

Wisconsin Conservation Congress 10 Year Fish & Wildlife Plan Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	Feb. 13, 2016	930 am	Mead Wildlife Area
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Allan Brown at 935am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Larry Damman, Allan Brown, Michael Gullickson, Steve Klicko, Ronald Church, Michael Arrowood, Rick Knutson
EXCUSED	Art Malin, Michael Neiduski, Judith Wilmes, Lisa Wilson
UNEXCUSED	Ken Anderson, Tom Thill, Douglas Parrott, Jason Thomas, Lowell Wright
GUESTS	Adam Lindsey

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Gullickson motion to approve, second by Church Motion carried

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Al Brown read Committee Mission Statement
ACTION	Motion by Knutson, second by Dammon to approve. Motion carried

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. FW & HM PLAN AND WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN STATUS

TARA BERGESON

DISCUSSION	<p>Tara Bergeson - A brief review of the 10 Year FW and Habitat Management Plan and the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan were provided to the Committee. The public input for both plans were gathered at Conservation Cafes held throughout the State, and through an online survey. The FWHMP was approved at the September Natural Resources Board meeting and is ready for implementation by the DNR. The WWAP was approved with Natural Resource Board amendments. Plants were removed from the original plan, and separate plant conservation plan must be developed. The final WWAP is awaiting approval from the USFWS.</p> <p>Arrowood - Asked about funding allocation for the plans. The FW& HMP has the majority of the funds used by the DNR. The WWAP is available for outside organizations, but lack of funding has limited it to internal use only for the DNR. The FW Plan use includes staff, land management, land purchases, easements, fish management & rearing, law enforcement, shooting ranges, boat access and DNR facilities.</p> <p>Arrowood - Questioned whether legislators attended the Conservation Cafes, or made aware of the findings from the survey. He felt legislators should review the raw data on how the public actually feels about the Plans.</p> <p>Dammon - A website to alert the legislators of public comment should be looked at.</p> <p>Gullickson- Asked if programs should be terminated if not producing as expected (pine marten, elk and whooping</p>
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	crane). Knutsen - The programs mentioned are either fully funded, or receiving a majority of its funding from private organizations. The DNR is only managing the programs. - Some of the programs are struggling because of issues outside of the DNR control (wolves) Klicko - Programs provide a boost to local economy through tourism (elk - Clam Lake and Jackson County, whooping cranes - Necedah) Klicko - The whooping crane program also provides a genetic pool in case of a catastrophe with the Western flock. Klicko - Habitat managed for the target species is also beneficial to several threatened nongame species. - The public should be made aware of the Plans funding sources and the ultimate purposes of the programs.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

B. WWAP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

TARA BERGESON

DISCUSSION	Bergeson - A plan for involving stakeholders is being developed. An Actions Tool will be developed following approval of a stakeholder involvement plan. An Action Database support tool will be used to track the effectiveness of individual programs. The key is to make the public aware and to train the public to use the tool and educate them on how to use the information.	
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C. OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

TARA BERGESON

DISCUSSION	There is an opportunity to become involved with and promote a Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining Fish & Wildlife Resources. It will try to bridge the gap in funding between game and nongame species.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Gullickson - Satisfied why programs need not produce a harvestable game species. He did not think of the other benefits provided by individual programs. Arrowood - Need a tangible purpose to justify committee and an ability to provide a report to the Executive Council. Brown - Possibly a meeting in August to work out the purpose of the committee.	
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn at 1200 P.M. by Knutson, seconded by Church
SUBMITTED BY	STEVE KLICKO
DATE	February 20, 2016