

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

9-10 JAN 15

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

9-10 Jan 15

9:00 am.

Stoney Creek Inn  
Rothschild Wisconsin

**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 09:01

**B. ROLL CALL**

**ATTENDEES**

Joe Weiss, Rick Olson, Al Brown, Dave Larson, Marcel Wieloch, Ken Anderson, Bob Ellingson, John Aschenbrenner, Kevin Smaby, Al Suchla, Stan Brownell, Matt Sedelbauer, Dale Maas, Arlyn Splitt, Terri Roehrig, Larry Bonde, Lee Fahrney, Mike Rogers, Ken Risley, Al Shook, Rob Bohmann

**EXCUSED**

Jayne Meyer, Jacob Janowski

**UNEXCUSED**

**GUESTS**

numerous DNR employees

**C. AGENDA**

**APPROVAL/REPAIR**

**BOHMAN**

**DISCUSSION**

none

**ACTION**

motion to approve: Maas second by Ellingson motion carries

**D. CHAIR'S UPDATE**

**BOHMAN**

**DISCUSSION**

none

**ACTION**

will cover throughout the meeting

**E. WCC  
LIAISON'S REPORT**

**ZIMMERMAN**

**DISCUSSION**

Kari: schedule District meetings between 1-13 March. Get info on time and location to Kari ASAP. Ensure handicap access. Award nominations due by 31 Jan. to allow time to notify.  
Bohmann- will write letter to Sec Cathy Stepp concerning hanging Dave Ladd Award plaque in GEF 2  
Kari: brochures being printed for distribution at State Fair, safety classes etc.  
Bohmann- still looking for nominations for HOF recipients along with other awards

**ACTION**

**I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DNR PROGRAM UPDATES  
AND SPRING HEARING  
QUESTIONS**

**KURT THEIDE, TIM ANDRYK,  
TODD SCHALLER, RON BRUCH,  
TOM HAUGE, JACK SULLIVAN,  
DUKE, KATE STROM HIORNS,  
SCOTT LOOMANS**

**DISCUSSION**

Wolf status update- 19 Dec 14 wolves re-listed by circuit court judge. No lethal control available now.

Looking at funding and money issues (what to do now, tags, etc.) no where in the decision is the harvest season criticized.

Bohmann- where are we with public hearings (ref: management plan)?

Theide- we are delaying them for now. Looking forward to managing them in future.

Andryk- concern is with 6 other states (not all have recovered wolf populations). Judge says they must be recovered throughout the entire range. USFWS may appeal. Deadline is Feb. 17. 2015. state would support that effort. Other options- congressional intervention. One positive is that we've had 3 years of good management in Wisconsin.

Ellingson- what is legislative intervention?

Andryk- add to appropriations bill a one line statement. similar to what Montana did.

Anderson- can USFWS control wolves?

Andryk- one issue we have is the depredation program. Contacting feds is the answer to control

Theide- AFIS will follow up on complaints. Immediate threat to human life, wolves can be removed.

Risley- appeal to who?

Andryk- Washington D.C. Court of appeals

Maas- how long will this continue?

Andryk- hard to get species off the list. Wolf legislation has created it's own industry. Big money involved.

Fahrney- we'll have to operate in the political arena. Contact your legislators and local representatives. Recommend reading the book "The Real Wolf". Contain much info on the science, politics, and economics of the wolf issue. Chapter 15 in particular (litigation is a cash cow for "anti" groups)

Maas- can we get a list of "bullet points" to educate ourselves on the issue for discussion?

Bohmann- Congressman Ribble willing to do whatever it takes. DNR will not seek legislation but groups could. Cattlemen and farmers should take the lead. Hunters will support. (read letter from Jordan Lamb of the Wisconsin Cattleman's Association asking for WCC support). Read Ribble's response ( a bill requesting the Dept of Interior to reissue a final rule regarding gray wolves not being subject to judicial review).

Motion by Maas to support the efforts of the Wis. Cattleman's Association and the farm bureau to appeal the wolf decision. Second by Shook. Motion carries.

L.E.- Schaller- shows mission statement. Focus on education and community involvement. Goal is a healthy and diverse wildlife population along with habitat. Safety billboards effective. Enhance opportunities to recreate safely. Involved with responding to emergencies, natural disasters, terrorism, search and rescue, pursuit of armed robbery suspects. Social and internet investigations up ( 300 plus cases in 2014). growing trend. Promote conservation heritage (National Archery tourney held here). Enforce environmental threats (over 340 pollution investigations). Organize stewardship for the future. (how we hire new people). Transitioned to AR15 rifles from 308's. 11 recruits stationed from 2014 class. 2015 class starts soon. Integrated approach to L.E. with forest rangers etc.- saves money)

Honor guard will present colors at the 2015 WCC convention. 198 positions available in state. Currently 21 are vacant. Service calls tracked greater than 95,000 last year. Does not include "TIP" calls. Patrol contacts over 26,000 (example- boat checked with 3 people aboard equals 3 contacts). 5,500 hot line complaints. Things for the future- some "marked" squad cars, text "TIP" system, mapping software, enhance hot-line, staffing evaluation of investigative unit and recreation safety program for adequate staffing, records management system- working with Iowa.

Question- regarding night hunting.

Chandra- still under review

Shook- "ride along" with warden -impressive with mapping system. Unique capability

Schaller- ongoing evaluation of technology continues. Goal is to make us more effective.

Andryk- as for night hunting issue, the chances of U.S. supreme court to take up the case is small. Up to Judge Crabb to decide to what extent the tribes can hunt at night.

Rogers- have total citations being written decreased?

Schaller- yes. Lots of things go into evaluating the L.E. Program. (staff numbers, changes in laws, education, approach). Goal is compliance. How do we get there? Not just citations.

Splitt- what about baiting and feeding violations. Have they increased?

Schaller- citations similar to last year.

Risley- mobile billboard is impressive.

Schaller- look to expand in other areas of state.

Schaller- if you hear gossip about the L.E. Program, call me to get the facts.

Fisheries- Bruch- walleye initiative in progress. Extended growth fish 20 times better survival rate. Stocked 400,000 in 2013. 720,000 in 2014 (500,000 by state- 200,000 by private and tribal hatcheries). Greater than 800,000 planned for this year (2015). goal is to rehab traditional populations. beef up

stocked lakes. VHS in coho's found in Lake Michigan (infected eggs eliminated in hatcheries, still have enough for 2016 quotas. Perch project in Milwaukee estuary. Being re-established in Lake Michigan. Working with UW- Milwaukee. Habitat evaluation. Stocking of near shore strain. Working to finish fish management plan for Lake Michigan. Stream bank easement program as a result of stewardship (Shawano, Oconto County, Madison area etc.)- goal is 100 miles of easements established. Sturgeon plan is on going. Updating walleye plan. Trout plan in progress. Lake Superior plan working with tribes. Hatchery upgrades include Kettle Moraine Springs-28 million dollars enable meeting steel head quotas in future. Fisheries Outreach Committee (Fisheries Advisory Council) ongoing- working with WCC in each county. Promote customer service. Pay attention to the business side. Ramp up angler retention efforts. Target 18-30 years old. How do we do that? Fisheries Strategic Plan- what are core areas? Monitoring, planning administration (money), stocking program, habitat management and protection (emphasis on warm water), customer service, angler recruitment and retention, staff, research, fishing access (shoreline access etc.). push to keep positions filled. Ideas to save money- do fewer surveys, evaluate equipment use, do more social media.

Bruch assistant- Strategic Plan discussion. 14 Jan. draft of plan due. 23 Jan. FM review of plan. Input for the plan has occurred.

Weiss- what surveys do you plan to eliminate?

Bruch- more than eliminate we would delay some surveys. Prioritize waters.

Anderson- question regarding lock and dam system.

Bruch assistant- answer not understood.

Anderson- expansion of sturgeon range?

Bruch- ongoing. Part of updated sturgeon plan

Olson- what happens when walleye initiative money goes away?

Bruch- no plan. Program very successful. Set up for two years. Money goes to buy feed for young walleyes.

Olson- what about Warm Water habitat?

Bruch- money needed. Educational component can be done. Lake associations can be approached. Infrastructures in place if we get money.

Maas- regarding Outreach Committee question concerning Winnebago system and signaling device issues, why didn't we hear about it reference the feds rules vs. State law?

Bruch- we'll discuss that later

Aschenbrenner- What's up with the trolling issue? Suggestions?

Bruch- may have to research more info. Gunderson will address later.

Bruch- have to make spring hearings more effective. Lots of questions for this year. Look into finding ways to spread this out- possible earlier spring hearing dates, different format etc. Kate (KSH) will discuss later.

Bohmann- introduces Jane Wiley. Thanks her for her work and involvement with the WCC and the Natural Resources Board. Introduces other DNR staff in attendance.

Wildlife- Hauge- presents slide show highlighting program initiatives. Wetland habitat (dollars hard to secure), migratory game birds (3 year evaluation of early teal season, shrunk size of Horicon Zone, implemented call in registration, FFLIGHT mapping "app"- include ruffed grouse, woodcock and pheasant info), Upland Wildlife- revised turkey management program, initiated greater prairie chicken management plan, new hire biologist will handle NW Sands issues, proposal to expand access program- currently 40,000 acres due to expire in 2017. State game farm- construct new hatchery to begin in May 2015 at Poynette. Bird City Wisconsin initiative- effort to create awareness of bird habitat in cities etc. 82 cities have joined so far. Connect urban people to needs of wildlife. Want to be seen as good stewards. Update Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas. How abundant are the different species? Fur-bearer program- draft of beaver mgmt. plan in progress (August 2015). expand bobcat harvest statewide (new zone in south part of state), BMP's for trapping. Trapper education- 2,200 graduates, 5 wolf trapper workshops, 4 fur schools, trapping camp. Beaver helicopter survey every 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Winter track training etc. Elk reintroduction in progress. We're now in Kentucky. First shipment due in spring. Black River Falls area. Quarantine and health test protocol extensive. Arrive in March. Release planned for May/June. 2014 deer season numbers down. Big thanks to CDAC's. 31 Jan training session for chairs and alt. Chairs. Quotas to be set in March/April meetings. E-registrations implemented this past fall. 9,000 deer registered. DTR meetings to be held this month. 400,000 dollars received to update land base satellite maps. DMAP enrollment on going. Positive relationships being developed. Open enrollment up to 1 March this year. CWD testing on going. No new positives in Washburn County. Keep wildlife wild campaign. Horicon Marsh education visitor center Explorium grand opening on 22 August 2015. wildlife damage program- 743 deer enrollments, 108 turkey enrollments, 125 goose enrollments, 271 bear enrollments. Wolf depredation program conflicts

investigated, wildlife mgmt plan completed- White river property group, Green Bay planning group. Wildlife master plans initiated- Sugar river, lower Wisconsin state river-way, Horicon Marsh/Shaw Marsh. Yellowstone wildlife area shooting range. Paradise Valley WA restoration. Northeast district cormorant mgmt. Plan. Cat island wave barrier, Sensiba Marsh dike renovation. Wildlife biologist and technician training (class of 18 biologists completed. Class of 11 in progress).

Comments;

Brownell- CDAC, counties may want to re-think decisions based on wolf issue

Maas- Dodge county has a lot of federal waterfowl property. Issue is habitat protection

Hauge- will bring up with federal wildlife people at next meeting

Maas- treaty question regarding elk reintroduction

Hauge- harvest goal- tribes entitled to 50%. no ceremonial harvest determined yet for elk.

Splitt- those of us selected for e-registration (are we able to critique?)

Hauge- sub-sampled 14,000 people and sent out a form to do that

Weiss- how long have beaver surveys being done by helo. Is it more effective than fixed wing?

Cheaper?

Hauge- 15 years. Main problem is speed in fixed wing. Looking at super resolution photos in future for surveys.

Olson- elk question. Flambeau river habitat not good quality?

Hauge- there are pockets that are good.

Anderson- turkey permits. Unhappy with cutting permits. Also, why was Black River area chosen for elk re-intro when it is closer to CWD areas than NE Wisconsin?

Hauge- Jackson county campaigned for elk long before CWD discovered. Studies were done.

Homework completed. Went through process of identifying potential for elk.

Roehrig- CDAC Calumet county -intolerable level of deer damage based on farmer's claim.

Hauge- legislative action directed DNR to define tolerable damage. 4 metrics developed. Revolves around how do counties compare regarding claims? If you meet standards for 2 out of 3 years, you meet criteria for damage. Affects population goals for deer.

Risley- CDAC. Any guidance for polling constituents that council members represent?

Hauge- that's an area for growth as we go forward.

Science services- Sullivan- been around since 1996. provide science and evaluate science. Science that informs decision making. Social science research projects. Fisheries mgmt. Program- develop support tools, regulation evaluation, where to focus resources ex: (walleye vs. Bass issue), prioritize stocking, study exploitation rates, statewide angler creel survey. Wildlife mgmt. Programs- mortality studies( fawn study etc.) , elk research and monitoring- GPS collars on all new introductions. Use of trail cameras as a tool. Furbearer mgmt. Program- snowshoe hare shift in range, wolf monitoring, bobcat population estimates. Snapshot Wisconsin- goal-use of 3000 trail cameras across state to monitor wildlife (500 in 2015).

questions:

Rogers- where does money come from?

Sullivan- mostly federal (Pittman-Robertson)

Fahrney- in recent mailings to us, WCC not mentioned as a collaborator.

Sullivan- our scientists are now on some of your committees.

Bonde- citizen participation in studies?

Sullivan- probably not enough. Program mgmt. Staff is present.

Ellingson- pine martin population? How are they doing?

Sullivan- no info back on that yet.

Lunch break at 11:55 am.

Reconvene at 12:45

Forestry- Duke- presented handout to discuss (facts and figures) highlights- 35 million acres of land in Wis. 16 million forested. Land open to public- 6.8 million acres. Focus on flexibility and cooperative effort with other agencies concerning mgmt. On-line apps available to locate enrolled MFL/FCL lands open to public. 4 liaison's on WCC committees (Deer/elk, land use, environment, turkey and upland game). Forestry rep on each county CDAC and county DMAP.

One seedling production facility in Boscobel in future. Sale of seedlings down. Emerald ash bore found in Superior and Rhinelander. Mission statement states that we manage for present and future generations.

Weiss- what does forestry do regarding public education and out reach? Question whether public is really aware of what damage looks like in the forest when deer herds are too high.

Duke- we try to include education and outreach in all our programs.

Maas- question about competition between private sector nursery's vs. State.  
 Duke- cost of bare root vs. Containerized seedlings  
 Splitt- if there is no regeneration on MFL land due to deer damage, can those lands be removed from program?  
 Duke- MFL land must produce if enrolled in program  
 Splitt- question concerning fenced in areas.  
 Duke- quite costly and not practical  
 Anderson- why minimum order for seedlings 300?  
 Duke- cost for fewer seedlings is prohibitive.  
 Fahrney- question of money being diverted from forestry to help pay debt service on Knowles/Nelson stewardship fund.  
 Duke- several audits conducted. Money doesn't have to be specific to forestry. Goes to any program beneficial to forestry.  
 Fahrney- lots of money is going to service debt on stewardship fund.  
 Ellingson- backlog of MFL contracts, now DMAP, what is role of forestry  
 Duke- forestry providing mgmt. advice. DMAP is a new program, not totally figured out yet.

Fisheries- Kate Strom Hiorns- review of handout discussing fisheries proposals comment cards.(Proposed trout seasons and regulations, proposed statewide pan fish regulation packages, proposed changes to refuges in Adams county). Lots of questions for this years hearings. Several individual lake proposals . Panfish regs- look at for 10 years.  
 Bruch- request feedback on what we can do during hearings to make them better.  
 Review of handout containing fisheries spring hearing questions: 59 total questions. Review on-line if interested.  
 KSH and Bruch- options for separate hearings on trout, pan fish. Do in conjunction with WCC.  
 Andryk- separate hearings have been done in the past. Option to consider to allow to spend more time on questions.  
 Bonde- concern in the past that questions don't get fleshed out properly in current format.  
 Rogers- agrees with Bonde and separate hearing idea.  
 Bohmann- possible to break questions out for individual counties to consider and the rest of state to comment?  
 Andryk- issue is people that don't get to vote when they don't live in county.  
 Olson- already accomplished in Sawyer county. How do we get local input and control (CDAC format for fisheries?)  
 Bruch- there's a way to do this. We have limited time this year though.  
 Maas- conduct random surveys of public to find out what they want. On-line comments.  
 Shook- separate handout for local votes. Ask for local input along with statewide vote.  
 Bruch- we look closely at local vote when deciding action on a particular question.  
 Anderson- rules don't need simplification necessarily on trout waters.  
 Bonde- think out of the box. Let's look at it in the morning after some discussion tonight following meeting today.  
 Olson- gather public support important.  
 Maas- concern for on-line polling and are we going to open spring hearings to on-line polling?  
 Bohmann- no. allow citizens not present at meeting to comment, not vote on local issue.  
 Bruch- will discuss during breaks.

Wildlife- Loomans- review handout containing wildlife spring hearing questions. 8 total statewide questions, 1 question of local interest (Outagamie county). Review on-line if interested.  
 Comments:  
 Shook- zone split for duck season comments.  
 Loomans- nuisance bear permits another issue.

ACTION

N/A

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

**B. DNR SECRETARY  
COMMENTS, TRIBAL UPDATE,  
STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS  
REPORT, PROPOSED CHANGES  
TO SPRING HEARING FORMAT**

**GUNDERSON, LERSCH,  
BOHMANN**

**DISCUSSION**

Gunderson- things going well. DTR report and CDAC going well. Public hearings coming up later in month. DMAP well underway. Applications due March 1<sup>st</sup>. E-registration- 9,000 registered this year. Not many problems. Surveys going out to participants. People will still be able to in person register deer in future. Allows instant data availability. Cross bow season went well. Data still being tallied from deer season. Communications team led by Bill Koch. 30 news releases on deer. Brochures developed. Social media connections. On-line chats popular (9 chats deer specific, more than 1500 people participated, 400 questions answered). Elk re-introduction moving forward. Our people on the ground now in Kentucky. first 15 elk go to Jackson county. 200 elk needed for hunting season. Have approx. 160 now. Population goal- clam lake, 1400- Jackson county, 390. Walleye initiative in full swing. More fish in future- 800,000 this year the plan. Tribal night hunting- working on appeal to supreme court, issue of safety. Wolf re-listing- discussions going on with great lakes states. USFWS not sure where they are going yet. Talks with federal delegation for change a possibility. Northern Long Eared Bat- possible listing on endangered list. 38 states affected with white nose syndrome. They hang out in trees- possibility of no timber harvest during season. Trying to come up with workable solution for affected states.

Questions:

Fahrney- Bill Koch does great job. What % of bats in Wis. Are Long Eared?

Theide- not very common. Roughly 3% . concerned about all or nothing response.

Fahrney- cross bow review?

Hauge/Gundy- Loomans working on it. By end if Jan. harvest data will be in. will break out cross bow info then.

Anderson- question regarding parcel selling by Dept.

Gundy- we are selling parcels that are not within any wildlife area boundaries

Theide- parcels thoroughly researched. Made available to adjoining landowners first. Next review for additional parcels due this spring.

Weiss- will people still be able to register deer in person even after e-registration is fully implemented?

Gundy- Yes. merchants will still be open for registration. They will use the e-registration format.

Olson- questions regarding trolling issue and baiting issue.

Gundy- baiting is legislative. Likely to not change policy anytime soon. Trolling issue is at the Governor's office. Very vocal opposition to the compromise has the Governor's ear. Still looking at both sides of issue. Olson- question regarding mining issue. Cost for environmental studies coming out of what budgets?

Gundy- total so far – 517,582 dollars. Of that, 304,339 dollars direct billed to company. Leaves roughly 213,000 dollars. Of that, 57% out of environ. SEG funds, 24.9% out of GPR, 13.1% indirect costs, 4.6% conservation funds. Goal is to bill as much as possible to company.

Shook- positive disabled license story involving park and warden personnel. North Lake launch problem in Waukesha county (people in county disgusted with DNR handling of situation). McMiller shooting range vendor change and associated problems.

Gundy- dept. will have meeting with the new vendor to discuss problems regarding McMiller range. Issues involve equipment and furnishings taken etc. We plan to move forward on this. As for North lake, access is the issue. Right now we are going through the process. Time will tell. We will play it out. Continued rips to court is not good for state. Hopefully we can find a solution.

Bohmann- break at 3:15.

Reconvene at 3:25.

Suchla- as for elk release, will it be publicized?

Gundy- May/Jun scheduled release time frame. Site not identified to press for obvious reasons.

Theide- quarantine must happen first.

Hauge- logistics being worked on now on release in Jackson county. Will be plenty of opportunity for press coverage.

Tribal update- NO SHOW

Strategic Plan progress report- Lersch- review of handout from UW extension regarding WCC

Evaluation Education and Planning. very early in process. Have been good things accomplished. Also some things that need further work. How do we plan to evaluate successes? Two recent meetings so far to review what has been/not been done so far. Second meeting to develop evaluation plans. Goal to improve what WCC does.

Findings: goal #1- improve WCC structure – very good (committee selection process, COP changes, CDAC's)

goal #2- awareness of what WCC does- poor (tracking rule changes and resolutions etc. necessary to tell the story of the WCC)

goal #3 – expand what WCC does – fair (CDAC's, YCC)

goal #4 – make spring hearings more effective- fair

negative unintended consequences- resistance to change in general (district and committee level)

positive consequences- more involvement, some good ideas, new committee selection rules, more transparency

review of mission statement- is implementing the plan helping to further our mission? Need to constantly review that.

Create endless possibilities. Greater discussion is a result.

Encourage WCC executive council to create a permanent standing committee to periodically review the strategic plan and how we are doing to implement changes. Strategies come from delegation and also executive council . Make reports to exec committee on how we are doing. Tie the plan and implementation to positive change

moving forward: develop standing committee, track and communicate resolution process, annual delegate survey (same each year to track expected results of strategic plan), ongoing items on council and committee agendas.

Committee said exec council may not be meeting enough to review standing committee results.

Review of delegate survey on screen.

Maas- thanks to Art for his work so far. what are results of adding two positions to executive committee. Point person on public relations not happening now. Tracking of resolutions not happening now. Asks to share his passion to move council forward.

Maas- make a motion to develop standing committee to review strategic plan implementation.

Bonde- seconds. Discussion: none. Motion carries.

Maas- how do we move forward with accomplishing P.R. And tracking?

Bonde- job descriptions are in COP's.

Lersch- job descriptions are addressed in strategic plan.

Olson- ownership and responsibility. Would like to see these two members (P.R. And Historian) be a part of standing committee

Bohmann- no problem with that

Maas- a lot of things going on. Think about having another meeting every other month of executive council. Don't have to be marathons. Get on top of our game a little more. Maybe we can be advisers on a timely basis. Things happen rapidly in this state. Phone calls a possibility to be more effective.

Fahrney- first one elected to P.R. Position. Had vision for what needs to be done. That never happened. Example (de-listing of wolves – opportunity to go on record to express our leadership. Get info out to the public. Frustrating to be on executive committee and not be allowed to get things done. P.R. Is not rocket science. Its a matter of taking advantage of opportunities. Press releases etc.

Anderson- free ice fishing weekend as well as other issues started with the WCC.

Maas- committee assignments working. Have chairs review members of committee's. Have committee's review chairs. Is there a procedure for this? Kari: Forms to do that are available now on website under delegate resources.

Bohmann- open to having extra meetings. Suggestions? Spread out between May and Jan meetings. How about the end of Sept? First part of October?

Smaby- early august is good. (much discussion by exec council members with no resolution

Bonde- discuss in hospitality room tonight. Take up tomorrow under COP changes

Maas- need to put together questionnaire to evaluate strategic plan.

Bohmann- need a motion to approve Art's report before us.

Maas- I'll make the motion. Second by Anderson. Discussion- none. Motion carries

Bruch- explanation of what we'll do during spring hearings this year. (proposal). People will vote on concepts. Separate hearings scheduled later.

Olson- will concepts have the "weight" of change?

Bruch- will look at local issues. 59 questions on spring hearings. Many very simple (up or down vote).

Andryk- local questions will be grouped by county. Option to skip counties questions that don't apply.

Proposed changes to spring hearing format – Bohmann – move to tomorrow's discussion.

<b>ACTION</b>	N/A
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	N/A
<b>DEADLINE</b>	N/A

**C. WCC PROPOSED  
ADVISORY QUESTIONS, YCC  
UPDATE, COP CHANGES, STUDY  
COMMITTEE MISSION  
STATEMENTS- REPORTS,  
PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
SPRING HEARING FORMAT**

**BOHMANN, ZIMMERMANN,  
BONDE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Bohmann- refer to handout containing 2015 WCC advisory questions. Resolution 570314 – advanced by executive council. Discussed by Jean Bartells. Motion to reconsider by Olson. Second by Larson. discussion: Olson- recommends we look at it. His committee has reviewed (land use). Not after land, only access. Fahrney- opposed to reconsideration. Feels takeover by federal govt. to take over lands. Jean- natl. designation is not an interest Fahrney- who will control? Jean- non-profit group to fund landings, signage and restrooms etc. Fahrney- what is name of non-profit? Jean- Fox/Wisconsin Heritage Parkway. Fahrney- would like more info on this organization Maas- reviews mission statement of the non-profit Brownell- is federal govt going to have any control? Shook- no need to vote on this Bohmann- info is incorrect in the resolution. That's why we are reconsidering. Olson- other option is to table it to another committee. Bonde- options to table, or reject. Motion on floor to reconsider. Motion passes. Shook- motion to reject the resolution. Second by Maas. Motion carries. Question #20. resolution # 690114- motion to advance by Shook. Second by Maas. Discussion: involves what version (edited or non- edited) we are voting on. Ed Harvey ok with edited version. Edited version read. motion to advance carries. Question #21. resolution #090614- motion to advance by Maas. Second by Rogers. Discussion: Harvey- point is to do away with hole size restrictions Kari- reads John Olson comments. Harvey- committee was aware of John's comments. Motion to advance carries Question #22- 230214- motion to advance by Maas. Second by Risley. Discussion: John Olson's comments read. Aschenbrenner- questions unused tags by non-trappers. Bonde- our duty to allow public to weigh in on issue regardless of our personal feelings. Motion to advance carries. Question #23- resolution "trapping turtles"- motion to advance by Shook. Second by Wieloch. Discussion: Harvey- committee carried it in and voted at the meeting. Motion to advance carries Question #24. resolution #360113. motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Splitt. Discussion: Harvey- brought up last year and rejected. Committee wanted it brought back. Treat same as bear, bobcat hunters etc. Aschenbrenner- keep taking things off the patron's license you may discourage buying it. Bonde- should let the public vote on this. Motion to advance carries. Question #57 and #58. resolution #540114. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Wieloch. Discussion: first Sat. in November was a suggestion. Riggle- turned in to a "race" to trap. Traps set on walking trails etc. grouse dogs caught in traps. Move season for less conflicts with upland hunters.</p>
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Bohmann- change to first Sat. in November.

Riggle- ok with it.

Motion to advance carries.

Question # 59. resolution #370214. motion to postpone by Anderson. NO SECOND. Motion dies for lack of second. Discussion: Andryk- unlimited quota not acceptable with judges.

Motion to reject by Shook. Second by Aschenbrenner. Motion carries.

Question #60. resolution #370114. Bohmann reads resolution. Riggle asked by Bohmann not to write a question. Riggle- never have stated any other position other than the WCC position of 350 wolves or less. Charge of Departments wolf stakeholder committee was to come up with alternatives to take to public hearing.

Fahrney- questions procedural situation

Bohmann- told Mike not to write it up as a question because it's like writing a question about yourself. There's a conflict there. Made decision that this council will take this up and write question if we choose to forward it.

Bonde- not necessarily a question we take to public.

Bohmann- similar to Parkway resolution and how we handled it earlier.

Maas- point of order. What do you say to the resolution writer.

Bonde- makes motion to reiterate congress position of 350 wolves or less. Second by Anderson

Bonde- all we are required to do is take action on this. Not necessarily to advance or reject.

Maas- to who are we reiterating? Was this resolution forwarded to the exec council for action?

Bohmann- no. it went to the wolf committee. Again, I asked Mike not to write a question as he would be writing one about himself.

Bonde- taking action does not mean up or down necessarily.

Wieloch- I agree with Larry. We are taking action. I also feel that we are leaving the author up in the air as to his resolution.

Motion to reiterate congress position of 350 wolves or less by Bonde and seconded by Anderson carries.

Break for supper at 18:00

reconvene at 18:57.

AG Damage Ad Hoc

question #1. Motion to advance by Maas. Second by Rogers. Discussion: none. Motion carries

question #2. motion to advance by Maas. Second by Larson. Discussion: none. Motion carries

question #3. motion to advance by Maas. Second by Rogers. Discussion: adopt after removing all "edits" ("among others, fish,fish"). Motion carries

question #4. resolution #700314. motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Ellingson.

Discussion:Rogers-resolution to read- " would you support bear hunting with dogs in the portion of zone C north of highway 21 consistent with bear hunting in zones A,B and D with a 3 year sunset clause?" motion carries.

Question #5. resolution #'s 100114, 270114, 720314. motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Riskey. Discussion: clarification by Chandra as to what Dept. can do. Rogers- Sept.1<sup>st</sup> is now summer? Mixed discussion- tribes may want to start earlier. First paragraph is questionable. Other "edits" are read by Bohmann. Motion to advance carries.

Deer and Elk

question #6. resolution #030314,100314,520114. motion to reject by Shook. Second by Anderson.

Discussion: Bohmann- that's my resolution. Do we want a pilot program? Let's see what happens in individual counties. They have a "combo" license in Michigan now. This is a social issue. Every year we see numerous counties submit this resolution.

Splitt- let counties decide

Bonde- let counties decide. DMAP sold to people to manage their land.

Smaby- might limit license sales for people not in favor of point restrictions.

Fahrney- let CDAC's decide

Shook- rule simplification, doesn't simplify.

Anderson- public not showing up for meetings. Will complicate regulations

Olson- not enough info on point restrictions

roll call vote- Anderson,yes-Wieloch, no- Ellingson,yes- Aschenbrenner,no- Brown,no- Larson,yes-

Fahrney,no- Rogers, no- Bonde, no- Olson,yes- Brownell,no- Sedelbauer,no- Roehrig,no- Maas,no-

Splitt, no- Riskey, no- Shook, yes- Smaby,yes- Suchla, no- Weiss, yes- Bohmann, no. motion to reject fails.

Motion to advance by Bonde. Second by Wieloch. Discussion: Fahrney- friendly amendment by

Fahrney and seconded by Rogers for question to read "Do you support the Department implementing antler point restrictions upon recommendations of the county CDAC process. Motion carries.

Question #7. resolution #720114. motion to advance by Bonde. Second by Fahrney. Discussion: Bonde- make it a county option statewide. Make a motion to have question read "do you support a rule change that would allow CDAC's to recommend hunting white deer in their respective county". Bohmann- on the body of question, remove "wood county" and replace with "the state". Smaby- statewide might fail. Might pass if we leave it addressed to only wood county. Splitt- statewide significance. Motion to advance carries

question #8. resolution # 480114. motion to advance by Brownell. Second by Smaby. Discussion: Anderson- would like to split into two questions, baiting and feeding. Motion carries

question #9. resolution # 110114,130814,131114,290314,300214,400214,440114,490414,570514. motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Shook. Discussion: Bonde- current definition is better. Shook- depends on what side of animal you can see. Motion to reject carries.

Question #10. resolution #060114. discussion: Kari- separated body into two parts. Clarifies current laws with what's requested. Motion made by Brownell to advance first part of question that Rob read ("would you support an effort by the WCC and the WDNR to work together with the legislature to develop a tougher and more concise wanton waste law for Wisconsin?"). Second by Shook. Discussion: Rogers when did the law change? Fahrney- word choice not accurate. Maas- are we legislating ethics?

Roll call vote:

Anderson-yes	Brownell-yes
Wieloch-yes	Sedelbauer-yes
Ellingson- yes	Roehrig-yes
Aschenbrenner- no	Maas-no
Brown- yes	Splitt-yes
Larson- yes	Risley-no
Fahrney-no	Shook-yes
Rogers-no	Smaby-no
Bonde-no	Suchla-yes
Olson-yes	Weiss-yes

motion to advance carries 13-7.

question#11. Limited use of earn-a-buck. Motion to reject by Shook. Second by Maas. Discussion: Bohmann- would require legislation. It was on Big Game committee agenda. Motion to reject carries by hand count 10-8.

Question #12. prohibit use of drones. Motion to reject by Wieloch. Second by Bonde. Discussion: Andryk- already illegal. Motion carries

question #13. Opposing open pit Iron mine .multiple resolution numbers. Kari- read "edits". Motion to advance by Olson. Second by Anderson. Discussion:Shook- we should stay out of this. Motion to advance fails.

Maas- doesn't need a motion to reject.

Question #14. multiple resolution numbers about iron mining law. Question fails for lack of motion.

Question #15. multiple resolution numbers. Motion to advance by Anderson. Fails for lack of a second. Discussion: Kari- reads "edits" to clarify. Andryk- the question is wrong.

Bonde- committee must act on this and on previous question #14.

Bohmann- we'll act on #15 first, then go back to #14.

Bonde- motion to reject #15. second by Aschenbrenner. Discussion: none. Motion carries

Bohmann- back to #14.

Maas- motion to reject. Second by Aschenbrenner. Motion carries.

Question #16. resolution #010114. motion to reject by Shook. Second by Risley. Discussion: Kari- might need to put background of last question in to this.

Bohmann- what's your pleasure?

Motion to reject carries.

Question #17. multiple resolution numbers. Silica dust. Motion to reject by Sedelbauer. Second by Aschenbrenner. Discussion: Aschenbrenner- what does this have to do with fish and game?

Bohmann- we are to cover all issues under DNR authority.

Motion to reject carries.

Question #18. multiple resolution numbers. Silica mining. Motion to advance with changes by Maas. Second by Anderson. Discussion: Andryk- going to NRB with package on impacts of sand mining.

Maas- frac sand mines willing to accept fines vs Compliance. We need some environmental questions

on our plate.

Bonde- NRB might find our input important.

Fahrney- needs amendment to re-word. Insert "environmental" before impacts, and cross out "costs and benefits".

Andryk- beyond DNR control to study costs and benefits. Only environmental impacts under our review.

Motion to advance with changes noted above carries.

Question #19. resolution #230114,330114. motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Suchla. Discussion:

Bonde- is this suggesting that they aren't being adequately enforced

Suchla- is this field runoff or from barns?

Motion to reject carries.

#### Great Lakes

question #25-26. resolution #020114,160114,260114. motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Maas. Discussion: Aschenbrenner- new regs will affect vote in Forest county.

Bohmann- question was asked last year.

Maas- friendly amendment: to eliminate "inland trout references" throughout the body and the second part of the question.

Bohmann- also make the word "fee" plural (fee's).

motion to advance with changes carries.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm. Friday 9 Jan 15.

Reconvene at 7:30 am. Saturday 10 Jan 15.

Bohmann- We need to streamline this process in the future.

#### Land Use

question #27. resolution #110414. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Anderson. Discussion:

Andryk- it's not a done deal yet.

Bonde- background info is not needed.

Rogers- friendly amendment- add "there are no public shooting ranges in Columbia county" to the body of question. Motion to advance with that change carries.

Question #28. resolution #110414. motion to advance by Fahrney. Second by Maas. Discussion:

Andryk- many options. What do you want done?

Bonde- must clearly define reason and rationale.

Fahrney- blend rationale from previous question.

Bohmann- I would think Dept. and NRB will address these issues when they come up.

Motion to advance carries by hand vote- 13-4.

Bonde- we're doing business backwards.

Question #29. resolution # 450114. motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Wieloch. Discussion:

Anderson- highway departments need to be educated on identification of milkweed.

Motion to advance carries.

Question #30. resolution #450114. motion to advance by Maas. Second by Smaby. Discussion:

Aschenbrenner- again this is not fish and game related

Bohmann- that doesn't matter. All matters that NRB addresses are under our review.

Motion to advance carries.

Question #31. resolution #130614. motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Larson. Discussion: Bonde- wording awkward. Too contradictory. Motion carries.

Question #32. resolution #570114. question divided into two parts. Discussion: Rogers- part two explains it better. Motion to advance part 2 by Rogers. Second by Bonde. Discussion: question will read "Are you in favor of giving authority to Wisconsin DNR conservation wardens to investigate and issue citations for trespass violations when the trespassing occurred while the person was engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, or other activities the DNR regulates." motion carries.

Question #33. motion to advance by Shook. Motion dies for lack of second. Motion to reject by Ellingson. Second by Risley. Discussion: Risley- problem still exists with dogs and GPS. No legal way to retrieve dogs on private lands. Need a law to legally be able to retrieve dog when landowner can't be found.

Shook- land rights issue. Recurring question. This question addresses the fact that dogs shouldn't be there in the first place. animals don't have the right to be on private property.

Suchla- read author's comment. Unhappy with executive council voting it down for 4 years.

Bohmann- COP dictates question automatically goes to spring hearings if presented for 3 consecutive years.

Aschenbrenner- state fines won't be enforced.

Bohmann- motion to remove motion on floor to reject is passed. By Ellingson and Risley. Question automatically advanced to spring hearings.

Question #34. resolution #580114. motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Maas. Discussion: Bonde- we have a commitment from Ron Bruch to work on this. Motion carries  
question #35. resolution #360114,550114. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Maas. Discussion: Bonde- we already have a position on this from 2012.

Bohmann- legislation already created to move forward. Discussions still taking place.

Shook- affirm vote for recent activity.

Bohmann- Mr. Kohler involved with establishing whooping cranes in Wisconsin. Influential. Did not want a sand hill crane season. Legislature aware we want season. Suggest we reject question and work off our current position. Work with Mr. Kohler.

Shook- shouldn't allow us to be controlled by one individual.

Fahrney- 2012 vote appears that it won't fail now (2-1). drum beat should continue. Be true to our constituency.

Bohmann- Rep Kleefisch told he would NOT get a hearing on his bill to have a season. We have a position now. Let's work with parties involved.

Motion to advance carries.

Question #36. resolution #470114. motion to reject by Maas. Second by Smaby. Discussion: none. Motion carries

#### Migratory

question #37. resolution #410214,500314. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Maas.

Discussion:

Shook- prefer getting rid of percentages. Friendly amendment to eliminate entire line dealing with percentages. (43% of surveyed duck hunters would like a half hour before sunrise opener while 52% would like it later in the day and 5% no opinion). Motion carries with that amendment.

Question #38. resolution #520514. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Fahrney. Discussion:

Bonde- we already have a position. Need a legislator to sponsor.

Shook- recurring question in committee. Continues to pass.

Maas- legal complications. What are they?

Anderson- privatization issues.

Motion to advance carries.

#### Outdoor Heritage

question #39. resolution#140214. Motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Fahrney. Discussion:

Maas- why not get future hunters involved?

Bonde- opportunity for adults to take a kid for too many hunts. Success not a prerequisite for hunting.

Brown- relates a LTH "story" about abuse of system. Depends on circumstances of kids. Special needs kids, this isn't that bad.

Fahrney- CDAC meeting recurring theme. Over generous with our youth hunts. Don't need expansion.

Rogers- lots of opportunity exists now.

Smaby- bad experience first time out has an effect. Mentored hunts can go every year.

Roehrig- bad weather conditions is a reality. Work around it. It's a "LEARN to hunt"!

Splitt- a lot of club sponsors are full up now. They want new kids, not repeats.

Sedelbauer- it's not fair if you have to turn away kids that haven't hunted.

Motion to reject carries.

Question #40. resolution #690214. motion to advance by Splitt. Second by Maas. Discussion:

Bonde- all reasons for last question apply here. We're watering this down.

Splitt- better weather hunting earlier.

Sedelbauer- can be any age? 10 or older- why take hunter's safety concern.

Brown- agrees with watering down comment. Group hunting going on in buck only areas with kids tagging the deer.

Fahrney- urge NO vote.

Olson- abusing privilege by "using" kids. Too many special hunts.

Smaby- can't penalize whole group for the actions of a few.

Motion to advance fails by hand vote (11-6)

motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Larson. Motion carries.

Question #41. resolution #041014. motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Sedelbauer.

Discussion: none. Motion carries

#### Outreach and Public Relations

question #42-43. resolution #200114. motion to advance by Fahrney. Second by Maas. Discussion:

Kari- definition of federal waters not correct. Current rule package approved by NRB in the works. Federal regs now presented to DNR offices. De-listing would eliminate requirements for guides. Schaller- congressional action required. Fahrney- we need to get to the point. Constantly re-visiting issues. "drumbeat" important to change system. Bohmann-- suggestions for corrections in body of question? Schaller- moving toward consistency in rules between feds and state. Maas- comments supporting argument for consistency Kari- explaining "edits". third sentence ,second paragraph, delete "the Wisconsin DNR offices and license outlets do not carry federal boating regulations". Third para., first sentence- delete "because none of these waters" and add "some waters are not posted". Also add the word "consistently" in front of word "identified" in same sentence. Also delete entire 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph beginning with the word "further". Fahrney- Bob Haase would argue that circumstances have changed. He would not want the Winnebago system classified as federal waters. Motion to advance carries.

#### Warm Water

question #44. resolution #620214. motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Aschenbrenner. Discussion: Bohmann- this question already on questionnaire this year- DNR side. Motion carries question #45. resolution #710414. motion to reject by Shook. Second by Wieloch. Discussion: none Motion carries question #46. resolution #180514. motion to reject by Bonde. Second by Aschenbrenner. Discussion: Bonde- already part of pan fish package. Motion carries question #47. resolution #050114,380114. question automatically advances due to being submitted three years in a row. Discussion: Vilas county exempted? Bohmann- question must be advanced. Question #48. resolution # 640514. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Smaby. Discussion: Kari- compare to question #51. position already in Governor's office. Wardens- not difficult to enforce. "edits" to question – cross out "while fishing". Kari- question 51 more clear. Anderson – what people want is to propel along the shoreline with an electric motor. Shook- this is a recurring question. Came to "legislative" when I was chair. Has this been 3 years in a row? Bonde- tracking necessary to determine 3 years. Olson- "another line" confusing. Smaby- third paragraph spells it out the best. Olson- asks for a friendly amendment to clarify. Shook- accepts friendly amendment to make question read "do you favor a rule change to allow the trolling of a sucker or other fish as bait while "casting and retrieving" with another line and using the aid of a motor statewide". Motion to advance in this form carries. Question # 49-50. comes from Warm Water committee. Motion to advance both questions by Shook. Second by Olson. Discussion: Maas- friendly amendment to delete last sentence in body of question. Kari- are you good with the title? Weiss- question marks were never submitted. They should be deleted. Motion carries question # 51. resolution # 080114. motion to reject by Shook. Second by Anderson. Discussion: Bohmann- already passed a similar question #48. motion carries. Question # 52. resolution #210414. motion to reject by Anderson. Second by Shook. Discussion: warden Matt- "attended" means immediate response. Anderson- cell phone messages exist now. Aschenbrenner- fair chase? Are you fishing or watching TV? Motion to reject fails. Motion to advance by Aschenbrenner. Second by Shook. Discussion: none. Motion carries. Question #53. resolution #190114. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Olson. Discussion: Bonde- what will they achieve by doing this? Motion carries.

Question #54. resolution #220114. motion to advance by Shook. Second by Smaby. Discussion: Shook- regarding format,move the question to below the methods stated.

Motion carries

question #55. resolution #240414. motion to advance by Maas. Second by Splitt. Discussion: none. Motion carries

question #56. resolution # 200314. motion to advance by Splitt. Second by Maas. Discussion: none. Motion carries.

Executive Council

question #61. resolution #200214. motion to advance by Maas. Second by Ellingson. Discussion: warden Matt- explains motion carries

Bohmann- comments on his resolution. Make the free antler-less tag good anywhere in the state for youth. Limits youth to one antler-less tag, weapon specific, eliminate group hunting on youth tag.

Anderson- group bagging issue came up in CDAC. Limit age group to up to 13 years old.

Bohmann- we need to get rid of group bagging. Would like your blessing to pursue this.

Ellingson – explains Oconto county recommendations

Bohmann- don't want to eliminate "intent" of the youth antler-less tag.

Olson- teach youth responsibility. Follow the rules of the hunt for everybody.

Bohmann- responsibility falls on parent also.

Motion made to authorize the chair to pursue a solution to this issue as stated by Maas. Second by Anderson.

Smaby- clarify what you're asking for.

Bohmann- youth currently get 2 antler-less tags good anywhere in state. What this would mean is that they would get one tag good anywhere in the state, and one in herd control/farmland zones.

Motion carries

Bohmann- reiterate charge for committee's to submit questions within 30 days of meeting to Kari. Not always happening. Remember to submit in question format. Let's do this! Not all committee's in compliance. What I want is for committee's to write up in question format, with liaison's help to ensure accuracy, at the end of your committee meetings so they will be done. This business of waiting until week before Christmas has GOT TO STOP. If you are unwilling to do that we will find another chair to take your place. Kari will review within 10 days and report back with any corrections/changes.

Bohmann- re-visit questions addressed yesterday. Motion to re visit question #5. Bonde. Second by Maas. Discussion: none. Motion carries. Discussion: Bonde- no reason for inaccurate statements with no data to support it.

Bohmann- so you want to remove "starting on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> with a season closure consistent with other closures in the past".

Bonde- correct. Makes a motion to do so.

Bohmann- is there a second?

Maas- questions info in body to support question. What are you asking for regarding background?

Bohmann- I want what we will be voting on. Don't know if we want to work on this without chair of bear committee here.

Olson- we can get in trouble with authors by changing wording etc. what's the problem with the data?

Brownell- we've been accused of changing questions in the past. Only allowed when presented with new data.

Maas- wrong facts shouldn't be included.

Bohmann- liaison's should provide factual information.

Sedelbauer- ok with working with chair of bear committee to re-write.

Motion by Kari to work with committee chairs to get question cleaned up. Second by Bohmann. Motion carries

YCC

Kari- Committee within Dept. formed to look into enhancing YCC for youth. Examples include career days, field trips etc. school credit for participation. Possible WCC sponsored youth scholarships. Have Dept staff facilitate some of this. Dept. has agreed. March 2016 time frame. Rob will present to NRB meeting in Jan info on youth scholarships.

Bohmann- we have money in WCC fund to sponsor a scholarship(s). can we move forward?

Anderson- groups available to sponsor these

Smaby- how to determine eligibility?

Bohmann- ask youth to fill out application. Present to exec council to decide recipient. School specific

or career specific? Do we move forward?

Smaby- motion to move forward with scholarships for YCC. Second by Anderson. Discussion: there is enough money. Do we want 1,2,3, or more presented? Details worked out during 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting of exec. Council. Motion carries.

Larson- don't limit to 4 year degrees.

Bohmann- about \$17,000 in account now. Bucket raffle could sustain scholarships in future.

#### COP Changes

refer to pages 5,6,7,10,14,16 and 18 of COP.

Page 5 changes – motion to adopt by Maas. Second by Smaby. Discussion: none. Motion carries section 7A- 1, 2, 17. motion to adopt by Anderson. Second by Roehrig. Discussion: none. Motion carries

section 9 A and B – motion to adopt by Anderson. Second by Smaby. Discussion: none. Motion carries

section 10 item 4. - motion to adopt by Anderson. Second by Larson. Discussion: none. Motion carries.

Section 13 item 2. motion to reject by Weiss. Second by Shook. Discussion: Maas- we need this, goes to strategic plan. Motion to reject carries

Bohmann- we need to come up with guidance to respond to constituents concerns from rules and resolutions. Have info presented to executive council prior to state convention. We need a date for 4<sup>th</sup> exec council meeting today. Recommend 1st sat in Oct.

Weiss- did we decide we really need to meet one more time. Only a suggestion from strategic plan.

Bohmann- thoughts on extra meeting?

Olson- problems with fall meetings, availability

Bohmann- can't allow Skype to attend meetings.

Shook- follow agenda. Don't need another meeting

Kari- option to give another meeting a try. COP allows us to call special meeting.

Maas- agrees to try having another meeting.

Bonde- need guidance for an agenda for another meeting from strategic planning committee.

Bohmann- will direct strategic planning committee to investigate this.

#### Mission Statements

refer to handout with changes noted.

Motion to approve all changes by Maas. Second by Brown. Discussion: none. Motion carries

#### Study Committee Reports

refer to handout titled "Rule Simplification Idea Committee"- Altweis

get word out on this committee at spring district meetings. Address these recommendations at our committee meetings this year.

ACTION: combine archery and crossbow seasons into one season and one license referred to Deer and Elk.

ACTION: eliminate deer baiting and feeding statewide referred to Legislative

ACTION: fishing regulations for all species should be consistent for waters that are connected or very close proximity.

Referred to Warm Water

ACTION: rescind applicability of Act 21 from natural resource concerns referred to executive council at end of May meeting

ACTION: the opening date for trapping of all fur bearers should be aligned to the last Saturday in Oct. referred to Fur Harvest

ACTION: establish spring hearing resolution review process referred to Rules and Resolutions

ACTION: change DMU boundaries referred to Deer and Elk

ACTION: cottontail rabbit and ruffed grouse seasons referred to Turkey and Upland Game

ACTION: one line trolling in Oneida County referred to Warm Water

ACTION: eliminate all fish zones referred to Warm Water

ACTION: three bag walleye, statewide referred to Warm Water

ACTION: eliminate intra-water bait minnow restrictions

referred to Warm Water and Fisheries Advisory Council  
ACTION: one refuge date, statewide  
referred to Warm Water and Fisheries Advisory Council  
ACTION: eliminate "artificial only" restriction from trout regulations  
referred to Trout  
ACTION: deer hunting license simplification  
referred to Deer and Elk

Land Use – Olson – looking for support on resolution regarding Lost Creek site being open to recreation.

Bohmann- are you making a motion to have it on spring hearing questionnaire?

Motion to put on questionnaire by Olson. Second by Larson. Discussion: Bonde- when you put together question, I would like some background info so people understand the DOT perspective of these lands.

Bohmann- You (Rick Olson) and Kari will get together with Matt and write question. Not Kari's responsibility.

Kari will work with Doug Hagg to get to NRB by Monday.

Motion carries.

10 Year Fish and Wildlife Ad Hoc- Brown making request to make a standing committee.

Brown- science services a good idea. Justification is to answer the question of where the money is spent

motion to make this a standing committee by Brown. Second by Maas. Discussion: none. Motion carries

Shooting Range Ad Hoc

Bohmann- get meeting scheduled before May convention

Outdoor Heritage- Smaby- supply YCC members with a shirt and hat.

Migratory – Shook- December meeting not necessary. Only had one meeting. Liaison logistics.

Upland Game – Riskey- all resolutions rejected

Great Lakes- Maas- held conference call to endorse DNR 10 year plan on Great Lakes.

Legislative- Suchla- met at Meade. Good meeting

Warm Water – Weiss- also met at Meade. Authored resolution to look into more emphasis on Warm Water habitat improvement.

Motorized Ad Hoc- Larson- off road motor cyclists wanted to be included. Aschenbrenner- proposal to open up 10,000 acre off road park in Forest county. Local opposition to it. Politicians for it. It's coming!

Anderson- Vilas county working on off road issues and access. Planning for the future. Won't act on county level unless specific request from municipality. Come from bottom up.

ACTION

N/A

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE N/A

DEADLINE N/A

## I. MEMBERS MATTERS

### DISCUSSION

Olson- resolve trolling issue in Governor's office.  
Brownell- urge authors to attend committee meetings  
Maas- what is DNR doing regarding training liaisons on issues so we can get accurate questions written?  
Splitt- 107 questions on Questionnaire this year. Be prepared. Somehow, review questions before they get to executive council. Leave out I and Me perspective.  
Bohmann- emphasize that questions from chairs MUST be submitted within 30 days of meetings.  
Shook- need sound system for these meetings. Hard to hear. "edits" to questions not seen until yesterday. Need them earlier.  
Bohmann- can we go to liaison's first to review questions?  
Smaby- why do we have committee's if council acts as "God"? Not right to reject questions because of personal agendas.  
Suchla- 2 new positions on executive committee. Good idea for new members to attend strategic plan meetings to learn about duties and responsibilities.  
Weiss- request that "final" version of these questions be presented to us to vote on rather than multiple changes being considered that take up way too much time in discussion.  
Anderson- increase hunting and fishing license fee discussion?  
Bohmann- unaware of any talk of that in legislature  
Ellingson- purpose of a 4<sup>th</sup> meeting? Possible for politicians to address us in the fall instead of spring convention.  
Aschenbrenner- trolling issue. Agrees with Rob talking to Governor's office on issue and status.  
Brown- member who bad mouthed Mike Riggle should be disciplined.  
Bohmann- have removed Laurie G. from Wolf committee.  
Anderson- remember when we endorsed 80 wolves?  
Bohmann- discussion on recent phone conversation with delegate regarding wolf issue and inappropriate comments made by him that went viral. Need to be aware of what we say. Convention will be here at Stoney Creek this year. "Bob's" catering will be requested. Breakfast and lunch at water-park facility next door. Dinner here. Hospitality room has to be provided by hotel. Snack fees outrageous. District 4 in charge of hospitality room. Continue with \$5.00 cover charge.  
Bonde- won't be at convention. Attending wedding. Still interested in Vice Chair position.  
Maas- must we have hospitality room here. Shuttle bus somewhere else?  
Bohmann- will investigate feasibility.  
Bohmann- how to make us more relevant. Every other year (even years) DNR has no questions. How to generate more spring hearing content? Move date? Format? Survey delegates and constituents for ideas and opinions. What do they want to see at spring hearings? Non consumptive groups becoming more of an influence. Do we move forward with survey? Pressure to get rid of WCC. We must continually look at how to serve our constituents better.  
Anderson- survey those that are AT the spring hearings.  
Maas- could Art Lersch help with the survey? How about UW-Stevens Point? There are also DNR personnel that facilitate surveys.  
Bohmann- hand out survey this spring to gauge opinions.  
Kari- WCC decide what you want to know from survey. Who to target? End goal? Increase attendance among certain groups?  
Maas- are we meeting needs of current attendee's?  
Bohmann- reach out to writers to encourage attendance at spring hearings. Pound the ground with local clubs.  
Risley- public perception of WCC is that we are part of DNR. Need to get away from that.  
Bohmann- we must take responsibility for that. Emphasize this at spring district meeting. Rob will present gun from his own pocket to the county with the most improved spring hearing attendance.  
Roehrig- will help get survey together. Work with Kari.  
Kari- who will tally results?  
Bohmann- county delegations will do it. Fill out summary report.  
Bohmann- get suggestions for survey questions in to Kari by 31 Jan 15.

motion to adjourn by Anderson. Second by Larson, discussion: none motion carries

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ACTION

## II. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING ADJOURNED	12:20 pm. 10 Jan. 15
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss – Secretary WCC
DATE	01/23/15