

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Fur Harvest

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	7/30/16	9 am	Mead wildlife area visitor center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Ed HARVEY at 9 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Dave louis,duanne butler, mark loka, tom bartz, richard clark, randy symicek, hugh hatch, scott zimmerman, mike nicholson, john hedtk, scott mcauley, ed harvey, dan cichantek, kelly tollefson, miles marveson, larry meyer, troy klessinger, thomas duluga jr. rick desotell, youth delegate megan loka, wdnr staff shawn rossler, nate kroplin, nick foreman, and mike the all knowing and one who brings lunch, al shook
EXCUSED	Thomas avis, jody bigalke, james binder, jeffery stoeckigt
UNEXCUSED	Karlkasrosky, wil netzer,phil hipper
GUESTS	Matt mchugh,justin loehrke, dan hirschert, julie de la terre, william greendeer, george bartels, al lobner, jessica wenger, jason fisher,mike lance, ken schmidt, john hoeft,jim leopold, jean hedtk, marcell wieloch, rocky bolder

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	5 minute time limit under public comments, we have several signed up
ACTION	Motion to accept as printed agenda by mark loka,2nd by john hedtk, MOTION CARRIED

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Ed harvey read the mission statement
ACTION	Motion to support as read by randy symicek, 2nd by dave louis MOTION CARRIED

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	William greendeer spoke : he will listen for the nation, he is concerned about animals, he has walked the entire embridge pipeline,some parts will need protecting, here to learn
	Julie de la terre spoke: would like to see more mid sized predators, they eat mice, mice are a step in the spreading of lymes disease, more predators mean less mice and racoons, need to look at whole system, balance of nature
	Al lobner spoke hunting coyotes with dogs is a management statigy used by many to control the damage and risk of disease, see als written testamony Attached file
ACTION	No action, information items only

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION 71-04-16

OTTER CRITICAL REVIEW AND PERMIT FEES

DISCUSSION	author was present:JUSTIN LOEHRKE does not always believe the numbers, would like to see better numbers in the population models, sees a lot of otters in his area, would like to see more permits and more otter utilized , this would also look at beaver at same time, would like to see a push for an increase in nubers or permits by using good science Richard clark,larry meyer, would need legislation, should look at beaver too there would be a lag time for research to catch up,
ACTION	motion to advance by richard clark, 2nd by dan cichantek MOTION CARRIED 9:40
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
chair	

B. RESOLUTION 72-06-16

DRYLAND STEEL TRAP SIZE INCREASE

DISCUSSION	The author was here ROCKY BOULDER only after 2010 was the size reduced when we started a wolf season, a bigger trap would be more effective with less injuries, only a 1 inch increase,in frozen ground you need a bigger trap before dec 1st Richard clark the rule was put in place for wolve trapping to catch less bears, larry meyer less bears active after nov 1st, dave louis we used the bigger traps before 2010 and had no problems with trap incidents,dan cichantek we should laminate the jaws,change law to measure inside, dryland incidents did go up in 2010 when we had a wolf season , but do not know if trap night went up also
ACTION	Motion to advance by mike nicholson, 2nd dan cichantek MOTION CARRIED
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
chair	

C. 72-07-16

WATER TRAPPING TRAP SIZE INCREASE

DISCUSSION	Author was here ROCKY BOULDER he would like to see increase in size for underwater trapping, there are more efficeint traps on the market now that are this big The ts85 is a very good trap, being used by beaver trappers all over the country
ACTION	Motion to advance by dan cichantek, 2nd by dave louis MOTION CARRIED 9:56
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Chair	
d. decription of topic resolution 54-05-16	Early use of cable resraints
Discussion author was here DAN HENTHORN he would like to use the safest tool ,on private land, at the start of the season Why not all year, needs legislation , scott mc, scott zimm richard clark, they could be abused without education, author likes it as written, dave louis would like it used for damage controll,ed explained the motion/voting choices, nate kr likes cables, farmers do not need a licence or trapper ed ,	
Action motion to advance as written by dave louis,2nd by mark loka MOTION CARRIED 10:12	The chair is responsible
E.resolution 13-05-16	End the hunting of coyotes with dogs
Author was not here MELISA SMITH rick desotell, richard clark, john hedtkc discussed , does not like the tresspassing problems, need to work better with the landowners, need to police our own ranks, some have good working relationships with their dog owners and landowners	
Action motion to reject by richard clark, 2nd john hedtkc MOTION CARRIED 10:17	The chair is responsible

F. 72-04-16	Save the deer from predators
Author was not here JIM WINKLER scott mcauley from wood county explained it was written to start the talking and thinking about how to manage the predators on a county basis	
Rick desotell hard to manage on a county system	
Action motion to reject by richard clark, 2nd by scott mc auley MOTION CARRIED 10:31	The chair is responsible
G. resolution 28-02-16	Bounties on coyotes
Author was not here TOM UNDERWOOD Bounties do not work, corrupt, a black eye for outdoorsman, where would the funds come from, ricgard clark, scott z , dave louis randy, larry	
Action, motion to accepy by mark loka 2nd by scott m MOTION FAILS	The chair is responsible
h. resolution 37-02-16	Landowner using cacle resraints
The author was here TOM THOMA he wants landowners and their agents to be able to use it year round	
Wrong tools are being used now, very few problems using the correct cable resraint leagallyneed responsible trappers using it	
Action motion by duane 2nd by dave louis to advance MOTION CARRIED 10:43 by hand count 10/5	
i. resolution 28-01-16	Southern mink/rat season
Author was not here RANDY BEHLKE but larry meyer explained their rats are still growing, too many are not prime, compitition makes everyone trap the first day	
Action motion to advace by richard clark dave louis	Discussion richard,mike,dave,dan,larryscott z, zone hopping becomes a problem, fur and trap theft increases also where do you draw line to maybe get all southern big rat marshes together in one zone
Action motion to ammend by richard clark 2nd by larry meyer to use hwy 29 instead of hwy 60	Disssussion, will we change coon season every other year also?
Motion to amend MOTION CARRIED (except mike nicholson)	Main motion MOTION CARRIED (except mike nicholson) 11:05
The chair is responsible	
J. resolution 13-12-16	Stop killing otters
Author was not hereJOHN TAYLOR the committee does not believe the numbers quoted in the resolution, otters are doing well in all of wisconsin	
Action motion to reject by mark loka 2nd by dave louis MOTION CARRIED 11:07	The chair is responsible
k. resolution 71-05-16	Trapping season simlified
Author was here JUSTIN LOERKE he would like to see the same opener, be different closures	
Ed,dan,mike the problem with rule simplification is that NOBODY wants it. justin spent a lot of time/effort putting thios together	

Action motion to advance dan c. and mike n. MOTION FAILS 11:21	The chair is responsible
L. resolution 45-04-16	Use lights to scan for predator calling
The author was here MATT MCHUGH would like to be more ethical, safer after dark/only take the safe, ethical shot/you also need to be efficient/to see an animal in the dark before you shoot is hard enough/and its always then a quick decision to shoot/would like to see lights used before the point of kill Discussion, richard, nate, larry, scott, m, scott z, miles/ when do you use it, what do other states do, written as calling equipment-no vehicle-good, coon also, would law enforcement be ok with it	
Action motion to advance by john hedtko, 2nd by kelly MOTION CARRIED 11:51	The chair is responsible
m. resolution 53-03-16	Protect ecosystem services of beaver
The author was here JULIE DE LA TERRE she would like to see the beaver be more involved in the world's ecosystem, they do many dollars of cleanup for free, if you let them, high phosphorus, nitrogen habitat loss, can be corrected by letting the water filter thru a beaver pond. more emphasis on the value of beaver, Discussion richard, larry, ed what do you want, she passed out several handouts with the science behind it, may need to pay subsidies, how to pay for it, it would be cheaper to let beaver do it than us. would like to see all management plans to include beaver	
Action the motion is to advance by dave louis, 2nd scott m MOTION CARRIED 12:10	The chair is responsible
n. single dryland opener	Discussion, This resolution was asked to be brought back to the committee at the state meeting as most northern counties voted against it and it was thought as a wolf trapping problem solver
Action motion to reject by dave louis, richard clark 2nd MOTION TO REJECT CARRIES	The chair is responsible
o. suggested rule change to ban toothed traps in wet sets	Discussion as we don't have any problem now or in the past with these tools being used under water, as we don't know how many are being used in what areas of the state, it would be a knee jerk reaction to a problem that does not exist at this time, beaver and trapper survey/questionnaires may be used to answer these questions richard clark, scott m, scott z
Action motion to reject the ban of toothed traps in wet set by dan cichantek, 2nd richard clark MOTION CARRIED	
Shawn rossler gave us harvest numbers from last year and quota/permit levels for this year for bobcat/fisher/otter, Rule proposals the beaver plan included goals to increase populations, this would mean shortening the seasons in A/B zones, the scope statement is finished, they can start the hearing/information process, the low fur prices will have a natural correction, so actually shortening the season will wait till needed, but they plan to get it ready to be able to have the authorization. The 2 otter a person bag limit was defeated, as it could or would	

<p>cause a shorter season, thoughtbit was better to have a long er concurrent with beaver season . incidentals need to be turned in to keep the population model accuate</p> <p>With the alighment changes at the wdnr , fur schools train the trainer, media training are still unknown, they will kno0w more in a few weeks how things get prioritied</p>	
<p>Trap research by nick foreman, lots of bobcat stuff coming in from the collared cats, a good slideshow went thru some of the neat data so far, need more collared to continue next year, give acall to nick when a cat is caught, the grey fox study may go statewide, there is a southwest predator/deer study, the can collar coyotes/cats there also</p>	
<p>Nate kroplin went thru the trap incident reports, there were 3 dog fatalities, 1 in a 160, 1 in a 220 and one in an unchecked foothold with an old dog and severly cold temps, with foothold there are 75 % no injuries with cables 95 % no injuries please contact your warden with good and bad reports</p>	
<p>Aphis report by DAN HERSHER they resond to wildlife conflicts-wdnr fisheries,national forests counties,townships,tribal,rr,others ask their help to protect resourses such as roads,timber,rice and others,in 2015 they took 1400 beaver and 1400 dams, they salvage what they can, the fur and castors, they donated \$750 to the FTW , dave reid and nathan roberts will continue the avidance/non target research</p>	
<p>Nate kroplin tagging problem go either way, if you put the warden in a tough spot, expect a coupon, so resect goes both ways so get to know the wardens in your area so turning in incidentals is easier on all</p>	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Scott m 2 lawsuits in montana mike n would like to increas the otter quota, deve raffle, dan c can we make measurering conibears easier, larry 24 hr reporting for otter, scott z, june 2018 fur takers convention in wi, ed is there any topics for the next meeting
ACTION	No action

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3pmscott m 2nd richard c motion carried
SUBMITTED BY	Scott mc auley
DATE	8-11-16

Resolution 130516 Rebuttal

Chairman Harvey and members of the Fur Harvest Committee, thank you for giving me the time to voice my concerns in opposition to Resolution 130516. After reading this resolution I have serious concerns about the validity of some of these statements made in this resolution.

At this time there has been no legislative action or policy change that takes away the right of landowners to manage their land as they see fit. There are also comments made regarding the time spent by DNR Law Enforcement and the waste of money to investigate these situations. These situations however, are the responsibility of the county sheriff of that jurisdiction.

As far as herds of deer crossing the public highways, I am sure that deer hunters would like to know where this is. It certainly is not in Wood, Portage, or Marathon counties.

The author also speaks of the reduction in the size of farms in Wisconsin. I don't know where that information came from but I can assure you it is not from the Department of Agriculture. I am sure however if that were the case, we would not hear about all the protests regarding CAFO's.

Last but not least I would like to speak on the potential risk of disease to farmers cattle due to neosporosis, a protozoan disease which causes abortions in cattle. There is no known vaccine or treatment for this disease. This information was compiled by Dr. Greg Palmquist DMV, contract veterinarian for TNT farms in northwest Wisconsin. All canines are potential carriers of this parasite that shed cysts in feces which may be consumed by cattle. The prevalence of this disease in the TNT herd of cattle was 30%. The prevalence of neosporosis in herds that Dr. Palmquist works is 25%.

Although hound hunting may not be a popular activity for some folks, it is still a management strategy used by many farmers and cattle producers to reduce the risk of this disease. Simply put most cattle and dairy producers do not have the time to manage this potential risk.

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The information regarding neosporosis was distributed by Bill Vander Zouwen former DNR employee.