



- Executive Committee     District Leadership Council     Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	12/06/2019	3:30 PM	Conference call
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Larry Bonde at 3:30 PM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Bonde, Blattler, Maas, Weiss and WCC liaison Zimmermann.
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Roehrig
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	
<b>GUESTS</b>	Tom Meronek and Brad Eggold.

**C. Agenda approval and repair**

**Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry stated he has no changes to the posted agenda.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Maas second by Blattler approve agenda as posted. Motion carried.

**D. Public comments**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>ACTION</b>	None.

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

Executive committee will consider the Natural Resources Board's December 11 agenda item for B: Request adoption the Board Ordered FH-10-15, proposed rules affecting chapter NR

**Maas**

**A. 25 related to commercial fisheries of Lake whitefish in Lake Michigan.**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dale presented information that when the Executive Committee moved to accept this proposal he was unaware that the video surveillance of the commercial fishing operation was optional. He apologized for missing that part of the proposal but felt it was important enough and that is why he asked to revisit our position. At all the meetings that he attended the emphasis of the sports fisherman were on possible incidental catch of game fish. There was also a concern by some of the Commercial Fishermen that if trawl time (one hour from the time the net hits the water until the next clears the water topside) was not adhered to not only would you have more bi-catch but damage to younger whitefish. After our previous conference call Dale contacted Todd Kalish with his concerns. One of the other issues is if this video surveillance was optional the only other possibilities on adherence to the rules would be to put either a fisheries person or a warden on board, the expense would be stretching already taxed funding. Larry stated he was quite familiar with the commercial fishermen involved with this and that there had been a past history of noncompliance on many issues. Dale stated that in his discussion with Todd that fisheries had drafted an amendment to the proposed rule that would make video surveillance mandatory. This would require in person support at the NRB board meeting if this was going to receive any kind of positive effect. Tom and Brad both agreed that during the many meetings where this was discussed up-and-down the Michigan shore that these issues stated for the most prevalent by the sports fisherman.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Maas second by Weiss that the WCC could not support the fisheries rule FH-10-15 as presented unless it included the adoption of the amendment that would make video surveillance mandatory for this five year proposal. Motion carried.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	Larry and Tony will both be attending the NRB meetings and will carry this message.	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**B. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]**

**[PRESENTER]**

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

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None.
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<b>ACTION</b>	
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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>3:44 PM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Dale C. Maas</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>12/13/2019</b>