

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## District 7 Spring Meeting

### Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	3-5-19	7:00pm	Fin N Feather, Winneconne, WI
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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Dale Maas at 7:00pm
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### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Dodge: Maas, Zimmermann, Cook, Drake, Klatt Fond du Lac: Bowe, Arrowood, Strook, Lapine, Haase Green Lake: Gettelman, Grim, Bowey Marquette: Parrot, Puterbaugh Outagamie: Seidl, S. Ninneman, Kohl, D. Ninneman Waupaca: Binder, Bestul, Knorr, Shelley, Splitt Waushara: Piechowski Winnebago: Koch, Allen, Loehrke
EXCUSED	Green Lake: DeNell, Seaman Marquette: Wollenburg, Gohlke Outagamie: McHugh Winnebago: Stahl
UNEXCUSED	Marquette: Katzbeck (No longer a delegate) Waushara: Smith, Riemer, Metoyer, Brown Winnebago: Nelson
GUESTS	WDNR Staff: Ellen Barth, Chris Shea, Jeff Pritzl, David Boyarski, Adam Nickel, Travis Motl, Nick Miofski, Jean Romback-Bartels

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	No changes in the agenda. Dale verified with those present the excused and unexcused absences that were listed for last year.
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### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	There were no citizens present to make any public comments.
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## II. INFORMATION & WDNR Program Updates

### A. WILDLIFE UPDATE

JEFF PRITZL

DISCUSSION	Dale asked the WDNR Staff to introduce themselves, so delegates would know who they are.
ACTION	Jeff passed around two documents; Wildlife Biologist and Supervisor staffing map and Strategic Blueprint for 2019. He discussed the CDAC's and the upcoming meetings. It was announced that

	Marquette County had its first confirmed case of CWD which will immediately affect Marquette and Green Lake Counties on baiting. Also talked briefly about the winter severity index. A number of counties in the north could hit serve by the end of March. Jeff went through the statewide wildlife management proposed rule changes for the spring hearing. All questions supported by the DNR unless otherwise noted. Question #2 it was noted that you just need permission from a private land owner, not the DNR. Supported by trappers Assn. Question #6 Mike Arrowood questioned the accuracy of shorter barrel length and the possibility for more wounded animals. Jeff indicated that #6 and #7 would put the onus on the user to use the appropriate weapon rather than trying to regulate it. Question #8 No DNR position but there is trapper support for it.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**B. FISHERIES UPDATE**

**ADAM NICKEL AND TRAVIL MOTL**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Winnebago trawling report. Had a measurable catch of 5 walleyes per trawl this year. The outlook for perch this year looks good with a number of fish in the 9-11 inch size on the trawls. Based on trawling there is about a 70 percent decrease in adult drum (sheepshead) due to the VHS kills last spring. There will be a question #16 on changing the walleye bag from 5 to 3 on the Winnebago system. There will be 3 public meetings to provide a walleye update on the Winnebago system; March 13 in Oshkosh, March 18 in Chilton, March 21 in New London. There are quite a bit of habitat projects going on around the system such as on Asylum Bay and Rainbow Park. Putting in more fish sticks projects and northern pike spawning site restoration. Will run the reward tag study again this year with 200 special reward tags to get a better picture on the return effort. Project funded by Walleyes for Tomorrow. 58 out of the 200 tags were turned in last year. About 35 percent of the anglers are turning in general tags overall. Travis Motl gave an update for Dodge County. The crews will be out on Fox Lake as soon as the ice goes out to collect field data. Will not be doing any commercial carp activities at all this year in Dodge County and are in the process of evaluating the process. David Boyarski went over all the fisheries questions for the spring hearing. Listed are the questions that had significant questions or comments: Question #10. Mike Arrowood asked why special regulations for different people such as tournament fishermen. Shouldn't all anglers be treated equally. He felt it was a bad policy to make special regulations that do not apply to all anglers on the same body of water. Question #16 Mark Arrowood distributed a graph showing trawling results that indicated good natural reproduction and referenced a problem with the forage base. There was a concern that the reduction in the forage base has and will affect all fish on the system, including walleyes. Mike referenced that exploitation was 26 percent last year, not 36 percent and could be documented. Felt that it was more of an effort to establish a 3 bag limit statewide, than a need based on fish numbers on the Winnebago system. Paul Gettelman question whether it would apply above the Princeton dam and it was indicated that it would not. That means that Marquette County should be removed from the list of counties affected. Question #39 There was quite a bit of discussion on panfish regs, the current study going on, and a question as to which Long Lake in Waushara County as there are two Long Lakes. Also discussion about the panfish fishery on Lake Emily. Dale recommended that DNR staff inform the Congress Committees such as Warm Water, if they support and why they support questions that come to the committee so they can make appropriate decisions on them. Also that the Congress Committees reach out to the DNR staff for their opinions before the Committees meet.</p>
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**C. WARDEN UPDATE**

**CHRIS SHEA & NICK MIOFSKY**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Provided a brief update on staffing levels. Were able to hire 15 new wardens last year. In the District 7 area new wardens were place in Shiocton, Sherwood, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, and Kewaunee. Still have vacancies in two Green Bay Stations, Manitowoc, Crivitz, Sherwood, two in Fond du Lac, and two in Sheboygan County. In the 2019 class we will be getting one warden in Lakewood and one warden in Plymouth. Dodge County also got two wardens.</p>
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**D. SECRETARIES UPDATE****JEAN ROMBACK-BARTELS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Secretaries office wanted to pass along that they really valued the congress delegates opinion and the Conservation Congress in general. Secretary Cole wanted to make sure that you knew that he was dedicated to increasing the science that went to decision making. This will be the year of the clean drinking water. The DNR Leadership Team has been briefed on a Recreational Property Law Enforcement Model and looking to develop one. Looking to reauthorize the State Stewardship Fund and working toward the best management practices for managing CWD. Also looking at updating state rules for spreading of manure and effects on groundwater.	
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**E. CONGRESS ADVISORY QUESTIONS****DALE MAAS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dale lead discussion on the WCC advisory questions. Those that had the most questions or discussion are as follows: Question #50 Discussion on current rules and regulations that apply. Question #52 There was a question on what it was brought back again this year when it was voted down last year. Questions 60-62 The use and placement of colony traps was explained and their was no opposition on this. Question #66 Some discussion on why this was considered for removal and should it be removed. Question #75 There was some discussion about increasing the time to get a kill tag by having everyone with a Patron license in the pool, especially for unit B. Question #76-77 Discussion on kids under 10 not taking hunter safety and yet going out and hunting. Some indicated a reduction in kids taking hunter safety because they can hunt without it if under 10. Also taking computer training instead of hands on training. Question #85-86 Bob Haase warned that the wording better be clear on this if it passes because plated metal spinner blades and metal lips on fishing lures is plated and the plating contains lead.	
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**F. SPRING HEARING LOGISTICS MEMO & VIDEO****DALE MAAS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dale went over the logistics memo and asked delegates to call him or Bob Haase if they had any questions before the spring hearings. Those that did not view the video on Sexual Harassment were told to view it as soon as possible. The video on the spring hearing protocol and option to provide input on the questions in person or online was played. Following the video there was discussion on the use of the online option and any questions delegates had were answered. Delegates were reminded to make sure that any resolution presented met the requirements and were typed and not hand written. Some had reservations about how it would work, but most delegates indicated that they were willing to do their best to make it work. Most of the questions related to giving out the number for those that wanted to cast their opinion at home, and the ability for people to cast their opinions more than once.	
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**G. SHOOTING RANGE UPDATE****HAROLD DRAKE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Harold gave an update on the data collected on shooting ranges. Harold asked everyone to go back and validate the data that was collected to make sure that it is still correct. He also asked delegates to E-mail him to let him know if everything was ok or if there were any changes, and where to send any changes that needed to be made. Harold as	
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**H. MISC INFORMATION****DALE MAAS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dale provided information on Code of Procedure changes, committee assignments, and asked delegates if they wanted to make any changes on the current committee assignments. Noted that the assignments would be finalized at the annual meeting. Reminder to get reservations in for state convention. We also passed the hat for donations from District 7 for the raffle buckets and collected \$156. Dale also reminded delegates about nominations for awards at the annual banquet, travel grants, and the Educational Trailers that will go around to various events and schools. Any delegates that might have mounts or other items to donate should contact Dale. Touch of the Wild trailers will be at the Milwaukee Sentinel Sport Show in March. We have two trailers now and will have four all together.	
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**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Fred Riser bill was brought up on money game tournaments.
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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>9:55pm</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Bob Haase</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3-18-19</b>