## Wisconsin Conservation Congress
### Warm Water Advisory Committee
#### Meeting Minutes

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

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### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

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<th>Meeting Called To Order By</th>
<th>Joe Weiss at 9:00AM</th>
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#### B. ROLL CALL

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<td>Brett Weir, Michael Gould, Tim Simonson DNR</td>
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<td>Nick Schertz, Elmer Miller, Mark Saemisch, Jeff Paske,</td>
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<td>GUESTS</td>
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<td>Joe Hill, John Imm, Jon Hansen DNR, Kate Strom Hiorns DNR, Byron Goetsch DNR</td>
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#### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

| Discussion                                                                 |
| Joe Weiss will read resolutions of guests attending first                  |
| ACTION                                                                     |
| Motion to accept by Wally Trudeau, Bob Bohardt second                      |

#### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

| Discussion                                                                 |
| Joe Weiss read congress position                                           |
| ACTION                                                                     |
| Motion to accept by Jerry Merrifield, Wally Trudeau second                 |

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Discussion**

Jon Hansen, DNR fisheries biologist, presented panfish 10 year plan to improve the size and numbers. Panfish will be evaluated in 95 lakes that have been on the decline in size. Three plan options for these designated lakes will be reevaluated after 6 years.

**Action**

Kate Strom Hiorns, DNR fisheries biologist, stated that 705,875 walleye fingerlings were stocked in 147 lakes. Another area is protecting stream bank easements. The DNR is adding 10 more miles of protected stream bank easements.

**Action**

The DNR Action Plan website is: WAP10YEAR

**Discussion**

Andrew Rypel PhD, Research Fishery Ecologist, is reviewing past stocking results. He is looking at improving the habitat in our waterways. He wants to classify lakes to manage them better.

**Action**

Set up a lake classification system

**Discussion**

DNR Warden Bryon Goetsch discussed adding 10 new wardens but need 20 more. He discussed various violations with not having a license a number 1 followed by no life jackets.

**Action**

Follow the law
## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. 030214 INCREASE MUSKY SIZE TO 50” ON L WISSOTA AND L HOLCOMBE  
**JOE HIEL, JOHN IMM**

| DISCUSSION | None of the presenters were from Chippewa county where it failed to pass. No biological facts to support this |
| ACTION | Motion to reject by Rich Olson, Harry Bowery second |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | Failed |
| DEADLINE | |

### B. 710414 NO TRASFER OF LIVE FISH FROM ONE BODY TO ANOTHER

**JOEL TAYLOR**

| DISCUSSION | Also includes 220114 concerns of not only VHS nut other aquatic invasive species along with carp minnows. The importance of this high on DNR list. Regulations will be reviewed in 2015 |
| ACTION | Motion to Advance by Darrell Bratton, Greg Wells second |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | VOTE WAS 11 TO 7 TO ADVANCE |
| DEADLINE | |

### C. 300314 REMOVAL OF ICE SHELTERS BASED ON ICE CONDITIONS NOT A DATE

**BRIAN GATES**

| DISCUSSION | Law enforcement likes current system because it is clear, simple, and enforceable. This works best to protect personal safety, fishing opportunity, and waterways. |
| ACTION | Motion to reject by Larry Damman, Jerry Merrifield, second |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | FAILED |
| DEADLINE | |

### D. 050114 Reinstate Dark House Speaking on Wisconsin/Michigan Boundary

**Stash Gruszynski**

| DISCUSSION | Allowed in 9 surrounding states |
| ACTION | Motion to Advance by Larry Damman, second by John Aschenbrenner |
| PERSON Responsible | ADVANCE |

### E. 620214. No size limit for bass on Osseo Rod & Gun Club

**Candy Amundson**

| DISCUSSION | |
| ACTION | Motion to Advance by Rick Olson, second by Larry Damman |
| PERSON Responsible | ADVANCE |

### F. 640514. Trolling while positioning when fishing with live bait.

**Bill Jacobs**

| DISCUSSION | Bill is on Governor’s desk with a 3 year sunset clause |
| ACTION | Motion to Advance by Steve Budnic, second by Greg Wells |
| PERSON Responsible | ADVANCE |

### G. 590214 Wolf River system spring hook and line Sturgeon fishing season.

**Gerald Kruger**

| DISCUSSION | This would eliminate the quota already established. Law enforcement would have logistical problems with staffing during a very busy time of the year |
| ACTION | Motion to reject by Mike Arrowood, second by Tom Schwefel |
| PERSON Responsible | REJECTED |
H. 720214. No Walleye Stocking in ceded territory
Jim Winkler
Discussion ceded areas economically
Action. Motion to Reject by Rick Olson, second by Wally Trudeau
Person Responsible REJECT

I. 080114. One Line Trolling
John Mason
Discussion
Action Motion to accept by Rick Olson, second by Wally Trudeau
Person Responsible ACCEPT

J. 340214. Change Smallmouth size to 9"and increase bag limit to 8
Herbert Buettner
Discussion DNR has no data to support this change to benefit the trout population
Action Motion to Reject by John Nelson, second by Tom Schwefel
Person Responsible REJECT

K. 650114 Close smallmouth bass season on L Beulah when fish are planted
H. Kurtz
Discussion Even though the smallmouth are small, there is no scientific data that closing
the season would later the circumstances
Action Motion to Reject by Harry Bowery, second by John Olson
Person Responsible REJECT

L. 210214. Unattended fishing Lines
J.R. Holmes
Discussion MN has defined distance parameters to define unattended fishing Lines. This can
make enforcement easier.
Action Motion to Advance by Greg Wells, second by Jerry Merryfield
Person Responsible ADVANCE

M. 190114. Eliminate Largemouth bass size limit on Cosgrove Lake
Patrick Doperalski
Discussion DNR confirms very slow growth of largemouth bass
Action Motion to Advance by John Aschenbrenner, second by Rick Olson
Person Responsible ADVANCE

N. 030114. Change Walleye regulations on Silver Lake, Barron county
Brett Moravitz
Discussion DNR does not have a biological data to support this
Action Motion to Reject by Larry Damman, second by Wally Trudeau
Person Responsible REJECT

O. 220114. Harvest of bait minnows on VHS affected waters
Mike Widner
Discussion Need more clarification on handling of minnows in same water systems
Action Motion to Advance by Rick Olson, second by Harry Bowey
Person Responsible ADVANCE
Introduce lake Sturgeon to Eagle R & Three lakes chain.

According to DNR, there is very little reproduction potential versus costs

Motion to Reject by Larry Damman, second by Bob Bohardt

Reject

Limit motorized watercraft on spring spawning marshes of the Fox River

DNR regulates this

Motion to Advance by Mike Arrowood, second by John Collen

ADVANCE

Reduce Panfish limits on Lake Eau Claire from 25 to 10

No weeds or other structure to protect predation. Lake needs Structure like cribs

Motion to Advance by Jerry Merrifield, second by Wally Trudeau

ADVANCE

Walleye Slot Limits

DNR wants to use this tool on healthy walleye populations only, not statewide

Motion to Reject by Larry Damman, second by Tom Schwefel

REJECT

Limit motorized watercraft on spring spawning marshes on Wolf R

DNR has been able to restrict areas to protect the fish

Motion to Advance by John Collin, second by Scott Strook

ADVANCE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

Mike Arrowood discussed talked about how good the perch meeting was in Milwaukee
Rick Olson tied how important habitat is and we should look into it more
Harry Bowery mentioned Atlantic salmon to be stocked in Big Green Lake but 80% of residents rejected the plan
Tom Schaefer wanted help to write a resolution
John Aschenbrenner brought up trolling but tabled because the governors election results
The Warm Water Advisory Committee recommends to the DNR that creating and enhancing water habitat would complement the stocking programs

Motion to adjourn made by Jon Aschenbrenner, second by Larry Damman

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:20 PM
SUBMITTED BY Mark Krmpotich
DATE 11/1/2014