

RESOLUTION: 250120

**Change the opening time for muskrat season on DNR public lands to 6:00 a.m.**

**WHEREAS**, it is advisable the current muskrat season starts at 12:00 midnight on the opening day in Wisconsin. Many trappers start at midnight to get their best spot on public lands for muskrats. Trappers that want to start at daybreak are forced to start earlier or lose the best spot for muskrats on public lands, which are usually areas that are close to the road and with easy access. First year trappers that are just starting out, find these easy access spots already set out. The muskrat trappers that start at midnight, who have had little or no sleep, endanger themselves and others by trying to drive vehicles on our highways. Having a 6:00 a.m. start to the Wisconsin muskrat season on DNR public lands, would give all trappers an equal opportunity and would make the sport much safer for all.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in County on April 13, 2020, work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and Natural Resource Board (NRB) to change the muskrat season opening time on DNR public lands to 6:00 a.m. on opening day.

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