



Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/06/2017	9 AM	Grand Lodge, Rothschild WI.
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 9:07 AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Joe Weiss, Rick Olson, Joel Taylor, Dave Larson, Mike Riggle, Steve Budnick, Bob Ellingson, Ronald Krueger Senior, Kevin Smaby, Al Suchla, Al Lobner, Dale Maas, Robert Haase, Brett Weir, Larry Bonde, David Bruning, Mike Rogers, Jane Meyer, Al Shook Congress liaison Kari Lee Zimmerman and Michael Schmit.
EXCUSED	Stan Brownell, Kenneth Risley, Scott Gunderson.
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	DNR staff as noticed along with presenters and guests.

C. Agenda Approval or Repair

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	Larry asked for flexibility in the agenda to allow for presenters in attendance to move to the top of the agenda along with any committee chairs that are not on the Leadership Council to avoid them having to come again to the January meeting. Larry also asked that due to a mix up in scheduling a resolution writer was given the wrong date of meeting and that he be allowed to address the Leadership Council today.
ACTION	Motion by Maas second by Olson to approve agenda as requested. Motion carried.

D. Chair's Update

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry reported on the following: Online Voting Committee will be chaired by Mark Schultz La Crosse County. Mark has been chosen for his leadership ability along with the fact that he is removed from the current leadership and would be able to chair that committee without conflict. Paul Reith from Dane County and John Rennpferd from Milwaukee County are also on the committee from the Congress. These two delegates have the knowledge and understanding of the type of systems that would be necessary. They work with these type of systems in their personal life and are a great asset to the committee. Mark stated that after their first meeting he was impressed and confident with their abilities and were a good choice for the committee. Department staff also on the committee will be Chandra Harvey, Scott Loomans, Ben Beardmore who does Social Science Research for the department, Kimberly Curry who works with the Go Wild System. Representing the Natural Resources Board will be Gary Zimmer and we thank Gary for his participation. Larry believes that they are looking at 3 to 4 meetings and will be reporting back at the next District Leadership Council meeting in January. Larry also stated that as he had promised whatever results that the committee presents will go before the full delegation in May.</p> <p>Legislation Larry reported that there is a large amount of legislation going through the capital at this time, he is encouraged with some of the legislators who have asked for Congress to testify on any upcoming bills that have gone through the Congress process and we have a position on. He reported there was one piece of legislation that came to mind where the average citizen authored a resolution that went through the Congress process was voted on statewide received a favorable vote the resolution writer was able to get his legislator to write a bill and is scheduled to go through the hearing process next week. This is a great success story for the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the processes we have in place. In some other cases Larry wishes that the legislatures would reach out to the Congress in advance of the proposing of some of these rules we as a Congress could be a great aid and assistance in giving the legislature better understanding of what needs to take place and why the current rules are in place. By doing this it would avoid some of the conflict that takes place when we have to go in and testify against some of the proposed legislation. If they would have come to us while the legislation was being drafted we may have been able to add insight and possible compromise to the piece of legislation rather than putting us in opposition to. We need to continue the communication process with our legislators to let them know that we want to be part of that process and help with favor distillation.</p> <p>Relevance You can all remember the discussion at the last state convention from NRB Board Chair Terry Hilgenberg, in his opinion the Congress would be better served by giving sporting community 10 or 12 well-crafted questions that are meaningful and that</p>
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	<p>they can deal with at the spring hearings. The current average of 50 questions in many cases are either outside of the jurisdiction of the Congress or the Natural Resources Board and speaks to the relevance of what we propose as questions. With that said Larry asked the delegates of the Leadership Council to keep that in consideration as we act on some of the resolutions coming before us today. Larry also recognized board member Gary Zimmer in attendance and thanked him for being part of today's process.</p> <p>Larry also stated that Chairman Hilgenberg would be here sometime during the day along with newly appointed Natural Resources Sec. Dan Mayer.</p> <p>Larry stated that we have a very full agenda today and that he will restrict discussion on some items to keep us on track. Those items not completed on the agenda today will be carried over to the January District Leadership Council meeting</p>
ACTION	Information only no action taken.

E. WCC Liaison's Update

DISCUSSION	
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F. Public Comments

DISCUSSION	Larry stated that there was nobody that registered wishing to give public comment.
ACTION	No action.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Department of Natural Resources Program Updates

Various see below.

DISCUSSION	See below.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

1. Fisheries

Justine Hasz Dir., Bureau of Fisheries Management

DISCUSSION	<p>Justine gave a presentation showing an overview of what fisheries has been working on over the last six months or so and some of the long-term things that have been in the works that have been completed.</p> <p>Staffing; last year at this time we had over 35 vacancies within fisheries management. She is happy to report that 11 of the vacancies have been filled they are recruiting six additional biologists along with the ability to recruit 10 additional technicians with the hopes of having those positions filled by the end of this calendar year. With the plan retirements that are normal she anticipates that going into 2018 there will be 20 vacant positions. She is happy with the additional staffing that will better allow fisheries to manage the many different programs assigned to them. The staff is pleased and excited about the additions as many of them have been pulling double duty and attempt to cover for the open positions so everyone is excited so we look forward to the end of 2017 on into 2018.</p> <p>She also reported on the Lake Michigan Management Plan and the hours of work required in all the listening sessions up and down the lake in order to come up with a stocking allocation that made sense as we looked at the predator versus prey within the lake. There have been changes made in the state Lake Trout Management Plan also.</p> <p>She reported that the Lake Superior Management Plan was started in June with a targeted completion date sometime in 2019. Some of the issues on Lake Superior include Lake Trout harvest and associated regulations for both sport and commercial fishery along with negotiations with the tribes in all areas represented are encouraged to add their comments to the Lake Superior Management Plan.</p> <p>The department has been hearing good reports on the extended stream trout seasons, she noted that this year trout habitat work was delayed or postponed due to all of the flooding.</p> <p>The department works closely with the Lake Michigan commercial fisheries board, they have asked for a number of studies pertaining to their fishery and the department has asked them to prioritize which studies they feel are most important as the resources will not allow for all of their requests. Many of the current studies are actually being funded by the commercial fishermen working along with Sea Grant.</p> <p>Some of the other topics discussed and noted were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 years of Pike regulation management. Lake Sturgeon management plan. Pan fish stocking guidance. Ceded territory walleye regulations. Recruitment Retention and Reactivation (3-R) program will be moving to the division of law enforcement. <p>The expansion of the "Fishing for Dinner Program" is expected; this has been a great success in many of the more populous areas of the state.</p> <p>The Wisconsin extended growth walleye initiative is moving forward in 2017. 778,000 extended growth walleye were stocked; this is also a continued partnership with the tribes along with private aquaculture. We had a little problem this year with our minnow suppliers to feed the extended growth walleyes. We have put programs in place to assure that for next year</p>
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	<p>we will have coverage on this. It should also be noted that the budget continues to fund this program through June 2019. Stocking levels mentioned on some species were 34,000 Muskies, 4,000 Sturgeon, 31,000 Brown Trout, 4000 Rainbow Trout, the trout numbers are reflective of stream trout stocking.</p> <p>Engagement of anglers state wide, fisheries did an outreach through social media by way of Facebook, Twitter and You Tube. This was done to build participation and anglers and increase public awareness in fishing opportunities.</p> <p>Justine thanked the Congress for all their assistance throughout the year on the many committees and the input that they give the fisheries as they move the process forward.</p>	
ACTION	Information only no action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	

2. Wildlife

Eric Lobner, Dir., Bureau of Wildlife Management

DISCUSSION	<p>Eric Lobner reported on Wildlife Management updates stating that in the 2016-17 budget there was a call for 7.5 positions to be cut. Through the strategic alignment effort it resulted 10.5 position transferred out of the program, this reduced personnel costs by \$492,000. The department did receive two positions from Parks and Recreation Management for habitat work. This equaled a total net loss of 16 positions over the last four years.</p> <p>What the Strategic Realignment did:</p> <p>Habitat Management will be specialized to divisions with the appropriate expertise. Provide habitat management services across all department lands per program requirements as an example, if a game specie is the priority at the site then Wildlife Management will lead the habitat management regardless of property site. Wildlife will work in close coordination with the property program and prioritize habitat work statewide. The goal is to focus on areas of expertise, reduce effort on low priority work and increase efficiency and consistency in department land management.</p> <p>In scaling back the vision of wildlife Management there are a number of areas that are not appropriate based on the core work of Wildlife Management, some of the areas are as follows; parking lot management, boundary posting, property signage, prescribed fire management, Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation, management of nuisance wildlife calls and the handling of most rare/non- game activities.</p> <p>Eric also gave oversight to the Council on the cost of individual workload analysis based on the wildlife budget. He talked extensively about prioritizing workloads and setting a time line for implementation of many of the programs. He mentioned the vision of increased collaboration and integration with other wildlife and the impact that other friends groups have had on a positive focus of the budget along with those participators within the Adopt a Wildlife Area program. There will be a renewed focus on outreach through communication and utilizing department media programs as a conduit to the public. The change in how the general public receives information is evident with the number of hits that are recorded on many of the social media sites that the department uses.</p> <p>An example was a Facebook posting of tubal elk squaring off near Clam Lake 433,000 people viewed it on Facebook. The DNR Facebook page has grown by 16,000 followers since April 2017.</p> <p>Eric mentioned Pittman-Robertson special projects, the department received \$11.4 million in total funding with the objective to improve Wildlife Habitat and Public Access. The implementation is scheduled to occur over the next three years in the six priority categories: Grazing \$1 million, Invasive Species \$1.7 million, Public Access \$2.4 million, Wetland Management \$1.9 million Hunter Access Easements \$4 million and Food Plots \$334,000.</p> <p>Eric also mentioned that there were some key changes in deer and turkey registration tags being that you are no longer required to validate the tag, attach the tag to the animal and you are no longer required to keep the Deer Tag / Turkey harvest authorization with the meat. You still are required to carry proof of the deer tag for a specified zone/DMU/plan type or harvest authorization for zone/time (Turkey) and use the tag/harvest authorization number to register by 5 PM through game registration the day after recovery.</p> <p>Eric reported that CDAC preliminary recommendations-population objectives and DMU changes have been received and there have been proposed nine modifications of DMU's and seven modifications or additions to Metro modifications. The proposed population objectives are a decrease in 21DMUs, increase in 21 DMUS and maintain and 48DMUs.</p> <p>CWD surveillance was reviewed for the 2017 season self-serve kiosk for ease of sampling will be provided in some of the most affected areas. Sampling will take place in the southern farmland zone and around recent positives in Washburn, Adams, Juneau, Portage, Marathon, Eau Claire, Oneida and Oconto counties. There will be a weighted surveillance (adult bucks) in Dodge, Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Washington counties. The average turnaround time for CWD test results are about nine days down from 14 days in 2015.</p> <p>He also reported on the Bobcat and CITES lawsuit this will be explained further later in the meeting.</p> <p>The wildlife personnel recruitment plan is moving forward with 8 of 12 area wildlife supervisor positions filled over the last year, five wildlife biologist vacancies with an additional four to be added by spring. Eight wildlife technician vacancies were filled with an additional two by spring, one property supervisor added for the Crex Meadow wildlife area. One wildlife conservation educator added at Crex Meadow also. Wildlife also added one Wildlife Health Specialist and one</p>
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	Grazing Specialist to the program.	
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3. FORESTRY

Curt Wilson

DISCUSSION	<p>Curt gave a brief overview of the history of the Wisconsin State Forestry Program. He then talked about the most recent overview and projects of this department including it outreach to many shareholders at the local level. The state program is meant to be a partnership with county and regional Forester's to help enhance the overall program and let those County Forester's continue to do what they do best. With the implementation a couple of years ago of the strategic plan the forestry department knew that there was going to be a shift in priorities and directions, the feeling was that until they had a specific direction and goal established that they would not fill many of the open positions that they had, thus 72 positions were left vacant. Now that specific goals have been set the forestry division is in the process of hiring 33 Forester's and six forestry technicians. In the Northwest District the intent is to hire 3 Team Leaders 33 Forester's and six Forest technicians and one tax law specialist/compliance specialist by the end of 2017. In the spring of 2018 the intent is to hire 2 Bureau Directors four Section Chiefs, one Private Land Outreach Coordinator and 3 State Forest Property Managers (their duties will be to update Forest Management Programs and expand services to private landowners). The state forestry service is now the home base for prescribed burns and forest fire suppression. They provide service to 29 County Forests, manage state forest/state lands, and since the expansion of the " Good Neighbor Authority" work in a partnership with National Forests Service staff in managing land at our national forests.</p>	
ACTION	Information only no action taken.	
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4. Law Enforcement

Todd Schaller, Chief Warden

DISCUSSION	<p>Todd gave the DLC a report on the status of law enforcement. The strategic alignment has had changes in the staffing levels within the department. All credentialed law enforcement officers will now be under the overall responsibility of the warden staff. In the past the state parks had Park Rangers who also carried law enforcement credentials but it was determined that the amount of time Park Rangers spent in the actual law enforcement position did not justify the training expense to continue on that path. It was decided to consolidate those positions within the LE/ Warden Service. The strategy for filling all open positions and full implementation is now scheduled for sometime in 2018. They are also in the process of finalizing the 20 positions for the 2018 class of wardens. They had 400 applications last year. This year they had 600 applications with the addition of advertising over social media. Currently there is a 12% vacancy rate which is slightly higher than the normal 5 to 6% range, many of this is due to retirements and transfers. Another change is that law enforcement has been made the home of the Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation program (R-3).One of the main reasons for the consolidation of the R 3 program was that all other safety programs come under the governance of LE and there already is a base of 3000-3500 volunteer instructors along with established management programs that dovetail nicely into the process. Todd also mentioned that last week a grant for \$220,000 was approved from the Pittman Robertson funds, these are federal monies collected and will be used for recruiting anglers through the angler education program. Another area was the approval of new software (call to service) this software allows information sharing state wide with Local Police, County Sheriff's and State Patrol offices. Todd thanked the members of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for all their assistance again this year for participating in the safety programs and especially assistance with the warden interview process.</p>	
ACTION	Information only no action taken.	
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5. Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management

Brigit E. Brown,
State Trails Coordinator

DISCUSSION	<p>Brenda's report highlighted statewide recreational planning issues and concerns, there is a requirement to do periodic reviews on these types of programs and to confirm and set goals. To this end they engaged statewide groups and stakeholders in order to define the following: clear guidance to the department, defined roles and responsibilities, decide areas of responsibility, develop statewide goals, better describe activities, serve as a liaison to local stakeholders and provide ongoing feedback to the Department of Natural Resources. In the course of this process some of the ground rules were the consideration of all requests and recommendations in order to render a master plan and to provide an overall view of ROA's by region. Bridget thanked the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and its delegates that participated in these discussions.</p>	
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B. DNR Secretary's Remarks Dan Mayer Secretary

DISCUSSION	Newly appointed DNR secretary Dan Mayer addressed the Council. His background although not originating from here Wisconsin has been his home for many years. He currently lives in Eagle River and served the community in various capacities along with being a legislator for many years until his retirement. He stated that he actively hunts fishes and participates in sports in the state and others and feels privileged that the governor appointed him to this position. He stated that although he was aware of the responsibilities this is still his first week on the job and there's many names and faces to acquaint himself with. He appreciates the hard work and dedication that all of the staff provide to this state and hopes to make smooth transition into his new position. He also also thanked the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for its service to the state and the Natural Resources Board and recognized the roll that County delegates have been taking in the CDAC program.
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ACTION	Information only no action taken.
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C. Lawsuits Filed against U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by the Center for Biological Diversity and Wild Earth Guardians regarding CITES Quinn Williams,
Chief Legal Council DNR

DISCUSSION	Quinn reported on the lawsuit filed by Wild Earth Guardians and The Center for Biological Diversity against the US Fish and Wildlife Service referencing a violation of the CITES law. The suit if successful would enjoin 14 states from exporting Lynx, Bear, and three other species that they feel are on the endangered or threatened list. It is felt that the fur the program is in danger through this injunction and could specifically target Bobcat fur sales in our state. While the discussion is on Lynx Wisconsin has virtually no population of the species. Wisconsin is a leader having 10% of the fur market in the world, this action would cripple our trappers and prevent them from selling their furs to Canada for international trade purposes. Scott Zimmermann president of WTA stated that the trappers are supporting the fight against this lawsuit and encourage the Wisconsin Conservation Congress to help.
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ACTION	Motion by Meyer second by Olson to urge the state of Wisconsin to join in these cases and aggressively fight and defend the interests of the Wisconsin trappers, hunters and the fur industry. Motion carried unanimously
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D. New Combo License to Include Fishing, Small Game, Gun Deer, and Archery Deer (690217) [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Larry stated that resolution (690217) was now before the DLC due to a miscommunication between the assigned committee and the author no the time meeting. After discovering the problem he decided to bring it before the Council for action at this time. The resolution pertains to establishing a new hunting license and reads as follows: I would like to make a proposal to create a new hunting license that includes fishing, small game, deer hunting and archery licenses for all hunting season because the average hunter will do all four of the hunts. The proposed question: would you approve of having another license that includes fishing, small game, gun deer hunting and archery license all included in one? Motion by Riggle second by Haase to reject. Motion carried resolution rejected. Items stated for rejection include the need for legislation, the fact that we do have partial licenses now (sports license) and how many different license packages and combinations are tolerable.
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ACTION	Motion by Riggle second by Haase to reject. Motion carried resolution rejected.
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E. Natural Resorces Board Report Terry Hilgenberg, NRB Board Chairman

DISCUSSION	NRB chairman Terry Hilgenberg briefed the Council with an overview from his perspective. He started by thanking the Leadership, the District Leadership Council and the entire Conservation Congress for all that they do for the natural resources in this state. He then challenged the WCC to be prepared for change, change is inevitable. If we as an organization did not make this step we will not be relevant and his beliefs are that if we cannot stay relevant we will be gone. He urged the Council to try and figure out what needs to be done and stated that if we don't stay focused and relevant we will become irrelevant. The NRB appreciates all of the input that we provide, stay in touch with what's going on and the future bright.
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ACTION	Information only. No action taken.
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F. WCC Advisory Committee Reports and Proposed Advisory Questions

Various

DISCUSSION	See below.	
ACTION	N/A	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

1. YCC Oversight Committee

Tashina Peplinski Secretary

DISCUSSION	<p>Tashina reported on the recommendations from the Youth Congress oversight committee with the following recommendations provided to the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mission statement of the Youth Conservation Congress oversight committee is to review and implement the Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress strategic plan 2017-2025 that was approved and adopted in 2017. Make recommendations on the implementation of areas within the plan, review and discuss possible strategies for implementation. Oversee and manage the WYCC youth delegates and mentors until a determination on the WYCC's coordinator position is made. Organize and oversee outings and activities for the WYCC youth delegates and mentors to help them experience and understand the different roles and duties involved in both volunteer groups and DNR staff to continue the tradition of conservation in the state of Wisconsin. Gather information and recommendations to present to the District Leadership Council meetings. 2. Create a 10 minute video to be posted on our website for WCC delegates to refer to that would address the legalities and liabilities of being a mentor. Make this required viewing for all mentors and track-able like the correspondence video. 3. Allow the Weiss cc OC a 15 minute spot during the annual convention in May 2018 to update the delegates on the progress of the action plan, and give a more specific overview of what being a mentor is/would require as well as what the goals of the YCC program are. 4. The YCCOC would like to request a 45-60 minute side session for instruction, information and Q and A with delegates who want to be a youth mentor during the annual convention in May 2018. The goal would be taking the time to focus on a smaller group of delegates who want to be mentors instead of trying to take a large timeslot of the Congress as a whole. 5. Background checks for potential youth mentors. This would serve a dual purpose of easing the minds of parents of youth delegates and providing an added layer of protection for the WCC. 6. Using a Google calendar to be shared by Weiss cc delegates and mentors to communicate statewide opportunities for youth and mentors. <p>There were many other discussion ideas to occupy the youth delegates at not only at the state convention but throughout the year and keeping them engaged in the process.</p> <p>Larry thanked Tashina and the rest of the committee for all their dedicated hard work in trying to put this process together it's not an easy job and they deserve all the thanks and appreciation we can give them.</p> <p>A decision on the six action item requests appear below.</p>	
ACTION	<p>Item 1. Motion by Smaby second by Weiss to approve mission statement as proposed. Motion carried.</p> <p>Item 2. Motion by Weiss second by Mimi to approve the video request as proposed. Motion carried.</p> <p>Item 3. Consensus was to allow for a 15 minute spot during the annual convention in 2018.</p> <p>Item 4. Consensus was to allow a 45 to 60 minute breakout section for delegates interested in the YCC.</p> <p>Item 5. Chair Bonde will talk to Keith Warnke to see if this can move forward.</p> <p>Item 6. Chair Bonde asked that the Technology Committee be involved with making this item happen.</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

2. Migratory Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Postponed to January 2018 meeting.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

3. Warm Water

Joe Weiss

DISCUSSION	<p>Create a single hook allure designation for spring walleye spawning season (Fox River-Brown County) (050117). Discussion by Maas that a similar resolution restricting night fishing at this exact same area was on the 2016/2017 questionnaire past statewide and was rejected by the DNR as not necessary. He also noted that this particular area from the dam out to the Bay of Green Bay was under the jurisdiction of the Great Lakes committee.</p> <p>Motion by Weiss second by Lobner to advance. Motion failed resolution rejected.</p> <p>Largemouth and smallmouth bass slot limit on Pike Lake, Chippewa County (090417).</p>	
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	<p>It was noted that this resolution had local fisheries support. Motion by Weiss second by Haase to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Panfish daily bag limit of 15, and only five of each specie on Sherwood Lake, Clark County (100317, 720417). During the discussion it was noted that there is a distinct possibility that this limit may be reduced to 10 the author was in attendance and was agreeable to the reduction. Motion by Maas second by Krueger to advance as edited (10). Motion carried.</p> <p>Increase daily bag from 10 to 25 on channel catfish and Beaver Dam Lake, Dodge County (140317). Motion by Weiss second by Maas to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Establish a statewide 12 inch size limit and a three fish bag limit per day on largemouth bass (430417) motion by Weiss second by Lobner to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Local fishery advisory groups (580317) motion by Weiss second by Meyer to advance. Motion failed resolution rejected.</p> <p>Remainder postponed to January 2018 meeting.</p>
ACTION	As Stated
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

4. Fur Harvest

Ed Harvey

DISCUSSION	<p>Return to a three zone muskrat and mink season framework. (Committee resolution) the framework is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To return to three zones. The line between the South and Central zone should be State Hwy 60, to State Hwy 12, the State Hwy 19, to I 94. The line between the central and northern zone should be State Hwy 64. The South's zone should open on a Saturday on, or the first Saturday following November 1, and should close on March 15. The Central zone should open on a Saturday on, or the first Saturday following October 25, and should close on March 22. The Northern zone should open on the Saturday on, or the first Saturday following October 18, and should close on April 15. <p>Motion by Weir second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Weir second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

5. Outdoor Heritage Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Require in person field day for all students under 16 in safety classes (450117). Motion by Haase second by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Remainder postponed to January 2018 meeting.</p>
ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

6. Trout Committee

Bob Hasse

DISCUSSION	<p>Open the inland trout season statewide on the first Saturday in April (committee resolution) Do you support opening the Wisconsin inland trout regular harvest season statewide on the first Saturday in April with existing bag limits, size limits and year restrictions? Motion by Haase second by Ellingson to advance. Motion carried.</p>
ACTION	As Stated
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

7. Great Lakes Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Postponed to January 2018 meeting.
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8. Ag Damage Committee [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Postponed to January 2018 meeting.
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

9. Mississippi River Committee Mark Schultz

DISCUSSION	Dark colors spearing for northern Pike on the Wisconsin portion of the Wisconsin/Minnesota boundary waters of the Mississippi River (committee resolution). Discussion: this is an opportunity and also neighboring states have this option sometimes it's difficult to determine where they're at patient. Motion by Maas second by Smaby to advance. Motion carried.
ACTION	As Stated
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

10. Deer and Elk Committee Rob Bohman

DISCUSSION	<p>End the payment policy to private game reserves for animals testing positive for CWD that are euthanized (070117). Discussion was that this was outside of the governance of the Natural Resources Board. Motion by Shook second by Riggle to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ban the use of deer urine sense, dips and licks (090117). Discussion: this was a mere drop in the bucket compared to all of the other issues out there including food plots feeding and baiting. Motion by Larson second by Ellingson to advance. Motion fails resolution rejected.</p> <p>Florescent yellow as option to wear during all firearm deer seasons (130517). Motion by Larson second by Meyer to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Baiting and feeding of deer (420317). Discussion: CDAC's did not have the authority to ban baiting and feeding. Motion by Riggle second by Taylor to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Double fencing requirements for all deer farms (430217). Discussion: the DNR does not have regulatory authority over deer farms. Motion by Krueger second by Haase to advance. Motion failed resolution rejected.</p> <p>Hold captive cervid operations legally and monetarily responsible (430317). Discussion: this is not within the scope of the DNR or even the Wisconsin legislature, this is a federal issue. Motion by Maas second by Taylor to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Allow deer tracking dog handlers to carry and dispatch wounded deer with firearms (450217). Discussion: the author of the resolution was in attendance many questions were asked. Motion by Taylor second by Krueger to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Limit the number of hunters in some state parks (570517). Discussion: Rogers these are some of the smaller parks the negative interaction is becoming an issue we need to move this along. Motion by Maas second by Rogers to advance. Motion failed resolution rejected.</p> <p>Issuance of nuisance permit tags and counties having an increased or maintain population objective (580117). Motion by Olson second by Larson to postpone until the next meeting. Motion carried.</p> <p>Incentive for deer hunters age 65 and over (640117). Question is vague assumes everyone over 65 feels that way. Motion by Taylor second by Meyer to reject. Motion carried resolution rejected.</p>
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	Adjust the crossbow season (680117). Motion by Krueger second by Larson to reject with stipulations to work with the department on their reported numbers. Motion carried resolution rejected.	
	Deer registration (690117). Discussion: this was a cost-saving effort there is no money in the budget we have more important things that need funding. Motion by Riggle second by Shook to reject. Motion carried resolution rejected.	
	Harvest of white deer (710217). Discussion: Larry talked to the author and in this particular area there is a high amount of white deer and it's only gonna get worse as they continue to breed and make more white deer. This is not an area where CDAC's have the authority to take action. Motion by Shook second by Maas to reject. Motion carried resolution rejected. Motion by Maas second by Taylor have Chair Bonde talk to the NRB board on the white deer problem. Motion carried.	
	Remainder postponed to January 2018 meeting.	
ACTION	As Stated	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

11. Turkey and Upland Game Committee [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Extending Wisconsin pheasant season until January 31 (committee resolution). Discussion: currently there is a rule change pending under legislative review. Motion by Weir second by Larson postpone next meeting. Motion carried. Remainder postponed to January 2018 meeting.	
ACTION	As Stated	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

12. Land Use Committee [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Postponed to January 2018 meeting.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

13. Motorized Recreation Vehical Ad Hoc Committee [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Postponed to January 2018 meeting.	
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G. Proposed Code of Procedure changes and Rules & Resolutions Committee Report Tony Blattner

DISCUSSION	Tony listed the following recommendations on COP changes from the Rules and Resolutions Committee: Article 7 paragraph one item three referring notifying committee chair whether you will or won't attend a meeting. Motion by Haase second by Maas to advance. Motion carried. Article 10 paragraph B item 3 Change resolution forms to allow an optional e mail address. Motion by Meyer second by Larson to advance. Motion carried.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Bonde: I have been asked to get a position on AB 491, the purpose of this bill is to reduced fee for first-time users. Discussion: Riggle so if first-time fishermen age 16 to 17 would now be reduced to two dollars I think this is ridiculous if he wouldn't go fishing for a whole year for two dollars he wouldn't go fishing either way. Motion by Riggle second by Taylor to oppose AB 491. Motion carried. He also mentioned that there was a group joining together to oppose legislation to remove DNR authority over federal	
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	<p>wetlands.</p> <p>We already have past votes paralleling this discussion in the past so we have a position. After discussion there was a motion by Maas second by Meyer to join coalition. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion by Maas second by Taylor to authorize the WCC chair to author a letter and to speak on behalf of the WCC and send a letter to all legislators explaining our position on the wetlands proposal. Motion carried.</p> <p>Larson: would like to see convention concerns on the agenda for January's meeting.</p> <p>Rogers: heads up on new information on R3 at the Sporting Heritage.</p> <p>Riggie: cautions and concerned about consent agendas.</p> <p>Olson: nuisance deer take Forest deprivation issues.</p> <p>Smaby: has concern relevance and a small number (10) questions as suggested by NRB chair cause problems. He also asked if questions the past but had no action taken could be put on the web for all to refer to.</p> <p>Taylor: asked for a definition of excused absences for all, it becomes very difficult to decide whether an absence should be excused. One of the issues is a lot of meetings this year happen to hit season start dates critical times of the year can always run into problems you draw the line.</p> <p>Shook: CDAC advisory committee is having problems in some counties getting a CDAC Chair and or Vice Chair from the county Congress delegation, possibly if we allow the Vice Chair to vote it would help keep those individuals engaged in the process.</p> <p>Bonde: establishing co-chairs for committees was an effort to ease some of the complaints about chairmanships, we've had co-chairs a number of committees for years.</p> <p>Lobner: I mentioned to you about a fellow in our district that kept complaining about not being able to get on a committee and that he was either being blackballed by the committee chair or people were on that committee too long not giving any openings. I went and talked to him about it every time and I asked him about what committee he wanted to be on and he would say he would have to get back later. He made excuse after excuse year after year after a while you can't get too concerned about a complaint like that.</p> <p>Weiss: you've heard my position on this in the past clutters up the chain of command and I feel it's the wrong position for us to be in.</p> <p>Haase: I think it would be easier to have a chair and vice chair you don't know who was supposed to chair the meeting, or who was supposed to take the excuses having co-chairs creates a lot of confusion a lot of unnecessary work.</p> <p>Maas: I do not agree with how we went about this, if we have a problem with the chair let's address the problem. Just because we had co-chairs in the past does not make it right, if we are going to continue with this at the very least we need to change the Code of Procedure to allow for it.</p> <p>Motion by Shook second by Budnick to adjourn. Motion carried.</p>
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	4:48 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	10/13/2017