



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Migratory Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS 03/02/2019 9:30AM. Meade Wildlife Area Visitor Center

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Todd Cook at 9:31 AM.

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Guy McFarren, Richard Alvin, Alan Suchla, Todd Cook, Ray Heidel, David Lapine, Paul Gettelmen, Richard Swenson, Jim Engebretson, Timothy Morgan, Ronald Church, Bill Lorenz, Rick Knutson, Austin Ragotzkie, Stephen Kenesie, Al Shook, Taylor Finger DNR Liaison, Tyler Strelow DNR Liaison
EXCUSED	Rick Koenig, Roxanne Broullire, Allen Balliet, Ronald Earnest, Wayne Norling
UNEXCUSED	Jacob Mccutcheon, Rae Ann Pyfferoen,
GUESTS	Drew Fowler- WDNR Reseacher

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION Reviewed Agenda

ACTION Approved

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION Mission Statement was reviewed by committee

ACTION A motion to keep Mission Statement as written by Al Shook, second by Tim Morgan motion passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION None

ACTION None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. [Agenda Items]

1.	Employing humane methods to discourage Canada geese in Dane County Resolution 13-11-18	Author: Mary A. Telfer
	DISCUSSION	A letter to Committee members from the Author was read by Paul Gettelman. Taylor Finger led a discussion identifying that that the State does not provide a State wide removal of Geese followed by Q/A from Committee members. It was determined that this was a Federal and County issue.
	ACTION	A motion to Reject by Guy Mcfarren, second by Al Shook motion passed
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Todd Cook to write Question-rejected-No Question	

2.	Changing a Portion of the States Waterfowl Blind Rules Resolution 43-04-18	Author : Scott W. Dehn
	DISCUSSION	A recorded message to Committee members was played by Todd Cook. Taylor Finger led a discussion, including Q&A by committee members, It was determined that Public Trust Doctrine would need to be changed Previous WCC voted to outlaw permentant Blinds in the past.
	ACTION	A motion to Reject by Al Shook, second by Austin Ragotzkie motion passed
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Todd Cook to write Question-rejected-No Question	

DISCUSSION	Taylor Finger updated committee on information from the Departments some of the items included: There will be a question on Spring hearing on reducing Long Tail Duck Limit from 6 to 3 due to the ability to rely and verify on current population numbers. Federal Regulations and Rule process delayed because of Federal shutdown. April 10, 2019 NRB meeting on Seasons. Wisconsin total Duck population up 8% from long term Allocation plan. 10 yr Waterfowl Management Plan 2018 near end, mid to late summer for approval. Looking for Duck Hunters input using input tool on Waterfowl web page (WDNR). A Bill to introduce Veteran Hunt (federal) for 2 extra days Not for Wisconsin in 2019. Discussion about changing setting season from Annually to 3 yr.	
ACTION	A Motion to have a 3yr Waterfowl Season Structure consistent with Federal Season Framework. Motion by Paul Gettelman, second by Al Shook motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Committee discussion and position on operational early Teal season 2019 Todd Cook - Chair
Waterfowl seasons

DISCUSSION	A discussion on early Teal and Waterfowl seasons between committee members facilitated by Co-Chair Todd Cook on what recommendation the committee would like to see the Department enact. Discussion was based on the science and data provided by the Department. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season options posted on website.	
ACTION	A motion for no early Teal season by Paul Gettelman, second by Ray Heidel motion failed. Motion to have early Teal season with a 9 day season by Al Shook, second by Tim Morgan motion passed. Motion for Bag limit keep similar by Al Shook, second by Tim Morgan motion passed. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season option posted on website.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Duck Season [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion by Committee members on Duck season, including Taylor Finger, Migratory Game Bird Ecologist based on Science and data provided by Department. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season options posted on Website	
ACTION	Motion to keep similar by Al Shook, second by Tim Morgan motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Black Duck Bag Limit [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion by Committee members on Black Duck bag limit with Taylor Finger. Refer to WDNR 2019 season options posted on Website for further information.	
ACTION	Motion to increase Black Duck bag limit from 1 to 2 ducks by Tim Morgan second by Guy Mcfarren motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Youth Hunt [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed data provided by Taylor Finger DNR Bird Ecologist. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season Options posted on WDNR website	
ACTION	Motion to keep same Sept. 14th - 15th by Ray Heidel, second by Al Shook motion passed	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

G. North Zone Opener [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Using data provided by Taylor Finger committee discussed provided data and concerns/non concerns prior to taking action. For data used refer to WDNR 2019 Season Options posted on WDNR website.	
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ACTION	Motion to Start North same as South zone by Guy Mcfarren, second by Jim Engebretson motion failed. Motion to open Sept. 28 by Al Shook, second by Austin Ragotzkie motion passed. Motion for no split for North by Jim Engebretson, second by Tim Morgan motion passed.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

H. South Zone Opener [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Using data provided by Taylor Finger committee discussed provided data and concerns/non concerns prior to taking action. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season Options posted on WDNR website.
ACTION	Motion to start South Zone Oct.5,2019 by Austin Ragotzkie, second by Bill Lorenz motion passed
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

I. South Zone Split [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed pros/cons on South spit. Taylor Finger answered questions by Committee. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season Option posted on WDNR website.
ACTION	Motion to have split in South Zone by Al Shook, second by Paul Gettelman motion passes. Motion for 5 day split in South Zone by Al Shook, second by Paul Gettelman motion passes.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

J. Miss. River Zone Opener [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed the concerns/desires of area residents presented by Ray Heidel of Lacrosse County. Taylor Finger presented Department's position on this matter. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season Option as posted on WDNR website
ACTION	Motion to have Miss. Zone Opener on Sept. 28th. by Ray Heidel, second by Ron Church motion passes.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

K. Miss. River Zone Split [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed the topic to have or not a Split for River Zone. Q&A with Taylor Finger by Committee.
ACTION	Motion for a Miss. River Zone split by Ray Heidel, second by Ron Church motion passes. Motion for a 12 day Split by Ray Heidel, second by Al Schula motion passes.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

L. Goose Season [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discussion by committee on the 2019 Goose season including Early, Regular, North Zone, South Zone and Miss. River Zone. Taylor Finger gave the Department position. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season Options posted on WDNR website
ACTION	Motion to keep similar Early Goose Season and leaving option for Snow geese by Al Shook, second by David Lapine motion passes. A motion to keep similar the Regular Goose Season by Al Shook, second by Paul Gettelman motion passes. A motion for North Zone Regular Goose season run from Sept.16 to Dec.16 (92 days) by Al Shook, second by Paul Gettelman. Motion passes. Motion for South Zone Regular Goose season. with a Sept,16 start and to include a split during Duck season and a second split to allow for a Holiday hunt by Al Shook, second by Ron Church. Motion passes. A motion for Miss. River Zone Regular Goose season to open with start of Duck season with a split during Duck season by Al Shook, second by Jim Engebretson. Motion passes.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

M. Other Migratory Bird Seasons

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discussion of these seasons was done by committee with Q/A with Taylor Finger	
ACTION	Motion to accept Department's other Migratory Bird Seasons & daily bag limits (Coot, Moorhen, Rails and Snipe) by Al Shook second by Guy McFarren motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

N. Waterfowl Officer of the year

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed possible candidates for Officer of the Year	
ACTION	Motion to recommend John Below(Federal)as Officer of the Year by Rick Knutson second by Alan Schula motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	A Sandhill Crane Season update was given this needs Legislation action. 860 Birds were taken for Agriculture damage. Paul Gettelman talked about an Over 65 Hunt and would like it to be considered in the future. Al Shook announced that after 25 yrs. of service with the WCC, many of them in leadership roles, will not be seeking re-election. the Committee thank Al for his dedicated service to the WCC.
ACTION	none

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	1:40PM.
SUBMITTED BY	Steve Kenesie
DATE	03/02/2019