by Scott Strook
 Person Responsible ADVANCE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Mike Arrowood discussed talked about how good the perch meeting was in Milwaukee Rick Olson tied how important habitat is and we should look into it more Harry Bowery mentioned Atlantic salmon to be stocked in Big Green Lake but 80% of residents rejected the plan Tom Schaefer wanted help to write a resolution John Aschenbrenner brought up trolling but tabled because the governors election results The Warm Water Advisory Committee recommends to the DNR that creating and enhancing water habitat would complement the stocking programs
ACTION	Motion to adjourn made by Jon Aschenbrenner, second by Larry Damman

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:20 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Mark Krmpotich
DATE	11/1/2014