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Wisconsin Conservation Congress 76th Annual Convention
Minutes
Lake Geneva, WI
5-07-08, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chr. Ed Harvey at 9:00 A.M. Roll call of the counties was taken by the Secretary, with 69 counties present with 3 being absent (Ashland, Burnett, and Eau Claire). We then adopted the rules of order which are to be followed during this meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. America the Beautiful was then sung by the delegation led by Carol Edelblute and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The mayor of Lake Geneva spoke to the delegation.

DNR Sec. Matt Frank addressed the delegation. Many of the topics he spoke of at the Ex. Council were presented.

Comments/Questions to Sec. Frank

Bayfield Co.- Deer populations are suffering in the North west part of the state and it is hurting business’s financially. We need to bring deer populations to previous levels.
Bayfield Co.- VHS is in the Fox Rive and in Southern Michigan waters also around the Apostle Islands . in Lake Superior. Are going to see as much effort to prevent the spread of VHS in northern Wisconsin as we did in southern Wisconsin
Sec. Frank- Yes We will put a lot of effort into stopping the spread of VHS in northern Wisconsin, at this point in time fish mortality does’ seem to be as extensive.
Vilas Co.- Asian carp can we control the spread of this invasive species?
Sec. Frank- We are going to try and stop the spread of Asian carp with all the resources we have available to us, but we are not sure we can totally stop the spread of them.
Waukesha- We need to take care of our natural resources it is the economic base for this state.
Sec. Frank- There was a16% raise in fishing licenses this year.
Sauk- There are walk in hunting opportunities in some western states. Do you think that would be possible here in Wisconsin?
Sec. Frank- There are some provisions in the Farm Bill which might provide incentives for private land owners to open up their lands to the hunting public.

Gloria McCutcheon, DNR S.E. Regional Director gave a presentation on attractions and accomplishments in the SE region.

Johnathan Ela, NRB chairman spoke to the delegation about his position and what 2 of his main concerns were in dealing with our natural resources and the future. Youth- We need to preserve a deep rooted tradition of hunting and preserving our natural resources for future generations. Funding- funding for our natural resources is broken we need to
Chairman Edgar Harvey gave his annual review of the WCC to the delegates.

The positions of 2 gubernatorial candidates were presented to congress delegates (Kathleen Falk represented Tom Barnett and Scott Walker spoke).

Election of the 2010-2011 Executive council was held.

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Election of the Ex. Committee followed the election of the Ex.council.
Chairman- Edgar Harvey
Vice Chairman- Robert Bohmann
Secretary- Richard Kirchmeyer

Break for lunch

Dick Koerner Chairman of the Migratory committee presented the annual Migratory committee award to a warden who has shown outstanding leadership in dealing with migratory bird issues.

Richard Kirchmeyer Chairman of the Bear committee and the LTH Bear Committee gave awards to 4 very deserving congress delegates who gave unselfishly to the youth of our state by mentoring 3 youths on bear hunts in 2009. Mark Loka, Lee Wiesner, Dave Mabie, and Gary Mabie were the 4 individuals that were recognized and given these awards. Also 2 awards were given to 2 individuals that donated harvest permits to youths. They were Doug Franks a past delegate of the WCC and John Griedl.

Chief Warden Randy Starks with the help of Deputy Warden Ben Motts gave a presentation on recruitment and retention of our youth in the outdoor sports.

Tom Hauge Report of DNR spring hearing questions results
Question #1 Allow the use of atlatls for small game hunting DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB (legislation passed which takes out of DNR hands) Motion by Lincoln Co. 2nd by Rusk Co. to support WCC APPROVED

Question #2 Increase the penalty for violation animal damage abatement program requirements. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Clark Co. 2nd Columbia Co. to support WCC APPROVED

Question #3 Allow the use of colony traps for Muskrats DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion made by Waukesha 2nd Grant to support WCC APPROVED

Question #4 Establish a single, consistent raccoon season opener for resident & non-residents. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion by Dunn Co. 2nd by Door Co. to support WCC APPROVED

Question #5 Allow participation in the youth deer hunting season by 16-17 year olds DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Columbia Co. 2nd by Vilas Co. to support MOTION FAILED

Question #6 Allow participation in the youth turkey hunt by 16-17 year olds DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion by LaCrosse Co. 2nd by Bayfield Co. to support. Paddle vote called for. 28 YES 34 NO MOTION FAILED

Question #7 Clarify the definition of "novice Participant" for learn to hunt programs DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion by Dunn Co. 2nd by LaCrosse Co. to support WCC APPROVED

Question #8 Allow the use of scopes on muzzle loading firearms. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion made by Iowa Co. 2nd by Sauk Co. to support WCC APPROVED

Question #9 VOID

Question #10 Transportation of deer carcasses from the CWD zone & deer & elk from other states. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion made by Iron Co. 2nd by Waukesha Co. to support. Paddle vote called for 44 YES 19 NO WCC APPROVED

Question #11 Junior firearm deer hunting licenses include an antlerless deer carcass tag. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion made by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Clark Co. to support. Forest Co. doesn’t like that tags are good for all units’ state wide especially when others are giving up the chance to shoot antlerless deer.
Bayfield Co.- questioned how many youth’s were in this age group, very few deer in our area.
Lincoln Co.- Everyone is not going to travel north to harvest a deer especially in areas of inadequate deer populations. WCC APPROVED
Question #12 Allow dividing deer, bear, & elk into 5 parts prior to registration. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Washburn Co. 2nd by Racine Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #13 Establish single, consistent opening date for fox hunting/trapping & coyote trapping DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Columbia Co. 2nd by Marquette Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #14 Allow fire arm deer hunting in Nelson Dewey State Park, Grant Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Door Co. 2nd by Waukesha Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #15 Establish turkey hunting seasons & zones at Hartmann Creek St. Park in Waupaca Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Green Lake to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #16 Allow muzzle loader deer hunting in Big Bay St. Park in Bayfield Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Sawyer Co. 2nd by Kenosha Co, to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #17 Allow deer hunting on newly acquired lands at Buck Horn St Park in Juneau Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Juneau Co. 2nd by Sauk Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #18 Eliminate the 2:00 p.m. pheasant hunting closure at Scuppermong River Waukesha Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Milwaukee Co. 2nd by Sauk Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #19 Establish turkey hunting & a zone at Straight Lake St. park in Polk Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Polk Co. 2nd St. Croix Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #20 Eliminate the Rock Prairie Canada Goose management subzone in Burnett Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Price Co. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #21 Eliminate the Burnett Co. Canada Goose management subzone in Burnett Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Polk Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #22 Establish spring turkey hunting at Glacial Heritage State Park Jefferson Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Jefferson Co. 2nd by Bayfield Co. to support. WCC APPROVED
Question #23 Establish deer hunting seasons at Glacial Heritage State Park in Jefferson Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Jefferson Co. 2nd by Taylor Co. to support WCC APPROVED

DNR Spring Hearing Fisheries Questions Mike Staggs

Question #24 Motor trolling in Ashland Co. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Forest Co. 2nd by Langlade Co. to support. MOTION FAILED.

Question #25 Motor trolling in Iron Co. W/ some exceptions. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Marquette Co. 2nd by Iron Co. to support. Paddle vote called for. 38 YES 24 NO WCC APPROVED

Question #26 Motor trolling in Price Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion was made by Waukesha Co. 2nd by Price Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #27 Motor trolling in Sawyer Co. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Sawyer Co. 2nd by Langlade Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #28 St. Croix River catch and release sturgeon season. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Bayfield co. 2nd by La Crosse to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #29 Chippewa Flowage ice fishing & pan fish regulations-game fish DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Sawyer Co. 2nd made by LaCrosse Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #30 Chippewa Flowage ice fishing and pan fish regulations- pan fish. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB WITH MODIFICATION. (proposed 10 daily bag limit being changed to 25 daily bag limit for crappie) Trempealeau Co. How and when was this change made? Staggs- Conferred with Sawyer co. delegates and other interested parties in what they would support besides the fact that they had another resolution to accomplish changing the daily bag limit already written with support behind it locally.
Sawyer Co. – Remember counties can change their vote if new and better facts are presented at the annual meeting. Sawyer co people thought that other s would support a 25 daily bag limit more than a 10 daily bag limit. WCC APPROVED.

Question #31 Bass harvest reg. in WI.-MI. boundary waters. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Monroe Co. to support WCC APPROVED

Question #32 Walleye and Bass reg. Bear Lake, Barron Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Door Co. 2nd by Waukesha Co. to support.
Waukesha Co. - Bass are not eating all the walleye.
Vilas Co. – Will the DNR guarantee sportsman a 3 daily bag limit even after spearing by Native Americans.
Fond du Lac Co. - Have the Native Americans been notified of this proposal and do they agree to new size limits?
Bayfield Co. - Large mouth Bass prey on Walleye more than Small Mouth Bass do.
Sauk Co. - Disagrees with proposal Why should some tell others what they can keep or not keep.
Staggs- If we put the size limit at 28” we pretty much would protect all spawners.
Waukesha – Walleye start spawning at 13-16 “, if they are already caught how can you prove anything? Paddle vote called for. 42 YES 12 NO WCC APPROVED.

Question #33 Walleye & Bass reg. Horseshoe Lake, Barron Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB Motion made by La Crosse Co. 2nd by Green Lake Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #34 Walleye & Bass reg. Lower Turtle Lake Barron Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Forest Co. 2nd by Waukesha Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #35 Walleye & Bass reg. Upper Turtle Lake, Barron Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Racine Co. 2nd by Kenosha Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #36 Walleye & Bass reg. Lake Owen, Bayfield Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #37 Walleye & Bass reg. Big MacKenzie Lake, Burnett Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Ozaukee Co. 2nd by Douglas Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #38 Walleye 7 Bass reg. Big Butternut Lake, Polk Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Price Co. 2nd By La Crosse Co. to support. WCC APPROVED

Question #39 Walleye & Bass reg. Half moon Lake, Polk Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Milwaukee Co. 2nd by Adams Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #40 Walleye & Bass reg. Pipe Lake, Polk Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Polk Co 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #41 Walleye & Bass reg. Ward Lake, Polk Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Racine Co. 2nd by Polk Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #42 Walleye & Bass reg. Island Chain, Rusk Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Rusk Co. 2nd by Polk Co. to support.
Rusk Co. – Complained that the DNR always wants to raise size limits WCC APPROVED.
Question #43 Walleye & Bass reg. Chippewa Flowage, Sawyer Co. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Crawford Co. 2nd by Sawyer Co. to support. Changed Motion to Table by Crawford Co. 2nd by Sawyer Co. WCC SUPPORTED MOTION TO TABLE.

Question #44 Walleye & Bass reg. Nelson Lake, Sawyer Co. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Sawyer Co. to ADVANCE TO NRB 2nd by Ozaukee Co. WCC APPROVED MOTION TO ADVANCE TO NRB.

Question #45 Walleye & Bass reg. Sissabagama Lake, Sawyer Co. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Door Co. 2nd by Sawyer Co. TO ADVANCE TO NRB. WCC APPROVED MOTION TO ADVANCE TO NRB.

Question #46 Walleye & Bass reg. White Fish Lake, Sawyer Co. DNR NOT ADVANCING TO NRB. Bayfield Co. made a motion 2nd by Sawyer Co. to ADVANCE TO NRB. WCC APPROVED MOTION TO ADVANCE TO NRB.

Question #47 Walleye & Bass reg. Middle McKenzie Lake, Washburn Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Washburn Co. 2nd by Douglas Co to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #48 Walleye & Bass reg. Long Lake, Washburn Co DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Washburn Co. 2nd by LaCrosse Co. to support. WCC APPROVED.

Question #49 Walleye & Bass reg. Nancy Lake, Washburn Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Washburn Co. 2nd by Marquette Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #50 Lake Mentonga, DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by LaCrosse Co. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #51 Seven mile Lake walleye reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by LaCrosse Co. 2nd by Kenosha Co. to support. MOTION TO ADVANCE TO NRB FAILED

Question #52 Wolf River trout reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Langlade 2nd by Trempealeau to support. Outagamie-thought that this area was a warm water fishery area, doesn’t want artificial lures only. Fond du Lac- 40 miles of artificial only fishing, a class 5 trout stream, pretty much a put and take stream, 95% mortality. Staggs-DNR doesn’t stock 12” trout usually they are 8-9”, this would allow you to harvest some fish. MOTION TO ADVANCE TO NRB FAILED

Question #53 Eliminate fish refuge in Iron Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Waukesha CO. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.
Question #54 Oconto river night fishing prohibition. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by LaCrosse Co. 2nd by Ozaukee Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question # 55 Three Lakes Chain walleye reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion made by Milwaukee Co. 2nd by Adams Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #56 Eliminate fish refuges Sawyer Co. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Adams Co. 2nd by Monroe Co. to support. Sawyer Co. doesn’t support 2 of the refuges. Staggs- Biologist’s don’t support leaving these refuges in place, LE has more enforcement problems with refuges, will illegal harvest offset the legal harvests? WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #57 Little St. Germain Lake musky reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Vilas Co. 2nd by Oneida Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #58 Big Muskego Lake pike reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Milwaukee Co. 2nd by LaCrosse Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #59 Waupaca River trout reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by Milwaukee Co. 2nd by LaCrosse Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Question #60 Marion Pond bass & pike reg. DNR ADVANCING TO NRB. Motion by LaCrosse Co. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to support. WCC SUPPORTED.

Keith Warnke DNR Wildlife

2 Main study projects
1) Buck recovery and dispersal
2) Doe /fawn mortality/death rate
Would like to radio collar and ear tag deer for study which means live capture of deer. Have a web site to see what studies are going to be done and you can check on progress of the studies as data is available.
Need a lot of private landowner cooperation, permission from, and help to make this study a success.
Will need many volunteers to help set traps, check traps, find collared does who just had fawns so they can be a part of the study.
Contact and assistance for the WCC will be through the Deer 2000 and beyond ad hoc committee.

Questions/Comments

Lincoln Co.- What happens if after the research is done and the DNR still thinks there are more deer that the hunters think or if by chance there are actually more deer than the public thinks.
Warnke- That’s a chance the DNR is going to take and the people supporting the study have to take.
Sauk Co.- What is the estimate used by the DNR to figure out how many deer are gone from the population for every doe that is shot?
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Iowa Co.- Don’t you have a specialist to help with this study?
Warnke Chris Jaques
Washington Co.- Why are the study areas set up where they are and not in the NE where there are very low deer numbers?
Warnke- These 2 areas have the best representations of deer habit and topography for deer, with the 2 main separate kinds of deer habitats with in the state (northern forest-central farm land) we wanted to get the best possible data and representation from each area as we can.
Chr. Harvey- The WCC supports and hopes that it’s delegates volunteer to help with the study because we need to be not only a leader in this study, but a very strong supporter, and participant.

Vice Chr. Rob Bohmann Results of the WCC spring hearing questions.

Question #61 Lead reduction in fishing tackle. Motion by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Douglas Co. to forward to DNR.
Barron Co.- Important question, we need clean air and water for every thing to stay healthy. We are not hoping or trying to do away with the use of lead all at once, we hope to phase its use out slowly.
Dane Co.- Lead is unhealthy for humans, eagles, and loons.
Douglas Co.- Air Waste and Water Committee of the WCC worked hard and did a lot of research to get this question on the spring hearing questionnaire.
Vilas Co.- This problem has been around for many years, and if you remember the WCC didn’t at first doing away with the use of lead shot for migratory game bird hunting.
Sawyer Co.- We need to support this question to protect our natural resources.
Price Co. Are there going to be size limits on what baits will still be allowed to contain lead?
Chr. Harvey- Lead is toxic no matter what a certain study says it is or not. We need to stop putting toxins into out environment.
Waukesha Co. Don’t vote yes because next they will outlaw the use of lead shot for trap shooting. MOTION PASSED.

Question #62 Create a free weekend to train hounds on bear with out a Class B bear lisc. Motion by Waukesha Co. 2nd by Door Co. to reject. MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED.

Question #63 Training of hounds during the bear harvest season. Motion by Racine Co. 2nd by Dodge Co. to reject. MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED.

Question #64 Raising the age requirement for Class B permits. Motion by Racine Co. 2nd by LaCrosse Co. to advance to the DNR. MOTION CARRIED.
Question #65 Back up shooter for bear hunting. Motion by Monroe Co. 2nd by Columbia Co. to reject. MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED.

Question #66 Elimination of Class B bear lisc. back tag. Motion by Milwaukee Co. 2nd by Columbia Co. to reject. MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED.

Question #67 Captive cervid farm owners to reimburse DNR for expenses. Motion by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Shawano Co. to forward to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #68 Allow group bow hunting for antlerless deer in CWD zone. Motion by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Sauk Co. to forward to DNR. Iowa Co. - This would only affect the CWD zone, came from the CWD committee, could help do away with EAB, and we need less regulations to confuse hunters. Sauk Co. Not all DMU’s in CWD zone will be EAB units, youth now may have to pass up a buck. Columbia Co. Some wardens in CWD zone have concerns about this question. Paddle vote called for. 44 YES 23 NO MOTION CARRIED.

Question #69 Increase statewide OWG by 25% Motion made by Racine Co. 2nd by Fond du Lac Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #70 No change to deer management units. Motion by Sawyer Co 2nd by Polk Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #71 Concept to support antler conception. Motion by Columbia Co. 2nd by Marquette Co. to Reject. Jackson Co. We need to leave young hunters out of such of a proposal. MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED.

Question #72 Legalize rifles for deer hunting in Waupaca Co. Motion by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #73 Require secondary gates on cervid farms. Motion by Iron Co. 2nd by Forest Co. to forward to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #74 ID on ice fishing shelters using DNR customer numbers. Motion by Iron Co. 2nd by Polk Co. to forward to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #75 Legalize pistol rounds for deer hunting in shot gun only zones. Motion by Walworth Co. 2nd by Clark Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #76 Allow the hunting of predators over bait. Motion by Columbia Co. 2nd by Pepin Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #77 Closing the spring beaver season. Motion by Dodge Co. 2nd by Racine Co. to advance to DNR.
Oconto Co. Knows question passed state wide, WTA did not support this proposal, and if trappers have to quit trapping early APHIS trappers will just trap them after the trapper is done for the season.
Dodge Co. We need to look at a new beaver management plan. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #78 Preseason marking of trap sites. Motion by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Milwaukee Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #79 Application for fisher /otter harvest permits. Motion by Grant Co. 2nd by Monroe Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #80 Funds for Great Lakes fisheries. Motion by Door Co. 2nd by Kewaunee Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #81 GPR funds to fund commercial fishing industry. Motion by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Forest Co. to forward to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #82 Appointment of the DNR sec. Motion by Wood Co. 2nd by Fond du Lac Co. to advance to DNR. A roll call vote was taken and the question passed unanimously with all the counties that were present. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #83 Allow sports lisc. to be issued for gun or bow deer hunting. Motion by Walworth Co. 2nd by Marquette Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #84 Legalize 8 gauge shotguns with 10 gauge chamber inserts foe waterfowl hunting. Motion by Walworth co. 2nd by Columbia Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #85 Allow harvest and use of bait on Mississippi River & tributaries. Motion by Buffalo Co. 2nd by Pepin Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #86 Lower cross eligibility to age 55. Motion by Ozaukee Co. 2nd by Sheboygan Co. to advance to DNR.

Jackson Co. Archery is a special sport, does not support lowering of the age.
Marquette Co. We have a rich outdoor heritage with the archery season we have, 26% of hunters bought archery lisc.
Sheboygan Co. Retention of hunters is getting harder, also age of hunter is increasing.
Rusk Co. If bow hunters are now worried about a classic hunt being invaded what about when compound bows were introduced.
Clark Co. Don’t see any problem with crossbows.
Kenosha CO. Would be in favor of using cross bows for turkey hunting.
MOTION CARRIED

Question #87 Extension of inland trout season. Motion by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Monroe Co. to advance to DNR.
Waukesha Co. Don’t want to harvest mature spawning trout when they are most vulnerable. MOTION TO ADVANCE TO DNR FAILED.

Question # 88 Opening of Wisconsin inland trout season. Motion by Bayfield Co. 2nd by Sauk Co. NOT to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED NOT OT ADVANCE TO DNR.

Question #89 Moving Sawyer Co. into Southern bass management zone. Motion by Sawyer Co 2nd by Clark Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question # 90 Managing small mouth/large mouth bass as separate species in Sawyer Co. Motion by Sawyer Co. 2nd by Washburn Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #91 Over harvest of walleye on Silver Lake. Motion by Kenosha Co. 2nd by Clark Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question # 92 Managing panfish as separate species. Motion by LaCrosse Co. 2nd by Bayfield Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #93 Removal of trophy muskie designation for Pelican Lake, Oneida Co. Motion by Oneida Co. 2nd by Racine Co. to TABLE. MOTION TO TABLE FAILED. Door co. Made a motion to reject 2nd by Oconto Co. Oneida Co.- To much false information being presented to the public. Washington Co.- Lakes Assoc. supported, the biggest problem is that the lake is in the ceded territory and the Native Americans spear the lake heavily and don’t have any size restrictions. MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED.

Question #94 50” minimum size limit for muskies on White Fish Lake, Sawyer Co. Motion by Sawyer Co. 2nd by Washburn Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #95 Lower bag limit on crappie north of HWY 8. Motion by Racine Co. 2nd by Iron Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #96 Musky size limit on Redstone Lake, Sauk Co. Motion by Sauk Co. 2nd by Iowa Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Question #97 Patten Lake walleye reg. Florence Co. Motion made by Kenosha Co. 2nd by La Crosse Co. to advance to DNR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting of the 76th annual Wisconsin Conservation Congress reconvened at 8:30 A.M. on May 08, 2010 in Lake Geneva and called to order by Chr. Edgar Harvey.

Roll call of the counties was taken by the WCC secretary which showed we had an sufficient number of counties present to conduct a meeting.
Tony Blattler, Chr. of the Rules And Resolutions committee gave a report on the Committee’s actions on resolutions that were presented at the spring hearings. There were 208 resolutions turned in, with many duplicates, 141 passed at the county level, 47 failed, 101 were assigned to committees, and 1 withdrawn. A motion was made by Portage 2nd by Dodge to approve the committees report with an amendment. The amendment being to have Resolution # 04-03-10 go from the Air, Waste, And Water committee to the legislative committee.

LaCrosse Co- Thinks we are jumping the gun by by-passing the air, waste, and water committee when the legislators are not even in session any more so there is no rush on this resolution. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED.

Price Co. made a motion to amend the report by asking that resolution # 66-06-10 be sent to the Bear committee instead of the Big Game committee. 2nd by Ozaukee Co. AMENDMENT PASSED.

Winnebago Co. questioned why resolution # 52-02-10 was sent to Endangered Resources and Law Enforcement. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Marathon Co asked about resolution # 37-01-10. He wanted to know how many times we will have to deal with this resolution and at what point in time is a committee going to address the problem and put the question on the spring hearing.

Price responded and stated that the author has a trespassing issue which is a sheriff’s department problem. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE REPORT WITH THE AMENDED MOTION (regarding 66-06-10) WAS APPROVED.

County Issues

Crawford Co. made a motion that the Corps of Engineers, Fish & Wildlife Services, Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress request that lock and dam #3 project install a fish ladder. 2nd was made by Clark Co. MOTION FAILED.

Waukesha Co. made a motion that the WCC advise the DNR to put some protection on Rock Bass in Northern Wis. 2nd to the motion was made by Racine Co. MOTION FAILED

Clark Co. – Questioned if county delegates can hold their own meeting within their own county. YES

Taylor Co. Motioned that the WCC support the DNR research project and use the WCC logo. 2nd to the motion was made by Onieda Co. MOTION APPROVED.

Vilas Co. thinks delegates should give a report to the public on the goings on of the WCC at the spring hearings.

Vilas Co. made a motion that the WCC make up a set of guidelines to state reasons why a resolution was rejected by a committee which would be given to the author instead of just a statement that the resolution was rejected of failed in committee. 2nd to the motion
was made by Oconto Co. A paddle vote was called for. 19 YES 32 NO MOTION FAILED.

Chippewa Co. made a motion on wolves as follows;

Where as, the Fish & wildlife services 1992 Recovery Plan for the Eastern Timber wolf provided for a population of 200 wolves in Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan as a viable regional population goal, and

Where as, this goal was obtained in 1994 and by 2009 had a population that had grown to over 1200 wolves, and

Where as, in 1999, the Wisconsin DNR developed a state wolf management plan which set a state delisting goal of 250 wolves in the winter outside of the Indian reservation, and a long term management goal of 350 wolves in the winter outside of the Indian reservation, and

Where as, the state of Wisconsin has already proven and demonstrated that it has the capability to fully protect the recovered wolf population within its boundaries, and

Where as, the wolf had been successfully removed in Wisconsin from the Federal Endangered Species Act by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services on 3 separate occasions, only to have failed due to the court decisions, despite the fact that the Midwestern population of wolves is fully recovered, and

Where as, there continues to be serious problems with the depredation of livestock, hunting dogs, and other domesticated animals by wolves in the state of Wisconsin contributing to substantial financial losses and erosion of attitudes toward wolves and wolf conservation among Wisconsin citizens and financial loss to both the state and Federal Government, and

Where as, the continued effort to successfully delist the fully recovered wolf from the Federal Endangered Species list in the Upper Great Lake States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan has under mined the creditability of the Endangered Species Act.

Now, there fore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress hereby assembled at its’ 76th annual convention held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on May 7th & 8th, 2010 support the State of Wisconsin/Department of Natural Resources in its decision dated April 27th, 2010, petitioning the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services to delist the Eastern Gray Wolf in the State Of Wisconsin and join in the march 15th, 2010 petition of the State of Minnesota to delist the Eastern Timber wolf from the list of Endangered or Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the U.S Fish & Wildlife Services, The Wisconsin Congressional
delegation, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Legislators, the Natural Resources Board of the State of Wisconsin, and the Secretaries of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Agricultural.

A 2nd to the motion was made by Dane Co. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LaCrosse Co. cautioned about the new proposed new federal refuge in S.E Wisconsin, this may or may not be a blessing in disguise, we may loose hunting and trapping opportunities because of it

Portage Co. made a motion to close the locks on the Chicago River to ships to stop the spread of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes. 2nd by Door Co. MOTION CARRIED.

Buffalo Co. made a motion to enact a new way of voting at the spring hearings. 2nd was made by Vilas Co.
Dodge Co- We do need that discussion at the spring hearings
MOTION FAILED

Chr. Harvey said he is going to activate the Outreach Committee and he will ask them to look at the problem.

Fond du Lac Co. questioned if a person from one county go to another county and nominate a person to be on the WCC as a delegate.

Chr. Harvey; YES

Motion by Dodge Co. 2nd by Door Co. to adjourn at 10:10 A.M.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted By;
Richard Kirchmeyer WCC Sec.