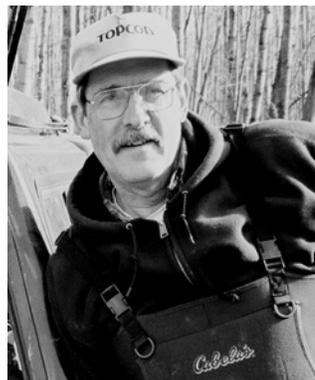




Conservation Chronicle

Chairman's Update



By Edgar Harvey, Jr.

A young lady from the Forest Service called last May, a few days before our Congress Convention. She wanted to know if, in light of the swine flu epidemic, we were going to go ahead and hold the convention. I told her that we were not concerned about the swine flu as it only affects people under the age of 40. It's true. We're getting old. Young people who are willing to come forward to take our place are few and far between. At our

Friday night banquet, we recognized 108 delegates, each of whom have fifteen or more years of service to the Congress. That group has totaled 2,632 years of volunteer service to conservation in the state of Wisconsin. This spring was our 75th anniversary. Two of these guys attended our 25th anniversary.

There are some advantages to having been around as long as we have. I remember the silent springs. The colorful birds that I see every day at my bird feeder were all but non-existent in the 60's. My grandpa told me about passenger pigeons, red-headed woodpeckers, grosbeaks, and wooden pumps (sandhill cranes). I assumed that I would never see any of them. The big lake east of Sheboygan teemed with alewives and smelt, but little else. There were few deer. No turkeys. There were no coyotes, bears,

beavers or otters in the east central Wisconsin county where I grew up. They were rare, even in northern Wisconsin. Fishing in most lakes and streams was a put and take proposition.

I also remember some of the great men and women who changed all that. They had great vision, and a magic ability to spontaneously inspire people. Whether they knew it or not, they were teachers. We called them conservationists. They came from the old bird feeding clubs, and local rod and gun clubs. If there were statewide organizations, we hadn't heard of them. They planted trees, built brush piles and trap ranges. They had great ideals, and thought great thoughts. By virtue of the fact that they had a great many friends, they had a few friends who were politicians.

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Conservation Congress celebrates 75 years

By Lee Fahrney

La Crosse, Wis. – When the gavel dropped at the 2009 Wisconsin Conservation Congress Convention, delegations of five elected members from each of Wisconsin's 72 counties came to order for the 75th time.

Conversation dwindled and delegates directed their atten-

tion to the front of the room as WCC Secretary Rich Kirchmeyer called the role. The convocation, inspired by such Wisconsin conservation heroes as UW Professor Aldo Leopold, Chief Warden Harley MacKenzie and Superintendent of Game William Grimmer, was once again executing its promise to pro-

tect and conserve the natural resources of Wisconsin.

"It's not only remarkable that an organization like the Congress was founded, but even more remarkable is when the Congress was founded," said DNR Secretary Matt Frank. "It was the middle of the great depression, the toughest times our country had ever seen, and yet in those tough times, visionaries like Aldo Leopold realized that we needed a system in this state for grassroots participation in how we manage our natural resources in this state."

With welcoming speeches duly acknowledged, the body got down to the serious business of scrutinizing 91 proposals

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Three Special Assignments for 2009 WCC Study Committees

By Edgar Harvey, Jr.

Waldo, Wis. - Special tasks have been assigned to a few committees as they begin their work this fall. Delegates should be aware of these special charges, and direct any comments, or information to committee members.

Mike Witkiewicz's Air Waste and Water Committee will be looking at issues related to lead in our environment. Their focus will be primarily be, but will not be restricted to, issues related to lead shot, and lead fishing gear. They will probably need to meet more than once this year, and they will make their final report to the Executive Council in January.

"Our committee will conduct a thorough review of the available science on this subject," stated Mike Witkiewicz, Chair of the Congress Air, Waste and Water Committee. "In developing guidelines and making recommendations we will consider not just the toxicology associated with lead, but also the practicality, affordability and enforceability of potential alternatives."

Natural Resources Board Member, Preston Cole, placed an advisory question on the questionnaire last April. It was question 56, and it proposed to create a

"Youth Conservation Congress". It passed by a wide margin. Wade Jeske's Outdoor Heritage Committee will be looking at different scenarios to determine exactly what a Youth Conservation Congress should be.

"I am excited about the prospect of the Outdoor Heritage Committee working on the framework for a Youth Conservation Congress," stated Wade Jeske, Chair of the Congress Outdoor Heritage and Education Committee. "Not only do I feel we are building a solid foundation for the future of the Conservation Congress but I believe we will obtain a great insight from a young outdoorsman's view on what he/she sees the future of Wisconsin's conservation for years to come."

At the April 2009 Natural Resources Board meeting, we identified three points which need to be the focus of change in the way we manage deer in Wisconsin:

- 1) Department wildlife managers and the Conservation Congress solicited public involvement this year at a level greater than any year since 2001. We need to continue to find ways to better involve the public.
- 2) We have identified a need to continually test and improve the way that we count deer.
- 3) The public has let us know that they view earn-a-buck as a punitive measure. We must seek out alternatives to earn-a buck, and ways to soften any new herd reduction alternatives.

We had hoped that the Natural Resources Board's Earn-A-Buck Advisory Committee would tackle all three of these areas. However, due primarily to time constraints, that committee will work exclusively with Earn-A-Buck alternatives.

We have appointed a freestanding Ad-Hoc committee of the Conservation Congress to deal with the issues. This is not a sub-

committee of the Big Game Committee. The official name of the committee is the "Ad-Hoc Deer 2000 Review committee". The charge of this committee is not to review the entire *Deer Management for 2000 and Beyond* final report, but is to re-examine a few of the issues which were dealt with by the Deer 2000 project. They will, minimally, return recommendations on all three of the three areas that were mentioned in their charge. If they determine any other issue to be a critical component of the overall problem, they are free to expand their work.

The members of this committee are: Rob Bohmann (chairman), Stan Brownell (secretary), Mark Noll (liaison to the Natural Resources Board's Earn-A-Buck Alternatives Committee), Mike Riggle (proxy to Mark Noll on the Natural Resources Board's Earn-A-Buck Alternatives Committee), Tony Janeczek, Al Phelan, Arold Ninneman, Gerald Merryfield, Larry Bonde, and Roger Sabota.

"The charge of this special committee seems almost insurmountable," stated Rob Bohmann, Congress Vice-Chairman and Chair of the Deer 2000 Review AD-Hoc committee. "However, with the combined knowledge and experience of the members on this committee I feel that the byproduct of our efforts will be outstanding. I feel honored not only to be chosen to lead this initiative, but perhaps more so I feel humbled and honored to work with individuals of this caliber."

Ralph Fritsch, a Congress delegate from Outagamie County who is representing the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation on the Natural Resources Board's Earn-A-Buck Alternatives Committee, has been elected chairman of that committee. Representing the Congress, Mark Noll has been elected vice-chair.

Again, please forward any ideas or thoughts that you might have on these topics to members of these committees.



Over 50 concerned deer hunters attended the Congress Big Game Study Committee meeting in 2008. They were there to voice their displeasure with the 2008 deer seasons. The Deer 2000 Review Ad-hoc committee has been formed to address their concerns.



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from the questionnaire introduced to the public at the DNR Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Rule Hearings and WCC county Meetings. Fifty-five questions were rule change proposals emanating from the DNR, and 35 were advanced by the Conservation Congress.

The Natural Resources Board submitted one proposal – to create a Youth Conservation Congress. The NRB resolution passed in 69 counties with a statewide vote of 4,377 to 1,637.

A DNR effort to clarify the definition of “open water hunting” for waterfowl (Question 28) generated an energetic and lengthy discussion. As the debate wore on, the broad experience of numerous county delegates provided much leadership and direction. As Chairman Harvey noted later, of the 360 delegates to the Congress, 108 have more than 15 years of service with the organization.

Dick Koerner of Winnebago County is one of those veterans. A delegate to the Congress for more than 40 years and a life-long duck hunter, Koerner serves as chair of the Migratory Committee.

He authored the resolution introducing the “open water” concept in the 1970s. “We were losing legal places to hunt,” Koerner said later in an interview. “Shoreline vegetation was deteriorating on Lake Winnebago so full concealment was impossible.”

Question 28 was finally voted down by the delegation, despite passing statewide in 54 counties. Later in the month, at their May meeting in Baraboo, the Natural Resources Board supported the public vote and the Department’s recommendation to adopt the proposal.

This outcome, too, reflects the process through which democracy finds its own boisterous way through the maze of diverse opinions involved. As Secretary Frank declared in his address to the Congress, “Democracy is a noisy process.”

The delegation also recommended that the department not advance questions 42, 48 or 53. Question 42, extending and expanding the ability to hunt turkeys with dogs, was defeated statewide and did not pass in a majority of the counties.



The traditions of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress continue for the 75th year at its 2009 convention. County delegates wait their turn to speak as they raise their paddles in this time-honored protocol.

Question 53 proposed a 1:00 p.m. closure to the waterfowl season at the Lake Mills Wildlife area. The delegation voted against the measure, noting that hunting opportunities should not be limited on public land.

Other current issues caught the attention of delegates. Legislative initiatives regarding access to lands purchased through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund struck a worrisome note among delegates who heard from Larry Bonde, the Congress’ representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee dealing with access issues.

Bonde led the discussion resulting in a resolution to be sent to the legislature requesting that the DNR make available a directory of all stewardship lands that are open for public access. The resolution further asks that the agency prepare a report to the legislature identifying all lands acquired using stewardship funds before Oct. 27, 2007 for which public access has been restricted or prohibited, and the reason for the limitations.

When not in session, convention goes seized the opportunity to interact with other sportsmen and women and celebrate the remarkable traditions of a time honored grass roots conservation movement. Indeed, the Conservation Congress stands alone among the 50 states as an instrument of public involvement in the decision-making process.

The annual awards banquet featured appearances by two former chairmen of the Congress, Bob Ellingson of Portage County and Steve Oestreicher from Oneida County.

Oestreicher, a delegate with more than 20 years on the Congress, served as chair for eight years from 1998-2006. He exudes enthusiasm about the contributions the Congress has made over the years.

Oestreicher credits the personal commitment of each member to the success of the organization as one reason the Congress has endured over the years. “It’s that willingness to get involved in helping the Department (of Natural Resources) understand the concerns of the people,” he asserts.

Harvey said coming together once each year is essential to keep the process of citizen input on track and bring each delegate up to speed on issues from around the state.

“No delegate can be directly involved in all key issues,” he said. “The convention gives us all an opportunity to be brought up to date.”

“We got a great deal of work done,” Harvey concluded. “At the age of 75, the Conservation Congress is as ready and able as ever to take on the work that citizens sent us at the April 13 spring hearings.”



Wisconsin Outdoor Expo Moves North

By Lee Fahrney

Wausau, Wis. – The rich success of the Wisconsin Outdoor Education Expo over the past few years has generated much enthusiasm for creating another venue for the event, tentatively scheduled for May 10, 2010 near Wausau in Marathon County.

More than 18,000 fourth- and fifth-grade students, teachers and volunteers have enjoyed the Outdoor Expo held each spring at the Dodge County Fairgrounds at Beaver Dam starting in 2006.

The kids invariably enjoy whooping it up at a series of “camps” including fishing, firearm safety, archery, trail recreation, outdoor heritage, sporting dogs and other hands-on activities.

While causing some difficulties for volunteer staff this year as two inches of rain fell the night before, the kids had no problem with the wet grounds in Beaver

Dam. “Kids are attracted to puddles like a magnet,” said Dale Maas, Dodge County Conservation Congress chairman and local coordinator for the event.

The Wausau location would bring the Expo within reach of many schools that due to cost and distance are currently unable to attend in Dodge County. The move northward is a natural, according to Darien Schaefer, Executive Director of the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau. “We have strong involvement in outdoor activities – good fishing and lots of woods for hunting turkey and deer,” he said.

“We’re working hard to bring another expo up to the Wausau area,” Schaefer added. “We want to create more



Students from Grand Avenue Elementary School in Prairie du Sac visited the Conservation Congress Wall of Fame during the Outdoor Education Expo held at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Beaver Dam, May 14-15.

The students enjoyed hoisting antlers atop their heads from the Congress' collection at the hands-on exhibit. The event attracted more than 2,700 fourth- and fifth-grade students from around the state.

access for our youth in northern Wisconsin to participate in this kind of event.”

Executive Director Erin Roth of the Wisconsin Outdoor Alliance Federation agrees. “The Foundation has always wanted to expand the effort to other parts of the state. We see a real need since the travel times (to Beaver Dam) are just too great.”

Without knowing what the numbers will be, Roth said, the Wausau event will be a one-day affair for the first year. “If we find it’s very popular, we’ll expand it to a second day next year.

“We’re also looking at the Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley area for the future,” Roth added.

The Conservation Congress contributes over \$1,500 annually to the Expo. These funds are generated annually by the Congress’ gun board raffle at the annual convention.

Conservation Congress delegates are reminded that funds are available to assist schools with transportation costs, especially for those that might have to travel greater distances to attend either event.

Grand Avenue Elementary School in Prairie du Sac took advantage of the \$200 grant this year to send 144 students to the Expo.

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Jeske Receives Bowhunter Education Award



Pictured (l to r) are Mike Stahl, Oconto County Warden, Wade Jeske and Joe Paul, Oconto County Warden.

Oconto County, Wis. - This past June, Wade Jeske, Oconto County Conservation Congress delegate and District 4 Councilor, received his award for being chosen the 2008 Department of Natural Resources Bowhunter Safety Instructor of the Year.

Each year this prestigious award is given by the DNR to the most outstanding volunteer Bowhunter Safety Education instructor.

Jeske also coordinates a group of 20 gun/bow instructors.

“We certify around 150 students each year in bow and gun safety,” stated Jeske. “Our typical weekend class logs over 200 volunteer hours.”

Students of the Bowhunter Education Course learn: the history of modern day bowhunting and our hunting heritage; responsibilities of bowhunters toward our environment, wildlife, and landowners; preparing for the hunt - specific laws, clothing, and other equipment; bowhunting equipment selection and care; tree stand safety; marksmanship fundamentals; bowhunting methods; handling outdoor emergencies; and field care of harvested game.

Congratulations Wade!

Delegate Profile...

Jim Shurts



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Jim Shurts serves as chair of the Dane County delegation to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. An avid hunter, Jim shot this Cape buffalo on a trip to Africa.

Did someone say dove hunting?

As chair of the Dane County delegation to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Jim Shurts has seen the worst of it when it comes to controversy over hunting, fishing and trapping issues.

Whether keeping the anti-hunting crowd from disrupting the annual spring hearings or going on television and radio to argue for a dove hunting season, Jim is always in the forefront of advocacy for the causes championed by the Conservation Congress.

Passionate is the way Jim describes his love of upland bird hunting: ruffed grouse, woodcock, pheasants, doves and his favorite, sharp-tailed grouse. He and his wife Kathy like to travel and have taken a number of nature-related trips to other continents, including Africa, Asia and South America.

Bird hunting has led to numerous other activities. Jim is a charter member of the John M. Keener chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society. He's also active with the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and, along with his wife, volunteers on burn crews with Madison Audubon and the International Crane Foundation.

Jim serves as secretary of the Endangered Resources and Law Enforcement Committee and is a member of the Outdoor Heritage and Education Committee. He believes the Conservation Congress has a strong role to play by continuing our outdoor heritage and in teaching respect for our natural resources.

Jim takes pride in the 75 years during which the Conservation Congress has served as the citizens' voice in conservation matters. "It's a very democratic process, contrary to what some critics may say every year at the Madison hearings," he says.

The greatest challenge facing the Congress, according to Jim, is to keep the process alive and relevant. "I'm always explaining to my non-hunting (and some hunting) friends what the Wisconsin Conservation Congress does and how a single citizen's idea can become a law or rule through the process.

"I look forward to the day when the Dane County hearings attract a thousand or more people just because it is the right thing to do for the natural resources of Wisconsin," he adds.



Stewardship

Periodically, the DNR will issue press releases concerning land acquisition projects around Wisconsin for which Stewardship Program grant funding is being requested. These press releases provide basic information about the proposed grant project, and indicate how interested parties may comment. These press releases also indicate the availability of nature-based outdoor activities in each project.

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But, they were rarely politically active.

I noticed this year, at the spring hearings, and at the legislative hearings on earn-a-buck that the crowd was unusually young. I suppose that young people are more likely to be disappointed in the current deer numbers than those of us who remember the lean years. The best thing that could come out of the hearings would be that those young people would enjoy their success, and become active in other conservation issues.

But, I'm told that those young people belong to the "me generation". The theory is that this generation of young people has no loyalty to the companies that they work for, their schools, or their local sports teams. Their support for any cause comes with the caveat of "what's in it for me". Fortunately, no one ever asked "what's in it for me", and then planted a tree. Those of us who came forward to receive our years of service awards last May were inspired by that first generation of conservationists. Someone failed to inspire the "me generation". It must have been us. They are, after all our children.

At our banquet, Kenny Salwey, mentioned that he had attended the statewide convention of one of the private conser-

vation clubs, a couple weeks earlier. He said that they needed to be more tolerant of others. The remark deeply concerned past Congress Chairman Bob Ellingson.

Then it dawned on me. Bob is too old to know about the rifts that exist today between our conservation organizations. Or the rift that exists today between all conservation organizations, and the land trusts. He can't know that today, new statewide organizations are formed for the sole purpose of opposing existing groups. Just look at what we've become. How could we possibly inspire anyone?

Kenny was right. We need to become more tolerant. We need to embrace high ideals, and think great thoughts. We must find ways to inspire our children and our grandchildren so that they will want to be mentored. What a tragedy it will be if the work of those original great men and women of vision was not carried on, or if their accomplishments were allowed to be lost, over something as silly as money, or which political party should be in power.



May 2009 WCC Executive Council Meeting

Baraboo, Wis. - A rustic shelter along with a waterfront view of Devil's Lake served as the backdrop for the May 26 Congress Executive Council meeting. This annual meeting serves as the first opportunity for the new Executive Council to meet on official congress business, and it has traditionally been an opportunity for the Congress leadership to meet with the body they advise, the Natural Resources Board (NRB).

After briefly reviewing the results of the annual convention earlier in the month, the Council took up the issue of DNR Study Committee liaison responsibilities.

"There is not a wide spread problem, and I believe most committee liaisons do a bang up job," stated Dale Maas, District 7 Councilor, Dodge County. "However, there have been some instances where DNR liaisons have not been prepared for, or have not shown up for study committee meetings. I think the Council needs to spell out what we expect from our liaisons."

The Council recommended that the Rules and Resolutions Committee look at the issue at their 2009 meeting, and recommend language for the Code of Procedures. In addition, since DNR liaisons are not governed by the Congress Code of Procedures, Kurt Thiede, the DNR's liaison with the Congress, will work with bureau directors to develop a set of guidelines that would be included in the Department's version of the Code of Procedures known as the DNR Manual code.

Over lunch the Council discussed financial matters. When the Council reconvened, a motion was passed to create a freestanding, non-profit, non-stock Congress foundation with an interim board of Ed Harvey, Sheboygan County, Al Shook, Waukesha County, and John Edelblute, Washington County. This foundation would be responsible for philanthropic and fundraising activities associated with the Congress' annual convention, such as the



Chairman Harvey introduces the members of the Executive Council to members of the NRB and DNR staff at their annual dinner with the Board in at Devils Lake State Park. Councilors had a chance to ask questions of the Board members during an informal question and answer session following dinner.

Wisconsin Outdoor Expo gun board raffle.

The Council also discussed various legislative proposals that have been introduced or may be introduced in this legislative session.

The Council registered their support for the Youth Mentorship Bill and that a letter be drafted to all legislators clearly stating Congress support for this legislation. *[At this time of publication of this newsletter, the bill has passed both houses and awaits the Governor's signature].*

In addition, in response to hunting, fishing and trapping related proposals that have not been vetted through the Congress/DNR Spring Hearing process, the Council recommended that Chair Harvey draft a letter to all legislators stating the Congress' displeasure with passing legislation and basally circumventing the Congress Spring Hearing process for gauging public acceptance with hunting and fishing related policy.

Other action by the Council included:

- ⇒ Formation of an ad-hoc deer committee to deal with alternatives to

Earn-a-Buck and related deer management issues.

⇒ At the request of DNR Wildlife Management Bureau Director Tom Hauge, the Air, Waste and Water Committee will look into the issue of lead in the environment.

⇒ Assigning the citizen resolution on training hounds south of Hwy. 64 to the Hunting with Dogs Committee.

⇒ Advancing the 2008 citizen resolution on rifles in Waupaca County to the 2010 Spring Questionnaire as a Congress Advisory question.



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The school attended the event for the first time in 2009. "This was our first year, and we all enjoyed it greatly," said Grand Avenue elementary teacher Laura Hutchins. Not alone in her assessment, teacher survey results recorded an average approval rating of 9.1 on a ten point scale.

A luncheon to announce plans for the expansion to Wausau will be held on Aug. 10. DNR Secretary Matt Frank and elected representatives from the Wausau area will be on hand to promote the event.

Contact Kurt Thiede at (608) 266-0580 or Outdoor Heritage Committee Vice Chair Lee Fahrney at (608) 967-2208 for more information about the Outdoor Education Expo or for transportation grant application procedures.



Governor Recognizes the 75th Anniversary of the WCC

LaCrosse, Wis. - On Friday, May 8, 2009 at the Congress' annual convention, DNR Secretary Matt Frank presented the Conservation Congress with a proclamation from Governor Jim Doyle.

"On this special occasion of the Congress' 75th anniversary, I didn't bring a cake," joked DNR Secretary Matt Frank. "But, I did bring a proclamation from the Governor that I would like to present to Chairman Ed Harvey."

The Governor's proclamation declared May 8, 2009 as Wisconsin Conservation Congress Day in Wisconsin.

Congress Chairman, Ed Harvey accepted the proclamation (right) on behalf of the Congress. The proclamation lauded the Congress for its 75 years of service to Wisconsin and the state's natural resources.

In addition to the proclamation from the Governor, local State legislators, Assemblyman Mike Huebsch and Senator Dan Kapanke presented the Congress with a Citation from the Senate.

Similar to the Governor's proclamation, the Senate Citation praised the Congress for its service to the state and concluded, "The members of the Wisconsin Senate...do congratulate and commend Wisconsin's Conservation Congress for 75 years of dedicated Service."

The Governor's proclamation and the Senate citation have been hung outside the Natural Resources Board Meeting Room on the ground floor of the Natural Resources Building in Madison. In addition, both documents can be viewed on the Congress' website at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/minutes/>



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Conservation Congress since 1934 has been a genuine citizen voice on natural resource and conservation issues, comprised of elected delegates from all 72 counties; and,

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is a statutorily recognized citizen advisory body that, according to s. 15.348, Wis. Stats., "shall be an independent organization of citizens of the state and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the natural resources board on all matters under the jurisdiction of the board;" and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only such citizen body in the country with a process of annual spring hearings to measure citizen policy preferences and offer resource management recommendations on natural resource issues to the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress provides a forum for any citizen to advance a resolution draft for consideration; and,

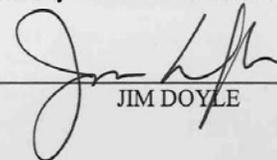
WHEREAS, the entire state has benefited from the Wisconsin Conservation Congress collaboration with local and statewide conservation groups, educators and citizens regarding outdoor opportunities for citizens and visitors of all ages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2009, as

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS DAY

and on behalf of the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, I salute the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for its rich traditional and democratic service in helping the state shape natural resources policy, and I congratulate the group on its 75th anniversary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fourth day of May in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:


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Wisconsin Conservation Congress Calendar

Dates as of July 17, 2009. Please go to: dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/calendar/ for an up to date listing of Congress meetings and events.

August

- 1 WCC Migratory Committee Mtg.
- Wausau
- 3 WCC Districts 1 & 8 Mtgs.
- 4 WCC Districts 2, 7, 10, 11/12 Mtgs.
- 5 WCC Districts 4 & 5 Mtgs.
- 10 WCC Districts 3, 6, & 9 Mtgs.
- 12/13 NRB Mtg. - Hayward
- 14 Turkey Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point

Hunting w/ Dogs Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point
- 22 Rules & Resol. Committee Mtg.
- Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Ctr.

Upland Game Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point

- 29 ER/LE Committee Mtg.
- Wausau

September

- 18/19 Trout Committee Mtg.
- LaCrosse
- 19 CWD Committee Mtg.
- Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Ctr.
- 22/23 NRB Mtg. - Sturgeon Bay
- 26 Great Lakes Committee Mtg.
- Wild Rose

Public & Private Lands Comm. Mtg.
- Stevens Point

October

- 20/21 NRB Mtg. - Madison
- 23 Wolf Committee Mtg.
- Plover

December

- 4 Fur Harvest Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point

Bear Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point

- 5 Warm Water Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point

- 8/9 NRB Mtg. - Madison

- 11 Migratory Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point
- 12 Outdoor Heritage Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point
- 19 Big Game Committee Mtg.
- Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Ctr.

January

- 8 Executive Council Mtg.
- Lake Geneva

March

- 13 Awards Committee Mtg.
- Stevens Point

April

- 12 Annual Spring Hearings

May

- 6-8 Annual Convention
- Lake Geneva