2020 Spring Hearing Citizen Resolution Submittal FAQ

In light of COVID-19, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are closely following guidelines from the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization (WHO).

As such, the in-person portion of the 72 public meetings known as the Spring Hearings that were to be held in each county on April 13 are canceled. The public will continue to have the opportunity to provide input on the natural resources advisory questions from the DNR, Natural Resources Board (NRB), and WCC through the online input option. In addition, the WCC will be accepting resolutions submitted by citizens.

- **How do I submit my resolution?**
  Resolutions can be emailed to SpringHearingInfo@Wisconsin.gov or typed hardcopies can be mailed to: Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Conservation Congress Liaison, P.O. Box 7921 WCC/4, Madison WI 53707-7921. All citizen resolutions must be received by close of business on April 6.

- **What are the criteria for a resolution to be accepted?**
  1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
  2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
  3. The resolution must have a clear title.
  4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
  5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
  6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.
  7. The resolutions must be typed.
  8. Resolutions must be 250 words or less and there will be no attachments or additional sheets accepted for the same resolution.
  9. The author’s name, mailing address, county, telephone number are required to be at the bottom of the resolution. Email address is helpful, but not required. For 2020, a signature will not be required.
  10. An individual may introduce no more than two resolutions.

- **How will the online input work for citizen resolutions?**
  Resolutions that meet the criteria and are submitted by the deadline will be added to the online input survey and will correlate with the county that the author is from. Individuals who participate in the online input survey and indicate they would like to provide input on the resolutions from their county will be able to see the resolutions provided.

- **Can the same resolution be submitted in multiple counties?**
  As would be the case if the Spring Hearings were being held in person, similar or identical resolutions can be submitted for multiple counties if there is an identified author for the resolution in each county. Only someone residing in the specific county can author a resolution in that county for 2020.