



Executive Committee     District Leadership Council     Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	05/10/2019	9 AM	Red Lion Hotel Appleton Wisconsin
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Larry Bonde at 9 AM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Based on limited number of characters allowed in this frame see attendance continued below.
<b>EXCUSED</b>	A roll call of counties: (the numbers after the county show delegate present, delegates excused, and any youth delegates in attendance.)
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	(Based on delegates present and delegates excused it is understood that remaining delegates are either open positions or unexcused.)
<b>GUESTS</b>	N/A

**C. Attendance continued**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A roll call of counties: (the numbers after the county show delegate present, delegates excused, and any youth delegates in attendance.) Adams 3. Ashland 3,2. Barron 2,3. Bayfield 4, 1, 1 youth. Brown 2, 1. Buffalo 4, one. Burnett 3, 2. Calumet 4. Chippewa 4, 1. Clark 3,2. Columbia 3, 2. Crawford 4. Dane 4,1. Dodge 3, 1. Door 5. Douglas 2, 1. Dunn 4, 1. EauClaire 3, 1. Florence 1, 4. Fond du Lac 5. Forest 5. Grant 2, 3. Green 5, 1 youth. Green Lake 4, 1. Iowa 2, 3. Iron 3, 2. Jackson 2, 2. Jefferson 5, 1 youth. Juneau 1, 1. Kenosha 1, 4. Kewaunee 2. La Crosse 3, 2. Lafayette 5. Langlade 3, 1. Lincoln 3, 2. Manitowoc 4. Marathon 5, 1 youth. Marinette 2, 1. Marquette 4, 1. Menominee no delegates in attendance. Milwaukee 4, 1. Monroe 3, 2. Oconto 4, 1. Onida 4, 1. Outagamie 5. Ozaukee 3. Pepin 3, 1. Pierce 3, 1. Polk 4, 1. Portage 5. Price 3, 2, 1 youth. Racine 3, 2. Richland 2, 2. Rock 5. Rusk 1, 3. St. Croix 4, 1. Sauk 5. Sawyer 4, 1, 3 youth. Shawano 1, 4. Sheboygan 5. Taylor 2, 3. Trempealeau 4, 1. Vernon 4, 1, 2 youth. Vilas 4, 1. Walworth 4. Washburn 3, 2, 1 youth. Washington 5. Waukesha 5. Waupaca 5. Waushara 1, 4. Winnebago 4, 1. Wood 4, 1.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**D. Adoption of the rules of order**

**Larry Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry stated that he would like to see Mike Riggle as the parliamentarian for the 85th Annual Convention.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Racine County second by Portage County to appoint Mike Riggle parliamentarian and make Roberts Rules of Order the standard for governance. Motion carried.

**E. Agenda approval or repair**

**Larry Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry asked for flexibility in the agenda based on the presenters and speakers availability.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Price County second by Jefferson County to allow the flexibility in the agenda as stated. Motion carried. (Secretaries note: this report follows the agenda as posted while individual presentations may have not occurred in that order.)

**F. Singing of National Anthem**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Joe Weiss, Larry Bonde and one other delegate led the singing of the National Anthem.
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.

**G. Memorial resolutions**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A memorial resolution was read and a moment of silence observed for the following delegates who have passed away since our last convention. David Sorenson, Ashland County. Gerald Merryfield, Eau Claire County. James Boyd, Walworth County. Copies of the resolutions were given out to the county chairs to pass along to the honorees family.
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Chairs addressed to the 2019 delegation

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry welcomed the delegates to the 85th Annual Wisconsin Conservation Congress Convention. Larry thanked all the delegates for their time and attention over the last year in the process of doing the work of the Congress. He also thanked Kari Lee Zimmermann, Mike Schmidt and a host of other department staff that worked so diligently in making our online polling process so successful. He thanked the DNR leadership team for their role in making this last year a success on many different levels. This year's hearing was the fourth largest input in Congress history. He thanked NRB member Gary Zimmer and Congress members Paul Reith, Marc Schultz and John Rumford for their efforts on the exploratory committee. Larry stated it is his belief that this is the next evolution in reaching out to the public for input. This is a groundbreaking effort and would like to see this committee continue as we make public input even more popular.</p> <p>Larry stated that he would like to see each one of the delegates be involved with making the Congress stronger and grow, increasing the awareness of the Congress in your individual counties and districts and improving attendance at our spring hearings. Larry shared what a teacher in Green Lake County did to increase attendance at their spring hearing. Her duties evolve this year when she brought her sixth-grade class in its entirety to participate at the Green Lake County spring hearings. This year she decided to incorporate Aldo Leopold's Sand County Almanac into her curriculum.</p> <p>The students compiled a bucket list of things they felt were important, including field trips to various seminars and meetings with the county spring hearings being one of the items on that list.</p> <p>He is charging the Outreach Committee to put together a packet that would be available to local schools to help further educate and share information about conservation and natural resources including the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and its role in making decisions pertaining to Wisconsin conservation practices. He charged the Congress delegates to do a better job in interacting with other user groups in spreading the word of conservation and its importance in the state. All too often we are at extreme odds with other stakeholders and we need to be able to understand all points of view as we move forward only through sharing our unique knowledge of what we do and how we do can help bridge this gap. He feels that all delegates and committee members need to step up their efforts in reaching out to all user groups and all demographics in order to encourage them to work together for a common goal. We need to be sure that the positions we are taking truly represent the feelings of the public and only through discussion and conversation can we be sure we are truly speaking for the citizens we are elected to represent. The CDAC process has been with us for five years now and it is truly a success. He fully understands some of the unique issues throughout the state in providing the local committees the necessary tools to reach their harvest goals. He assured the delegates that the Congress leadership will do everything that they can to support the individual counties with options. He also recognized that in some areas there will be difficulties in meeting your management goals, what may work well for part of the county may not be adaptive to the whole county in general and he suggested that we can only make changes in areas that will be the best for the entire county. He gave an example that in Manitowoc County there is a private non-consumptive user that owns over 500 acres in prime deer habitat. This individual believes that no deer should be harvested on his property and actually hires off-duty county deputies to make sure that this area is off-limits during the hunting season. While he agrees that individuals have the right to restrict access he also knows that even back when there was a buck that there was not a deer harvested on that land and it created an extreme hotspot. If the local CDAC were to issue 10,000 more antlerless tags for Manitowoc County it would still have little to no impact. He mentioned this because if the county recommends additional harvest and it doesn't affect the true hotspot area you have alienated and hurt the individuals that are following the suggestions for county deer management. He asked the delegates to put both of their hands up and use the analogy of in your right hand you have things that you have control over and in the left you have things that you have no control over and we need to put the effort into the things we can control and not expend energy on things that we don't have an impact on. Stop making recommendations on things you have no control over.</p> <p>The Congress has been working with many other stakeholders trying to get authorization for a fee increase. He has met with every single member of the Joint Finance Committee in attempt to garner support for legislation to make this happen. In talking to the legislative members their interest in asking or sponsoring a fee increase when in the last three years there have been 36, 34 and \$24 million reserve in the fish and wildlife fund. Secretary designee Preston Cole is aware of our issues and the reasons behind them and is working with the coalition in attempt to resolve their concerns, but the clock is ticking on the state budget. Larry requested that all the delegates contact their legislators encouraging their support for the fee increase. We are asking for an increase in the Great Lakes and inland trout stamp fee, increase in the waterfall stamp and add into the budget additional deer research, habitat and CWD carcass disposal funding. Making the assistant furbearing ecologist a full-time position, these are positions that the sporting community believes are needed and is united on making this happen.</p> <p>Larry mentioned that he is looking forward, if the district leadership so chooses, to put in one more year as the Congress chair thank you for your time and effort as we move forward.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**B. Natural Resources Board Comments**

Dr. Frederick Prehn, Chair

DISCUSSION	<p>Dr. Prehn welcomed the delegates to the 85th Annual Wisconsin Conservation Congress Convention. He addressed the delegates and gave background information that he was a practicing dentist in Wausau at a clinic that was in his family for over 100 years. He also owns a cranberry operation and has been an active sportsman who was proud to say that he has had a hunting and fishing license for over 50 years.</p> <p>Fred stated that like all of the Congress delegates he and the rest of the Natural Resource Board Members take their obligation</p>
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very seriously as stewards of the state's resources. 85 years ago when the Conservation Congress was first established to allow citizens input started the cycle that included millions of hours of dedicated service to the state attending informational meetings, committee meetings and countless other obligations. The Natural Resources Board just celebrated 50 years but prior to that naming the NRB was known by many other titles. He gave a brief overview to the delegates on the vetting process and obligations of Natural Resources Board members to give the body a better understanding of how the board functions and why it is so vital to have the input of the Congress. He stated that the board truly does take the input from the Congress seriously and without that we would be less than effective. Citizen input whether it's through the Congress or at the board's monthly meetings is unique. Few states have any opportunity for citizens input and Wisconsin is unique in our process.

He applauded the Congress for their bold initiative with online input this year, as the world changes as to how people interact it is clear that using any viable media options will help enhance the vital input necessary in the decision-making process. Things have changed considerably when his grandfather educated him about the Conservation Congress, people gather information differently and it is important that we adapt. This year two thirds of the inputted information were garnered through the online system and one third via direct meeting input. He encouraged the review of the data collected making sure that IP addresses and the responses and data were accurately categorized. This first step when analyzed will ensure the integrity of the process and flag any inappropriate actions.

It's his duty and obligation to forge new alliances between the Congress and the board, that doesn't mean that we will agree on everything, but in the end it is both are goals to manage the natural resources of the state. The board takes testimony, and they get lobbied just like any other organization the Natural Resources Board also has to take into consideration the input of other organizations that don't attend Congress hearings or in some cases don't even know the Congress exists. So while the Congress has a vital role in helping us set policy there are also other outside entities that influence our decision-making. While it has been a policy of the board to move monthly meetings to different locations around the state making it easier for citizens to testify in front of the board he has authorized a new procedure that will also allow interested parties to go to various sites around the state and testify before the board.

Dr. Prehn is excited to be working with former board member Preston Cole who is the new DNR secretary Nominee. Preston's appointment will expand on a long working relationship, he brings an understanding of how the board functions along with the technical tools needed to oversee all facets of the department. Preston has always had the forward thinking and the desire to have total transparency of department actions and this will serve the department and the board well as we move forward.

There are a number of hot issues that the board has been or will be involved with and he wanted to share his thoughts on them.

1. Crossbow: Wisconsin has a history of allowing harvest with the crossbow to disabled or hunters over 65 years of age. When the crossbow question came up through Act 51 back in the 2013 legislative session, there was a requirement to evaluate harvest by use of crossbow's statewide. The department has and will continue to review all harvest matter, he has directed not only department leadership also the office of Applied Science to conduct a survey that not only looks at harvest rates and social issues to make sure any conclusions that may be offered to the board are done with facts and science and not by who screams the loudest. These types of discussions affect not only this issue but many others and deserve study and careful deliberation.

2. Pittman Robertson funding: for the record this is a federal tax (11%) on fishing and hunting equipment and has been very effective as individual states receive their portion based on sales within their state. It's no secret that we are having less hunters and fishers and those that utilize the equipment that this tax is applied to. The equation is an easy but uncomfortable comment (less sportsman = less purchases = less dollars). We need to find ways to change this trend.

3. We need to review the reasons why fishing and hunting is on the decline, those of us that utilize the resource are the minority (11%). In his opinion we need to look at ways to simplify when appropriate any rules that discourage participation. We need to encourage citizens not only in Wisconsin but other states participating in Wisconsin. We must find ways and I have encouraged that only department personnel but Congress leadership to think out-of-the-box on how we might be able to increase participation.

4. CDAC' S this process is relatively new and never before in the state of Wisconsin had we divided up management areas recognizing county lines and asking local delegations to review and offer recommendations to the Natural Resources Board. Buffalo County was having strong citizens input this year and all the board has not acted on the recommendations from the counties, he can share that he personally received 24 calls on Easter pertaining to their recommendations. He stated that the buck stops at the Natural Resources Board level but also stated that he wanted the Congress to know this is how it's supposed to work, gathering data, reviewing information and input, making a preliminary proposal and finally after public input a final recommendation to the board. Once again he reminded that this is a relatively new process and if adjustments to the process are needed then he and the Natural Resources Board are willing to consider possible changes.

5. Clean water: no one in the department or the Natural Resources Board want to see a degradation and contamination of our groundwater, lakes and streams. The NRB is committed to work with all parties to resolve those issues as a are identified.

6. CWD: we all know that the department has received a considerable amount of heat on how we manage for CWD. The state has spent over \$52 million so far and his opinion is we cannot eliminate CWD but we must do everything in our power to reduce the spread and minimize its prevalence. We need to work hard to develop a protocol for carcass disposal statewide along with a rapid testing procedure. Wisconsin must partner with other states on research and apply best management practices to any changes we make. The Natural Resources Board is committed to take appropriate action but we must work smarter and not just throw dollars at the problem.

On these issues and many more he reminded everyone that it is vitally important that we conduct our discussions in a civil manner. False and derogatory comments are not helpful and only change the focus of our goal. We must work with our partners the department and the Congress if we are to achieve that goal.

	He concluded by thanking all of the delegates and the Congress leadership for all that they have done and continue to do in supporting and advising the board on all matters pertaining to conservation in the state. He then took a few questions from the delegates.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. WCC Strategic Plan update**

Terri Roehrig, Committee Chair

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Terri presented a Power-Point presentation, updating the delegates on some of the past actions. She thanked the committee who worked very diligently on the review of the Strategic Plan process. The committee reviewed each of the Strategic Plan goals and strategies. The goal status review resulted in 21 strategies identified, four of which were completed (19%) 6 were not completed (29%) and 11 were started and are ongoing (52%). She referred to the recommendations made at the January DLC meeting that yielded the following: current strategic planning process is not the best use of time for this volunteer organization and the committee is therefore recommending a different approach. Change what we call it to WCC planning goals so it is more meaningful to our delegates. Identifying long-term goals and annual review. And charged with creation of yearly goals (short-term and long-term). This was approved when presented to the committee in the January meeting. In order to and in moving forward the following parameters and definitions were established:</p> <p>Short-term are goals that we will take action on and complete within one year.</p> <p>Ongoing (long-term) are goals that take longer than one year to complete and/or are ongoing goals with no end.</p> <p>Measurement will be the evaluation and assessment of progress to complete within a time frame. Strategic planning goals, will be evaluated from one convention to another.</p> <p>Long-term goals: outreach, communication improvements, County Conservation Alliance creation and support, WCC support, delegate recruitment, education program to youth groups and education trailers and support.</p> <p>Funding for the following: a stenographer to record appropriate meetings, support the WCC mission, support Wisconsin Natural Resources and participate in support in the Wisconsin coalition of clean water and healthy soil.</p> <p>Procedural: improve convention agenda, the order of speakers and presenters, risen resolutions on Friday and move the convention around the state. Continue to improve online participation and adjust plan to newly elected political leadership.</p> <p>Recruitment: delegate recruitment, spring hearing participation and WCC.</p> <p>WCC organizational structure: structure should have an annual review and measure effectiveness of the operation including two at-large positions (historian and outreach) along with additional goal measuring process and tracking including resolutions.</p> <p>Short-term goals as far as outreach: the following measurement was suggested were, DNR and advisory committee meetings required to post per meeting by the chair, vice chair or secretary. The first post could be the meeting announcement/event creation and the second post would be an overview/highlights from the meeting. Another area was the number of social media submissions each month. Increase request for the use of the trailers. Increase the money/funding for the trailers. Increase the number of mounts for trailers. Increase advertising for trailers. She asked for money to sponsor adds on Facebook for spring hearings. And ask Friends of WCC to support social media. She stated nothing else matters, if we cannot reach more people! She summarizes the presentation and saying that the goals are straightforward, are meaningful, are attainable, applied both delegate and committees, and we will have a report card to help us measure ourselves which is the annual review.</p> <p>She asked what the delegates will do to commit to these goals on a personal level and as a delegate and representative of the WCC?</p> <p>She asked the delegates what will you do to be the change that is needed in this organization to continue to grow and reach a greater number of people in Wisconsin? Talk to your DLC about your commitment and your desire to make an impact.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Washington County second by Bayfield County to adopt the recommendations of the committee. Motion carried.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**D. Learn to Hunt Bear Tag Recipient Announcement**

Mike Rogers, Bear Committee Chair

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mike Rogers reviewed the learn to hunt bear program and awarded the 2019 WCC bear tag to Isaal Lee Beindens. He thanked all the committee members that reviewed the essays and all the individual applicants as well.</p> <p>A collection has taken from the delegates that totaled \$663.00 to help cover the cost of bear bait.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**E. Review and analysis of spring hearing online input opportunity-year one**

Kari Lee Zimmermann, DNR/WCC  
Liaison

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Kari provided a handout of the online input analysis and review-year.                  For the first time ever, Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offered an online option for individuals who wish to provide input on spring hearing questions through an alternate method other than attending a meeting in person. Below is an analysis of the responses received and a breakdown of input.                  9996 entries into the online:                  1960 responses were completely blank (did not fill out required fields) and were removed.                  8036 responses signed in and completed the required fields.                  204 completed only the required information and no question responses were given.                  17 individuals entered 37 responses that were completely deleted due to multiple complete responses given.                  210 RVNS were used, but this input is counted with the in-person attendance.                  An additional 275 responses were removed because they reflected multiple responses from the same person that could confidently be "merged" into a single response for each person.                  A total of 7310 responses provided online input. Of the 7520 online inputs (including our VN). 7309 were from Wisconsinites.                  A total of 211 (2.81% of responses) were from out of state. Responses came from Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming, DC, and Ontario.                  The top five states were: Minnesota (68), Illinois (62), Iowa (12), Indiana (10), and Michigan (9).                  210 random verifiable numbers (RVNS) were verified.                  Three were used by out-of-state residents (one from Illinois, one from Minnesota, and one from Iowa).                  Three were totally removed because they were incorrect, or someone clearly tried to share RVN with another person.                  DNR customer ID                  2462 entered a CID approximately 30.64% of total 8036.                  13 removed (letters or words entered, etc.)                  2449 submitted for verification.                  63 were not valid to the name and city provided.                  185 are duplicate entries that were removed during the validation process (merged entries).                  2264 (30.11% of the 7520 online responses) provided valid DNR customer IDs.                  84 had an RVN; 2180 had CID with no RVN.</p> <p>Many questions were asked and answered and the general response was that Kari and Mike did a excellent job of analyzing and verifying our first online input.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**F. WCC Spring Hearing Results**

Larry Bonde

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Larry reported on the WCC advisory questions from the spring hearing.</p> <p>Secretary's note: the numbering of the questions below reflect the position in the handout at the spring hearing, the results of the input, and the position of the delegates from the convention floor. Department questions pertaining to fisheries and wildlife questions appear in later segments.</p> <p>District Leadership Council advisory questions.                  Question 50: increase setback from fields to streams to 30 feet. 7217/yes, 840/no, 72/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.                  Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Monroe County to advance. Motion carried.                  Question 51: reduce daily bag limit on longtailed ducks to three. 5869/yes, 1152/no, 72/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.                  Motion by Price County, second by Brown County to advance. Motion carried.                  Question 52: conducting a pilot CWD payment for positive program in 2019. 4408/yes, 3265/no, 39 forward/counties approve, 29/counties rejected and 4/counties tied.                  Motion by Lincoln County, second by Buffalo County to advance. Motion rejected by paddle vote 23 yes/37 no. Motion fails motion by Vilas County second by Iowa County to reject. Motion carried.                  Question 53: would you support a rule prohibiting the use of underwater cameras as an aid in spearing Lake Sturgeon during the Sturgeon spearing season on the Winnebago system. 5418/yes, 2138/no, 61/counties approve, 8/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.                  Motion by Milwaukee County, second by Kenosha County to advance. Motion carried.                  Question 54: would you support a rule prohibiting the use of any electronic fish locator/fishfinder equipment as an aid in spearing Lake Sturgeon during the Sturgeon spearing season on the Winnebago system. 4773/yes, 2750/no, 54/counties</p>	
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approve, 17/counties rejected and 1/County tied.

Motion by Portage County, second by La Crosse County to advance. Motion carried.

Dear and Elk Committee advisory questions

Question 55: restored deer tagging requirements in statute. 5826/yes, 2237/no, 71/counties approve, 1/County rejected and 0/counties tied.

Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Columbia County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 56: bating and feeding band. 5390/yes, 2978/no, 71/counties approved, 16/counties rejected and 5/counties tied.

Motion by Price County, second by Washington County to advance. Motion carried.

Turkey and Upland Game Committee advisory questions

Question 57: require pheasant, grouse and quail hunters to wear blaze orange or pink. 5980/yes, 2047/no, 56/counties approve, 4/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.

Motion by Adams County, second by Iowa County to advance. Motion carried.

Fur Harvest Committee advisory questions

Question 58: allow the use of firearms to dispatch legally trapped animals within 50 feet of unpaved roads. 6528/yes, 1231/no, 72/counties approved, 0/counties tied.

Motion by La Crosse County, second by Manitowoc County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 59: expansion of Fisher season through February 15. 4881/yes, 2124/no, 64/counties approve, 8/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.

Motion by Milwaukee County, second by Manitowoc County to reject. Motion failed.

Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Marinette County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 60: do you support rule changes that would allow the placement of County traps within 3 feet of culverts. 3694/yes, 2841/no, 65/counties approve, 7/counties rejected and 0/counties tie.

Motion by Jefferson County, second by La Crosse County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 61: do you support rule changes that would allow the use of bait and/or Lure in conjunction with County traps. 3608/yes, 2915/no, 62/counties approve, 10/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.

Motion by La Crosse County, second by Sheboygan County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 62: do you support rule changes that would allow the use of fencing to create an obstruction designed to force our channel muskrats into the trap. 3001/yes, 3583/no, 35/counties approve, 31/counties rejected and 6/counties tied.

Motion by Iowa County, second by Douglas County to reject. Motion carried.

Warm Water Committee advisory questions

Question 63: protect or improve pan fish Angling in Cranberry Lake, Price County. 4969/yes, 1072/no, 66/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and 4/counties tied.

Motion by Price County, second by Washburn County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 64: Northern Pike size limit on Wilson, Big Twin, Little Silver, Napowan, Gilbert, Pine (Springwater Township), and Mount Morris lakes in Waushara County. 4664/yes, 805/no, 72/counties approved, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.

Motion by Outagamie County, second by Waushara County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 65: Northern Pike harvest opportunity, Portage County. 4847/yes, 760/no, 71/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 1/County tied.

Motion by Portage County, second by Taylor County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 66: remove the 36-inch size limit on Sturgeon during the spearing season. 3716/yes, 2973/no, 37/counties approve, 33/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.

Motion by Kenosha County, second by Calumet County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 67: designate a 14-18-inch slot limit with a maximum daily limit of 1/18 inches for largemouth bass in the Tiger Cat Flowage, Sawyer County. 3964/yes, 1156/no, 68/counties approve, 4/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.

Motion by Sawyer County, second by Waushara a County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 68: increasing size limit on muskellunge in the Lemonweir River. 3938/yes, 1655/no, 54/counties approved, 14/counties rejected and 4/counties tied.

Motion by Monroe County, second by Adams County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 69: reduce daily bag limit for Pan Fish on Huron Lake. 4705/yes, 951/no, 66/counties approve, 3/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.

Motion by Kenosha County, second by Waukesha County to advance. Motion carried.

Question 70: restore public funding for public lands. 7324/yes, 680/no, 71/counties approve, 1/County rejected and 0/counties tied.

Motion by Milwaukee County, second by Richland County to advance. Motion carried.

Land-Use Committee advisory questions

Question 71: creating a centralized list of timber sales. 5665/yes, 1167/no, 71/counties approve, 1/County rejected and 0/County tied.

	<p>Motion by Sawyer County, second by the La Crosse County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Bear Committee advisory questions</p> <p>Question 72: do you favor raising the nonresident application fee for bear up to \$40. 7177/yes, 738/no, 72/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Iron County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 73: do you favor raising the nonresident application fee for bobcat to \$40. 7208/yes, 701/no, 72/counties approved, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Kenosha County, second by Door County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 74: quartering of deer, bear and elk in the field. 5261/yes, 2123/no, 67/counties approve, 3/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Price County, second by Taylor County to reject. Motion failed.</p> <p>Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Columbia County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 75: restore the bear application to the conservation patron license. 4922/yes, 2193/no, 70/counties approve, 1/County rejected and 1/County tied.</p> <p>Motion by Columbia County, second by Ozaukee County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Legislative Committee advisory questions</p> <p>Question 76: would you favor making it illegal for a person younger than 10 years old to obtain a hunting license. 6616/yes, 1653/no, 70/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and zero forward/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Columbia County, second by Langlade County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 77: would you favor returning state statute to require only one firearm between a mentor and the mentee. 7031/yes, 1205/no, 71/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 1/County tied</p> <p>Motion by Trempealeau County, second by Buffalo County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 78: would you support a legislative change to allow unloaded/cocked crossbow to be placed on a stationary vehicle when unchaste. 4585/yes, 2930/no, 64/counties approve, 12/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Waukesha County, second by Kenosha County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 79: would you support a legislative change to allow an unloaded/unchaste/cocked to be placed within a vehicle for transport. 3551/yes, 3965/no, 30/counties approve, 39/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Monroe County, second by Dodge County to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>Question 80: designate the Hickory Nut as the state nut. 5637/yes, 1248/no, 68/counties approve, 3/counties rejected and 1/County tied.</p> <p>Motion by Green Lake County, second by Manitowoc County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 81: identification for non-motorized watercraft. 3643/yes, 4154/no, 32/counties approve, 39/counties rejected and 1/County tied.</p> <p>Motion by Taylor County, second by Buffalo County to advance. Motion carried</p> <p>Question 82: increase Wisconsin inland Trout stamp fee. 5324/yes, 2241/no, 64/counties approve, 6/counties rejected and 2/counties tied</p> <p>Motion by Dunn County, second by Eau Claire County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 83: license fee increase to fund cold water fish hatcheries. 5702/yes, 1872/no, 67/counties approve, 5/counties rejected and 4/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Waukesha County, second by Milwaukee County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 84: allocation of invasive species for Common Reed. 5961/yes, 1260/no, 71/counties approve, 1/County rejected and 0/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Brown County, second by Polk County to advance. Motion carried.</p>
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**G. WCC Spring Hearing Results Continued**

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Question 85: do you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR, Natural Resources Board and state legislator to implement a ban on lead ammunition. This would exclude ammunition used in target shooting and could be phased in over time. 3868/yes, 4297/no, 10/counties approve, 61/counties rejected and 1/County tied.</p> <p>Motion by Waushara County, second by Eau Claire County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 86: do you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR, Natural Resources Board and state legislature to implement a ban on lead fishing sinkers, lures and tackle weighing 1 ounce or less. This could be phased in over time. 3931/yes, 4237/no, 14/counties approved, 55/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Pepin County, second by Door County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 87: perform groundwater study at Brule State Fish Hatchery. 5791/yes, 921/no, 70/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 2/counties tied</p>
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	Motion by Douglas County, second by Iron County to advance. Motion carried.	
	Shooting Range ad hoc committee advisory questions Question 88: creation of a pilot program for temporary shooting ranges for scholastic shooting teams. 5491/yes, 1900/no, 71/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 1/County tied. Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Douglas County to advance. Motion carried.	
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**H. Announcement of the 2019-2020 WCC District Leadership Council Elections** Larry Bonde

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry announced the election process for District Leadership Council as follows: District 1 Joe Weiss, Tony Blattler. District 2 Joel Taylor, Dave Larson. District 3 Mike Riggle, Steve Bodnik. District 4 Dale Ebert, Ronald Krueger Senior. District 5 Kevin Smaby, Terri Roehrig. District 6 Stan Brownell, Al Lobner. District 7 Dale Maas, Paul Gettleman. District 8 Brett Weir, Larry Bonde. District 9 Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers. District 10 Kenneth Riskey, Jane Meyer. District 11 Eugene Altwies, Scott Gunderson.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**I. DNR Department Reports** Various See Below

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	See below.	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

Office of Applied Science: Evaluating Walleye Recruitment in Wisconsin lakes,

Greg Sass, OAS-Fisheries Research

**1. Genomic, Maternal, and Physiological Influences**

Team Leader

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Greg started out by thanking the delegates for all the support that they have given the office of Applied Science throughout the years. This topic of discussion today would be "Evaluating Walleye Recruitment in Wisconsin Lakes: Genomic, Maternal, and Physiological Influences."</p> <p>As background information he stated that we are all well aware of the importance of walleye in Wisconsin. There's an ongoing study which is basically the northern third of the state (ceded territory). He shared charts as to past populations and natural reproduction statistics. From that study they developed a plan as to what was needed to augment the population which resulted in the proposal of an extended growth walleye program. The study showed that in some areas over harvest contributed to the decline along with the increase of non-native species (bass) and their effect on the food chain along with varying populations of Pan Fish. They have been testing on an experimental Lake in Iron County on the effects of walleye reproduction when bass and Pan Fish are reduced or removed. What has the department done? Then Gov. Walker established the Wisconsin walleye initiative which went a long way in sustaining and augmenting the current walleye population.</p> <p>He then explained some research that's been going on in a test Lincoln Vilas County (Escanaba) which by the way is one of the most studied lakes for walleyes in the world. The study had to do with the relation of the number of eggs, their survival rating, the temperature of the water, the weather conditions during this time and habitat. It appears that 22 inch female walleyes has a better number of quality eggs, but the study also noted that having additional brood stock of older age and longer length females were also important. This allows for a stronger gene pool. Healthier females produced better quality eggs and research is being done to verify whether this equals better survival rates. There is a link between gene parentage and habitat and how this effects the overall survival calculations.</p> <p>There is a study that if proven will be able to track parenting, by this he means we may be able to track eggs from female 183 who mated with male 43. By being able to do this we should be able to scientifically prove what age and size of female walleye reaches prime maturity and production and also to draw the same parallel as far as age and size of the meal in the spawning cycle. Once we are able to establish a survival rate we will be better able to effect appropriate stocking guidelines now and in the future. Preliminary results show great promise for this research and he is excited about the opportunities with this process.</p>
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	There's an adage that has been passed on down being " we can only change what we can manage". We know we can manage harvest and to some extent habitat but other areas not so much. With this new research we look to help develop new protocols for the future. He thanked the Congress for their time and attention and said he would take a few questions. One delegate ask about the rise in rock bass in his county lakes and also mentioned how this has affected local harvest of target species. Years ago they never had this situation with an overabundance of rock bass and he is very concerned. Greg said that lakes have a finite holding capacity in the change in the balance does have an impact, he is hopeful that the new studies that are being undertaken will help understand these imbalances and impact changes for the future.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

Fisheries: Kettle Moraine Fish Hatchery Project, Trout Management Plan, Lake

Justine Hasz, Bureau Director, DNR  
Fisheries Management

**2. Michigan Stocking.**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Justine gave a follow-up report on the progress of the Kettle Moraine Fish Hatchery project. The Trout management plan along with Lake Michigan Steelhead production needs helped to secure \$8 million. Construction is scheduled to begin next week, this is a one-year construction project so in order to handle our stocking needs we will get fry from private parties until we are able to go back into our own production.</p> <p>May 20 the Lake Michigan forum will meet at Lakeshore Technical College Cleveland Wisconsin. Among agenda items discussion will take place on getting more participation. Other information will include how stocking will work to keep a balance for the next three years on Lake Michigan.</p> <p>Another topic is the inland Trout management plan, she thanked the four Congress delegates who participated through the hours of meetings and reviews. The plan was released on May 17 and is available for comment, there will be four meetings throughout the state for public input this will go until July 5 of this year. She expects that the final plan will be provided for NRB discussion and possible approval in September 2019.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**3. Fisheries Management Spring Hearing Rule Proposals**

Meredith Penthorn, DNR Fisheries Rules  
Coordinator

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Meredith presented the results on fisheries management proposed rule changes.</p> <p>The Congress position on each question is listed below the county results.</p> <p>Question 9 : largemouth bass-consistent Wisconsin-Michigan boundary water regulations 4834/yes, 2732/no, 52/counties approved, 16/counties rejected and 4/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Door County, second by Oconto County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 10: bass-establish alternate size and bag limits were permitted, catch-and-release bass fishing tournaments. 4648/yes, 3304/no, 46/counties, approved, 19/counties rejected and 7/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Rock County, second by Eau Claire County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 11: bass-establish a statewide (including Michigan boundary Waters), continuous open season for bass fishing but allow harvest only during the current traditional season. 4470/yes, 3229/no, 54/counties approved, 15/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Kenosha County second by Taylor County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 12: Muskellunge-extend the northern zone fishing season. 4110/yes, 2586/no, 66/counties approved, 5/counties rejected and 1/County tied.</p> <p>Motion by La Crosse County, second by Pierce County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 13: muskellunge-Wisconsin-Michigan boundary Waters. 4603/yes, 2726/no, 46/counties approved, 20/counties rejected and 6/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Oconto County, second by Washburn County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 14: catch and release fishing season assuming question 13 is supported on all Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. 3407/yes, 3856/no, 20/counties approved, 46/counties rejected and for tie.</p> <p>Motion by La Crosse County, second by Columbia County to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected.</p> <p>Question 15: do you favor increasing the minimum length limit for muskellunge from 40 inches to 50 inches on Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. 4707/yes, 2755/no, 44/counties approved, 25/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Waukesha County, second by Milwaukee County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 16: walleye-Lake Winnebago system (Calumet County, Fond du Lac County, Green Lake County, Marquette County, Outagamie County, Shawano County, Waupaca County, Waushara County and Winnebago counties, 5120/yes, 2488/no, 47/counties approved, 13/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.</p> <p>Motion by Fond du Lac County, second by Green Lake County to reject. Motion failed 24 in favor, /36 opposed. Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Milwaukee County to approve. Motion carried.</p>	
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Question 17: walleye-turtle Flambeau flowage and connected water bodies (Iron County).  
 Motion by Price County second by Bayfield County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 18: Lake Sturgeon-defined parameters for Spears used in the Winnebago system Sturgeon spearing fishery. 5892/yes, 1207/no, 72/counties approved, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.  
 Motion by Calumet County second by Door County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 19: Cisco and Lake whitefish-all inland waters. 6050/yes, 936/no, 72/approve, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.  
 Motion by Green Lake County, second by Taylor County to approve. Motion carried.

Proposed rule changes-Mississippi River

Question 20: walleye and Sauger - Mississippi River. 5072/yes, 1252/no, 69/counties approve, 3/counties rejected and 0/counties tied  
 Motion by La Crosse County, second by Monroe County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 21: pertaining to pools 9 through 12 of the Mississippi River boundary waters, do you support a walleye/sauger/saugeye daily bag of 6 combined, 15-inch minimum length limit for walleye, all walleye from 20/27 inches must be immediately released and no more than one Walleye above 27 inches may be kept per day and no minimum size limit for sauger, in Wisconsin waters of the Mississippi River. 5168/yes, 1107/no, 68/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.  
 Motion by Green Lake County, second by Crawford County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 22: White bass-Mississippi River pools 3-9. 4414/yes, 1934/no, 64/counties approve, 5/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.  
 Motion by Outagamie County, second by Vernon County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 23: sunfish, property and yellow perch-Mississippi River pools 3-9. 5260/yes, 1461/no, 69/counties approved, 3/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.  
 Motion by Pepin County, second by Monroe County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 24: Shovelnose Sturgeon-Mississippi River pools 3-9. 5603/yes, 373/no, 71/counties approve, 1/County rejected and 0/counties tied.  
 Motion by Oconto County, second by La Crosse County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 25: Northern pike-Mississippi River pools 3-9. 4982/yes, 1641/no, 67/counties approve, 3/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.  
 Motion by Pepin County second by Monroe County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 26: Channel and flathead catfish-Mississippi River pools 3-9. 4903/yes, 1466/no, 66/counties approve, 6/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.  
 Motion by La Crosse County, second by Oconto County to approve. Motion carried.

Fisheries management proposed local rule changes

Question 27: walleye-all waters of Shawano and Waupaca counties (excluding the Lake Winnebago system). 4756/yes, 1959/no, 62/counties approve, 8/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.  
 Motion by Kenosha County, second by Washington County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 28: walleye-Lake Koshkonong, Rock River and Crawfish River (Dane, Jefferson and Rock Counties) 4318/yes, 1873/no, 62/counties approve, 7/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.  
 Motion by a Oconto County, second by La Crosse County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 29: Bass-Jordan Lake (Adams County), Pike Lake (Chippewa County) and Paya Lake (Oconto County). 4458/yes, 1386/no, 68/counties approve, 1/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.  
 Motion by Oconto County, second by Adams County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 30: bass-Smoky Lake, Vilas County. 4161/yes, 1544/no, 66/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 6/counties tied.  
 Motion by Portage County, second by Taylor County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 31: bass-Hatch Lake, Waupaca County. 4046/yes, 1457/no, 56/counties approve, 8/counties rejected and 8/counties tied.  
 Motion by Waupaca County, second by Washington County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 32: bass-Roberts Lake (Forest County) and Wheeler Lake (Oconto County). 4252/yes, 1345/no, 71/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 1/County tied.  
 Motion by Forest County, second by Oconto County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 33: Smallmouth Bass-Pipe and North Pipe Lakes, Polk County. 4086/yes, 1343/no, 59/counties approve, 7/counties rejected and 6/counties tied.  
 Motion by Polk County, second by St. Croix County to approve. Motion carried.

Question 34: Northern Pike-Geneva Lake, Walworth County. 4435/yes, 1179/no, 71/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 1/County tied.  
 Motion by Walworth County, second by Rock County to approve. Motion carried.

	<p>Question 35: Northern Pike-Amery Pond and Mason Lake, Adams and Marquette counties. 4054/yes, 1367/no, 61/counties approve, 8/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.                  Motion by Adams County, second by Marquette County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 36: Northern Pike-Dutch Hollow and Mirror Lake (Sauk County) and White Lake (Waupaca County). 4142/yes, 1312/no, 70/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.                  Motion by Sauk County, second by Oconto County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 37: Northern Pike-Lake Emily (Dodge County), Little Lake Butte des Morts, (Outagamie and Winnebago counties), Big Cedar and Gilbert Lakes, (Washington County), and Okauchee and upper Oconomowoc lakes, (Waukesha County). 4411/yes, 1370/no, 63/counties approve, 5/counties rejected and 4/counties tied.                  Motion by Outagamie County, second by Washington County to approve. Motion carried.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**4. Fisheries management proposals continued.**

Meredith Penthorn, DNR Fisheries Rules  
 Coordinator

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Question 38: Muskellunge-Rainbow Flowage, Minocqua Chain (Little Tomahawk, Mud, Tomahawk, Mid, Minocqua, Jerome and Colin Kawaguesaga lakes) in (Oneida County) and White Sand Lake (Vilas County). 4193/yes, 1972/no, 50/counties approved, 14/counties rejected and 8/counties tied.                  Motion by Price County second by Milwaukee County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 39: Pan Fish-Sherwood Lake (Clark County), Lake Emily (Dodge County), Clark Lake (Door County), Paya Lake (Oconto County), Virginia Lake (Sauk County), Iola Millpond (Waupaca County), Long Lake (Waushara County). 4703/yes, 1335/no, 66/counties approve, 5/counties rejected and 1/counties tied.                  Motion by Clark County second by Waupaca County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 40: Lake Sturgeon-Lake Superior. 4625/yes, 1490/no, 65/counties approve, 4/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.                  Motion by Iron County second by Douglas County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 41: Trout-Big Spring Branch, 6 Mile, Pompey Piller, Smoky Hollow and Millcreek (Grant and Iowa counties), Trout Creek (Iowa County, Karburgers Springs (Langlade County), Middle Inlet (Marinette County), and Pine, North Pine and Teddy Creeks (Pierce County). 4665/yes, 723/no, 72/counties approve, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.                  Motion by Langlade County second by Iowa County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 42: Trout-Plum Run (Crawford and Richland County) and Devils Creek (Rusk County). 3677/yes, 1426/no, 71/counties approve, 1/counties rejected and 0/counties tied.                  Motion by Door County second by Monroe County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 43: Brook Trout catch and release on native brood-stock streams-Parker and Lowery Creeks, Iowa County. 3812/yes, 1266/no, 68/counties approve, 3/counties rejected and 1/County tie.                  Motion by Iowa County, second by La Crosse County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 44: Trout-Castle Rock Creek, Grant County. 3343/yes, 1072/no, 68/counties approved, 2/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.                  Motion by Taylor County second by Grant County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 45: Trout-Knapp Creek (Crawford County), Mt. Vernon Creek (Dane County), Big Green River, Borah Creek, Crooked Creek, Little Grant River (Grant County), Gordon Creek (Iowa County), Camp, Knapp and elk one 3356/yes, 1677/noon, 68/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and tool/counties tied. Creeks (Richland County), and Elk Creek (Vernon County).                  Motion by Grant County, second by Crawford County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 46: Trout-Black Earth Creek, Dane County. 3626/yes, 1441/no, 54/counties approve, 15/counties rejected 3/counties tie.                  Motion by Dane County second by La Crosse County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 47: Fish Refuge-St. Louis River, Douglas County. 3586 forward/yes, 1389/no, 66/counties approve, 4/counties rejected 2/counties tie.                  Motion by Douglas County second by Price County to reject. Motion carried question rejected.</p> <p>Question 48: Fish Refuge-Mink River, Door County. 4173/yes, 1027/no, 70/counties approve, 2/counties rejected 0/counties tied.                  Motion by Door County, second by Milwaukee County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 49: Fish Refuge-Fox River, Brown County. 4452/yes, 1221/no, 70/counties approved, 1/counties rejected 1/counties tied.                  Motion by Brown County, second by Washington County to approve. Motion carried.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

Law enforcement: Changes to LE on Recreational Properties, R 3 , Field Warden

Todd Schaller, Chief Warden

**5. Staffing Update**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Todd thanked the Congress for giving time for his law enforcement update. He mentioned that next week starts Law Enforcement Memorial week, in Madison two additional names were added in 2018-19. 42 police officers killed in the line of duty in Milwaukee. He also mentioned that a former Wisconsin warden Eugene Wierin that served and was born in Polk County had lost his life. Eugene left the Wisconsin DNR and went on to serve the Minnesota DNR, in the process of trying to make a water rescue Eugene lost his life. He asked the delegation to observe a moment of silence for the three officers. Todd stated that there were 19 staff vacancies statewide after the placement of the 2018 recruits. There is an additional class of six new warden recruits going through final training, he expects to be placed sometime in August or September of this year.</p> <p>LE is restructuring again to provide 20 positions for (nine) high use state parks and forests throughout the state. These reassigned wardens will return to the Sparks to carry on the mission of law enforcement in preventing issues from taking place. Nine Park Rangers after their recertification will move to law enforcement, the expectation of you the customer is that you receive some type of service and law enforcement will do their best to comply.</p> <p>Under the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) we have delegated five outdoor skills trainers throughout the state. These trainers handle all the safety programs throughout the state. The Bureau of Law Enforcement also manages the following: under a development grant which was awarded (\$250,000) to oversee. An angler recruitment grant for (\$45,000), and also works with the Sporting Heritage Council of which for WCC delegates participate in as members of other organizations. They partner with Pheasants Forever, and National Wild Turkey Federation who have hired two trainers for Wisconsin, our people work in collaboration with these partners to enhance the process.</p> <p>Some of the things that we do are certify over 20,000 hunters to safety student graduates this year. We have modified the adult online Hunter Education Certification program. What we did recognize is that most of the individuals that certified online still take additional hands-on training. Todd mentioned that the National Archery in the School Program, while not directly involved with, was a great enhancement and a tool that all of our R 3 processes dovetail with. There are many high school programs including scholastic clay trap shooting, fishing clubs, and hunting clubs that are generated as spinoffs to the NASP.</p> <p>The Hunt for Food Program is becoming more and more popular, we have worked hard to include the whole family unit in this program. When we get the whole family involved it really helps, you get the kids involved but if they go home and did not have the support or mentorship necessary they tend to fall by the wayside.</p> <p>Under retention some of the areas we are working with is the total license packaging concept, by making license packages that are affordable and designate popular areas of usage. We hope to retain and reactivate more individuals. Rule simplification as a fan identified as the reason many people have stopped fishing, as an example due to the complexity of the rules process. He challenged the WCC delegation to do more in making rule simplification a higher priority. Increasing opportunity through youth hunts, holiday hunts and other creative opportunities is another area that will help in the retention and recruitment process. As far as continuing and adding additional mentors, he has talked to many Congress delegates and other adult mentors and the feedback that he gets is that those mentors found doing this more rewarding than actually being out in the fields themselves harvesting and he thanked all the delegation for their help with that.</p> <p>Reactivation, they have started using marketing emails to past license holders to suggest and identify possible opportunities for participation. The department has added an additional public shooting range in Columbia County and has additional range grant monies available to qualified applicants. Developing handicapped access to current ranges in future ranges will also add greater participation. The department has worked to modify NR 45 to allow range rules to be changed. 10 DNR range operations were open for additional public participation.</p> <p>In closing Todd thanked all the delegates and leadership of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for all the support they have given law enforcement and the department throughout the years thank you again.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

Wildlife Management: A Strategic Plan Update for WM, DMAP program update,

Eric Lobner, Bureau Director, Wildlife

**6. CWD strategy moving forward**

Management

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Eric started by reporting on the Wildlife Strategic Plan update that they have been working on for the last few months. It's been a very very long time since wildlife management sat down and made a strategic plan on how they intended to move forward. Part of the plan is to document how the state proposes to use Pittman Robertson Funds. The second document basically talks about hunting fishing and trapping in Wisconsin in the wildlife management division to enhance these opportunities. One of the things they reviewed was what kind of things are changing be at habitat, hunters participation, financial impacts and impacts on predator prey relations throughout the state. We also got information on the demographics of where these recreational users are coming from and what areas of the state they are recreating in. They looked at the ecological effects for example 70% of the forests in Wisconsin are privately owned and one impact wildlife managers have on private land. They looked at wetlands in general and the number of wetlands that we manage and what we could do to better our opportunities there. They also looked at the impact of the climbing CRP.</p> <p>We listed and sorted all the different areas that I just mentioned prioritized and put together a draft document in about 2 1/2</p>
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	<p>months, which was reviewed by department leadership. He then asked for input from the District Leadership Council at one of their meetings to get their input. They also got additional input from some of our customers also some of our wildlife staff positions also invited 99 different conservation groups throughout the state to offer their input. They also invited 65 different businesses that are ultimately impacted by the work that the wildlife department does to comment on the program also. They also had a public feedback online portion to the review of the plan. This received over 10,200 responses through government delivery. Eric stated that they were provided a summary that was available at registration desk which was an abbreviation of the 75 page final document. He invited the delegates to review the strategic plan.</p> <p>CWD strategy moving forward.</p> <p>17,000+ samples were submitted last year the unfortunate part is that we did have 1062 positive samples for CWD. Four counties we will be doing additional surveillance in the West Central District that we did not receive enough samples and La Crosse County has asked to be included in that additional surveillance. We did provide 116 kiosks for sampling purposes that hunters submitted 5000+ deer into those kiosks for testing. We had a limited number of sample test kits that could be picked up at our service centers to help with the sampling. We only had 185 of those picked up and only 25 were returned. Will be looking at doing a better promotion of that process moving forward. Moving forward they are looking at increasing the adopt a kiosk program and also the adopt a dumpster program for carcass removal. They are looking heavily at increasing both programs and there was quite an amount of interest by clubs and organizations to partner with it but it was recognized that there was a limited number of approved carcass disposal landfills. The cost involved of transporting across county lines and some legal issues has inhibited that process. They are reviewing it and seeing how they can improve upon it for this year. They are also looking at legislative approval to make sure that we can involve a cost share program with groups and individuals that are interested in adopting a dumpster program. Hopefully by this fall they'll have additional information to an active in 2019. It was mentioned by one of the other presenters that we are in the process of moving our CWD testing laboratory. We currently contract out that to testing and we have very little control over the costs. We are also looking at creating a position to staff and manage that facility once it is identified. Providing a permanent manager for this will increase our productivity and reduce our cost. In the past 11 years we have had seven different individuals that we had to train for oversight of this operation and it just doesn't make sense not to have a permanent position and keep trained employees that we have invested so much time and money in on our staff.</p> <p>Dmap.</p> <p>Generally the short term applications is declining but if you look at the total long-term enrollments there is a modest increase. Due to the large ranging amount of participants we are running into a staffing problem and are looking at additional staff or shared staff in the D map area.</p> <p>He then turned the program over to Scott for the wildlife rules proposals.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**7. Wildlife Management Spring Hearing Rule Proposals**

Scott Karel, DNR Wildlife Rules Coordinator

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Scott presented the results on fisheries management proposed rule changes.</p> <p>The Congress position on each question is listed below the county results.</p> <p>Question 1: allow trappers to keep raccoons incidentally trapped in beaver sets during the close season for raccoon. 7476/yes, 1253/no, 72/counties approved, 0/counties rejected and 0/counties tied. Motion by Bayfield County, second by Columbia County to accept. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 2: allow trapping on or within 15 feet of beaver dams on public and private land, with permission from the landowner. 4894/yes, 2777/no, 69 forward/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and 1/County tied. Motion by La Crosse County second by Lafayette County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 3: change the river otter framework from a quota/permit system to a bag limits/quota system. 4402/yes, 3658/no, 59/counties approve, 10/counties rejected and 3/counties tied. Motion by Ozaukee County, second by Wood County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 4: move the close of pheasant season daily shooting hours on public properties stocked with pheasants from 2 PM to 12 PM on weekdays from the third day of the pheasant season through November 3. 6457/yes, 1930/no, 67/counties approve, 2/counties rejected and 3/counties tied. Motion by Fond du Lac County, second by Juneau County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 5: allow the department to regulate target shooting on department properties in Rock County. 5423/yes, 1958/no, 68/counties approve, 4/counties rejected and 0/counties tied. Motion by Rock County, second by Taylor County to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 6: eliminate minimum barrel length restrictions for handguns that are used for hunting. 4920/yes, 3462/no, 55/counties approve, 17/counties rejected and 0/counties tied. Motion by Waukesha County, second by Ozaukee County to approve. Motion carried.</p>
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	<p>Question 7: eliminate minimum caliber requirements for pellet guns for hunting certain small game species. 4112/yes, 4301/no, 45/counties approve, 24/counties rejected and 3/counties tied.                  Motion by La Crosse County, second by Waukesha County to approve. Motion carried.                  Question 8: return to a three-zone framework for Mink and muskrats. 5071/yes, 1982/no, 64/counties approve, 6/counties rejected and 2/counties tied.                  Motion by Wood County, second by Forest County to approve. Motion carried.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**J. Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition**

George Meyer and Larry Meyer

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Larry stated that the Congress is a part of the Wetlands for Wildlife Coalition but it was felt that a member of the steering committee should come before the Congress and give an update as to the goals and the process.                  George congratulated on their Congress 85th anniversary and wish them well for another 85 years.                  The sportsman's for wetlands coalitions purpose is to be a source of education for legislators and policymakers on any matters concerning wetlands management and impacts of proposed legislation. The reason we are activating this process now is that one year ago legislators imposed a change in regulations that affected over 1 million acres of wetland habitat in Wisconsin. 20% of wetlands in Wisconsin will no longer have protected status. As disappointing and upsetting is this legislation was and many groups hunters, trappers and wildlife organizations pushed back pretty hard, we still lost 100,000 acres that were still no longer protected. There were two areas identified 1. Many of the legislators that we believe were friendly to us in the past had changed their position. 2. An additional portion of legislators when approached on the subject thought that this would be no big deal and that they were surprised the issues had opposition.                  The coalition is made up of delegation from Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Wisconsin Trappers Association, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the National Wild Turkey Federation ,the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and the Wisconsin Wetlands Federation.                  Larry Meyer stated he was going to talk about three specific areas in relationship to wetlands management, fish and wildlife habitat, water quality and flood related issues. A healthy wetland is the basis for a strong food chain for all animals.                   As for water quality, wetlands act as a buffer and a filter in the water cycle they are important to filter nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) out of lakes and rivers and have a huge impact on improving water quality and reducing turbidity in many watersheds.                  The last area is flooding issues which he feels is probably one of the most important of the three. Most flooding issues are not created by snow melt or rain events but by man, their destruction of the natural wetlands is a major contributor to many of the flooding issues we experience today. Wetlands provide additional slowing and absorption of water allowing it to return back to the water tables rather than eroding topsoil and causing major life-threatening conditions. Tiled land developments of roads and parking lots and housing in areas that were once wetlands is a major contributor. It's hard to convince people that are experiencing extreme flooding conditions that the cause of this flooding is happening far away in small rivers and streams that once had sufficient wetlands to buffer water events that have lost their wetlands and no longer slow the flow but contribute to the process. This may be hundreds of miles away. Some of the things we can do is take care of the wetlands that we have right now. Another option would be to construct additional flood control devices, but all of these options are going to be expensive and difficult to get people to understand. He asked that we all be aware of the situation and he asked that the Congress be a part of solving this problem.                  George came back to address some things that could be done immediately, they have provided bumper stickers to be put on vehicles showing support for the sportsman for wetlands organization. We have provided a fact sheet for you to be aware of the individual items that we've talked about today and more. We are asking you to take this information back to your local groups and organizations and getting them to join us in standing as one voice to the legislators about this important issue. There is no cost involved with this, it's free we just need to show a united front to protect our wetlands.                  Larry Bonde encouraged the delegates to pick up this information and take it back to their counties talk to their legislators and impress upon them the impact their legislation has on the whole wetland issue in the state.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**K. Scholastic Clay Target Program**

Gary DeSmidt, Wisconsin State Advisor  
 SCTP

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Gary stated that SCTP goal was to instill honesty, integrity, teamwork and respect in students while preparing them to be future leaders. He also explained the operating structure of the organization from local schools, to state districts and the evolution to the national level. He stated that many of the students that participated years ago are returning to the program to help with the next generation of shooters. These students are truly athletes who must meet the scholastic responsibilities of their organization. His responsibility as district leader is to promote and enhance the opportunities of schools within his district in a various number</p>	
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	of shooting disciplines including trap, skeet, sporting clays and many other variations. It is important not only to have the youth but the families involved in the process many of these teams travel to the competitions throughout the state and in some cases multi-state areas. There are many students currently involved that are either receiving or are working for some of the full ride scholarships available to colleges and universities for scholastic shooting. There is 914 coaches throughout the state of Wisconsin all of which went through a two day NRA tier 1 range safety training. The organization is involved with not only the Wisconsin Trap Shooting Association but the National Trap Shooting Association and are a feeder program to the Olympic Shooting Program. He listed the many opportunities available throughout the state for those interested in additional shooting. He mentioned that the Midway USA Foundation was a tremendous supporter of the program offering an endowment program and match money for sponsorship. He explained the fundraising opportunities and enhancements allowed through the foundation and the organized effort to help reduce the cost of shooting for individual teams. The program continues to grow with additional opportunities in many of the shooting disciplines. He stated that the program could not operate without the dedicated coaches parents and supporters that contribute so much to the shooting sports in Wisconsin. He thanked the delegation for their time.
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**L. Archery Education Program Updates**

Dan Schroeder, Archery Education Program Administrator

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dan explained what the National Archery in the Schools Program was and how it was founded. There are 820 schools in the program. In the last couple of years there has been an influx of support and students in the program and is a proven safe event to participate in. This program is engaging students year round with the exception of October through the end of November which allows the students to participate in bow hunting, if they're interested. The engagement of these students as proven to be a gateway for future hunters in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. He also stated that he has found that many of the students and their families have not only continued on with the archery shooting programs but have branched off into other archery clubs or sportsmen groups throughout the state which was one of the goals he had when he entered the process. Many of the local schools have partnered with other organizations throughout the state in getting people outdoors. One of the groups provided students that planted acres of food plots and habitat. The program provides curriculum for teachers on how to incorporate NASP programs into their life skills curriculum. NASP has partnered with many organizations to get more individuals involved, strengthen all partner organizations and engage the youth in Wisconsin in many outdoor activities. Many of the colleges offer scholarships to top-ranked archers and has provided in educational leadership opportunity for many students. He thanked all the delegates in attendance for their ongoing support and participation with the program throughout the years and all the associated organizations that our delegates are involved with that support the program.
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**M. DNR Leadership's Address to the WCC**

Preston Cole, DNR Secretary Nominee

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The DNR secretary nominee thanked the Congress for all the work that they've done and congratulated them on 85 years of service to the state. The WCC's support, participation and dedication in helping to shape conservation practices is unprecedented. We should be proud of our accomplishments and stated that the Youth Conservation Congress which he supported when he was in an NRB member was a great step in making the WCC stronger. Rule simplification, (Scott Loomans) has been charged with making an effort to work with the Wisconsin Conservation Congress to get additional results that will benefit conservation and our customers as they recreate. He is advocating for strong environmental practices, strong practices equally strong economy and noted that 130 cities in Wisconsin have water issues. Manure and runoff issues continue to be a crisis. The governor is providing a legislative push, \$7 million in bonding for water quality issues and groundwater quality and has formed a task force to collect ideas. This is ongoing and must follow current law but also use the best available science. On the CWD front he has asked for the collection of data from eight states to see where we should spend our dollars by working cooperatively, we will all save money. He has ordered a new CWD processing center to be located in Poynette that we will own. We need to wait for state budget to see what we get as far as support dollars but this will pay off in the end as our current contracting services is becoming cost prohibitive and difficult to work with. Other areas that he mentioned: The goal Wildcard is still doing its job, the elk reintroduction program yielded our first ever elk hunt last year and we are in the process of collecting applications for the 2019 season. The rough gross management plan is due sometime in July and will be out for public comment soon. The black bear management plan is on the table and will be reviewed by the NRB at its next meeting. The Wolf issue as you well know was at the federal level but he assured the Congress that if the feds give their approval there is an active state plan ready to go into effect to control the wolf population. Once again he thanked the delegates for all they did and that he would be around this evening if anybody had any questions they wanted to ask.
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<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
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Presentation by the friends of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress to the Midwest Outdoor

Rob Bowmann

**N. Heritage Education Committee.**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Rob presented Mark LaBarbera a check for \$3800 for bus grants to attend this year's Education Expo. These funds were the proceeds from last year's raffles. He thanked the organization for its ongoing support of the Youth Expo and stated that as of today the 2019 Expo had 2761 registered attendees supported by 611 advisors or mentors throughout the state.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Dodge County second by Green Lake County to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**O. WCC Awards Banquet**

Larry Bonde

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	At the awards banquet years of service awards for delegates were handed out.  The following plaques and their recipients were:  Statewide Organization of the Year-Outdoor Heritage Education Center (OHEC)  Local Organization of the Year- Douglas County Fish and Game League  Educator of the Year-Marlin Spindler, Beaver Dam  Migratory Ofc. of the Year-John Below, USFWS Wildlife Officer  Outstanding DNR Professional-Tom Hill, Senior Forrester  Outstanding DNR Professional-Neil Rosenberg, NW Fish Culture Supervisor  Outstanding DNR Professional-Jordan Weeks, Mississippi River Team Supervisor  Dave A. Ladd Delegate of the Year-Harold Drake, Dodge County  WCC Hall of Fame Inductee-Donna Liljegren	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**P. Convention called back to order on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 9 AM.**

[PRESENTER]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Roll call of counties showed the following: Adams 3. Ashland 3. Baron 2. Bayfield 2. Brown 1. Buffalo 4. Burnett 3. Calumet 2. Chippewa 4. Clark 1. Columbia 3. Crawford 4. Dane 4. Dodge 4. Door 5. Douglas 2. Dunn 4. Eau Claire 3. Florence 1. Fond du Lac 5. Forest 2. Grant 2. Green 4, 1 youth. Green Lake 2. Iowa 3. Iron 3. Jackson 1. Jefferson 4, 1 youth. Juneau 1. Kenosha 1. Kewaunee 1. Lacrosse 3. Lafayette 2. Langlade 1. Lincoln 1. Manitowoc 3. Marathon 1. Marinette no delegates in attendance. Marquette 1. Menominee no delegates in attendance. Milwaukee 4. Monroe 3. Oconto 4. Oneida 4, 1 youth. Outagamie 5. Ozaukee 3. Pepin 2. Pierce 1. Polk 3. Portage 4. Price 3. Racine 3. Richland no delegates in attendance. Rock 2. Rusk 1. St. Croix 4. Sauk 5. Sawyer 4., 3 youth. Shawano no delegates in attendance. Sheboygan 4. Taylor 2. Trempealeau 4. Vernon no delegates in attendance. Vilas 4. Walworth 2. Washburn 4, 1 youth. Washington 3. Waukesha 5. Waupaca 2. Waushara 1. Winnebago 3. Wood 4. Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**Q. Announcement Of the 2019-2020 WCC Executive Committee**

Larry Bonde

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry announced the following officers and their positions: Chairman, Larry Bonde. Vice Chairman, Tony Blattler. Secretary, Dale Maas.	
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	Outreach and Public Relations, Terri Roehrig. Historian, Joe Weiss.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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**R. Rules and Resolutions Committee Report**

Tony Blattler Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	See discussions below.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**1. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes**

Tony Blattler Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	Tony stated the first change to the Code of Procedure recommended by the Rules and Resolutions Committee was on page 3 of the Code of Procedure which would make the new named Shooting Sports Committee a permanent committee. Motion by Columbia County second by Ozaukee County to adopt change. Motion carried. The next item was informational pertaining to page 6 and 14 on flipping the location for content consideration. Due to timing this issue will be discussed at the next DLC meeting.	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**2. 2019 Resolution Committee Assignments**

Tony Blattler Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	Tony then asked the delegates to look at the breakout of resolutions by title. Tony pointed out on the form the resolutions that the committee should be assigned to the floor of the convention due to the short time needed for position versus when the committees normally meet. After discussion there was a motion by Door County second by Waushara County to advance the rules and resolution package as proposed by the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Further discussion created the following motions:  Motion by Sheboygan County second by Washington County to amend to also send resolution (130819) Fur Harvest Committee. That motion failed by paddle vote 24 yes/38 no.. Motion by Milwaukee County second by Monroe County to amend and move (131119) to the floor of the Congress. Motion carried. Motion by Outagamie County second by Columbia County to amend and move resolution (450119) to the Shooting Sports Committee. Motion carried. Motion by Richland County second by La Crosse County to amend resolution (580419) to deer and elk committee. Motion carried. Motion by Sheboygan County second by Columbia County to amend and assign resolution (130819) for harvest only. Motion carried. There being no further discussion of motion to adopt the recommendation as amended was offered. Motion carried.	
ACTION	As stated above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**3. 2019 Resolutions Assigned to the Floor of the Congress**

Tony Blattler Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	Tony suggested that you go through the spreadsheet in the book and look at the title resolutions assigned to committees of the Congress, after you find that to the far right and resolutions assigned to the floor of the Congress. The first resolutions (130419) and (270119) deal with chocolates and cocoa use for bear bait. Motion by Washington County second by La Crosse County to combine. Motion carried. Larry asked Mike Rogers chairman of the bear committee if there was a discussion at the bear management plan on this issue and if he would address the floor. Mike stated that the bear committee recommended a continued study of the position but did not take action. This gets a little bit confusing due to the fact that some people thought the cookies, pastry, any other derivative and they contain some. How are you going to figure out if there's an acceptable level and what it is. And everybody that talk about the issue did not see it as a major problem but were willing to study it. Motion by Ozaukee County second by Milwaukee County to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.  Resolution (370219) removal of hound hunting in zone C from management plan. Motion by Door County second by Columbia County to reject. Mike Rogers was again asked to comment based on the bear management plan. Mike stated that	
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	<p>the bear management committee and the stakeholders had quite a discussion on this and there's a large portion of zone C that is agricultural. Farmers don't want the dogs running out in the croplands until after harvest and the farmers are worried that if you eliminate dog hunting that they won't be able to control the problems they have with bear. It was Mike's feeling that if this is a problem they can request a modification of the management plan and go back and address the problem. Paddle vote resulted in 45 yes 11 no motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>Resolution (660319) motion by Vilas County second by Douglas County to advance. Motion carried. Due to the issues local discussion a roll call vote was taken to give the chairman of the counties supporting the resolution to reject can be identified.</p> <p>Resolution (660319) restore Stewardship Funding motion by Vilas County second by Douglas County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Resolution (050319) support for and passage of federal energy innovation and carbon dividend act. Motion by Milwaukee County second by Adams County to reject. Motion failed. Motion by Dane County second by Bayfield County to take action now (today) motion failed. Motion by Washington County second by Columbia County to advance to the environmental committee. Motion carried.</p> <p>Resolution (131119) Green New Deal. Motion by Milwaukee County second by Washington County to move to Environmental Committee. Motion carried.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**S. Online Input: Looking Ahead to Year 2**

Larry Bonde and Kari Lee Zimmerman

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Larry asked that the delegates provide input on things they feel is important either to improve or if you saw something that wasn't right or something that may be needed additional input for value, he would welcome those comments now. A possibility of resolutions to be presented online in advance.</p> <p>Need a standardized method to identify those people that were issued an IVR number statewide.</p> <p>The long-term road map to get completely off paper in regards to the input.</p> <p>Putting an overall communication plan together to connect all counties throughout the state.</p> <p>Ask the online writers to give additional background information on their information.</p> <p>Continue the breakout of input by County is very helpful.</p> <p>Asked if the input was from somebody that recreated it in the county.</p> <p>The WCC is limited to 250 characters for resolutions and feel it's disingenuous for the department to have unlimited characters. Could the information be given to the counties prior to the convention so we can better understand whether items are coming from inside the County population or not.</p> <p>Asked whether there was a double count on people that did recreated in the county?</p> <p>Could committee minutes be like to WCC questions.</p> <p>Have an option for age range.</p> <p>Could we ask the number of years an individual was recreating on a subject example given 24 years a hunter or 40 years a Fisher.</p> <p>Larry thanked the delegates for their input and stated these recommendations will be passed along for the online input.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Washington County: questioned the legislative support and undercutting the Congress, This is the first time that they can remember that the governor has not come to address the Congress. They are disappointed that actions that committee's takes on resolutions is being overruled by the DLC.</p> <p>Jefferson County: we talk about rule simplification. At this Congress Convention, there were 49 new rules that we took a position on. This is wrong. And that was just for fishing.</p> <p>Clark County: asked that everybody get behind supporting DNR secretary Preston Cole so that he is confirmed in his position as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Waushara County second by Lafayette County to adjourn motion carried. This concludes the report of the 85th meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>10:40 AM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Dale C. Maas</b>

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