

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
CHULA VISTA RESORT MAY 8, 2008  
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**

Congress Chairman Ed Harvey called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. All Council Members were present with the exception of Al Opall, unexcused. Council members Caputo and Kuharske were excused. (It is noted here that Council Members Al Opall and Joe Caputo did not attend the 2008 Annual Convention.)

There were no agenda repair items.

County Meeting Results:

44. Rifles in Shawano County. Carried without a discernable motion or second.
45. Rifles in Dunn County. Motion to advance by Maas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koerner. Motion carried.
46. Archery equipment during deer gun season. Motion to advance Ninnemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weiss. Noll asked "when will it all end?" Motion carried.
47. Youth either sex tag. Motion to advance by Bohmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rogers. Motion carried.
48. Non-resident 65 and older cross bow use. Motion to advance Koerner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noll. Motion carried.
49. Transfer earn a buck to youth. Motion to advance Maas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weiss. Motion carried.
50. Quartering of deer. Motion to advance. Noll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weiss. Motion carried.
51. Deer stamp. Motion to reject Puhl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weiss. Motion carried.
52. Bane baiting and feeding statewide. Motion to advance Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noll. Motion carried.
53. Volunteer sharpshooters. Motion to advance Sabota, 2<sup>nd</sup> Poff. Motion carried.
54. Shining from public roads. Motion to overturn the state vote by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weiss. Much discussion followed. A roll vote was taken. Results were 14 Yes, 6 No.

At this point Chairman Harvey introduced DNR personnel present plus other representatives of interest groups. The newest member of the Natural Resources Board, Preston Cole was introduced.

55. Use of pistols. Motion to advance by Maas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weiss. Motion carried.
56. Legalize colony traps. Motion to advance by Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reith. Motion carried..
57. Bobcat season structure. Motion to advance Puhl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Poff. Motion carried.
58. Commercial harvest of perch. Motion to advance Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reith. Motion carried.
59. Protection of private property on public land. Motion to advance Puhl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rogers. Motion carried.
60. Mississippi River corridor. Motion to advance Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noll. Motion carried.
61. Closing MFL lands. Motion to advance the no vote Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith. Motion carried.
62. Urban deer shooting. Motion to advance Reith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazen. Motion carried.
63. Eliminate barbless hooks trout. Motion to advance Reiter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maas. Motion carried.
64. Non-resident student turkey license. Motion to advance Reith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Puhl. Motion carried.
65. Phone in turkey registration. Motion to advance Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rogers. Motion carried.
66. Panfish limit-Loon Lake. Motion to advance Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabota. Motion carried.
67. Transportation of invasive species. Motion to advance Reith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Poff. Motion carried.

68. Fishing between Kings & Grandfather Dams. Motion to advance Sabota, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koerner. Motion carried.
69. Bass size limit, Big Sissabagama. Motion to advance Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cobb. Motion carried.
70. Walleye limit Milwaukee River. Motion to advance Poff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Risley. Motion carried.
71. Wolf management. Motion to advance. Maas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Puhl. Motion carried.

Richard Koerner, Secretary of the Rules and Resolutions Committee, read the report of the committee.

Resolution #520608 from Racine county had been misplaced. Frank Reith made a motion that it be assigned to the Big Game Committee. Second was by Wade Jeske. Motion carried.

Maas made a motion, seconded by Ninneman that resolution #180108 go to both Warm Water and Great Lakes Committees. Also that resolution # 030208 be assigned to Great Lakes Committee only. Following discussion, a vote of 9 Yes, 10 No was taken. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Maas, seconded by Poff that resolution # 030208 be assigned to both the Warm Water and Great Lakes Committees. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reith, seconded by Jeske, that the Rules and Resolutions Report be accepted. Motion carried.

#### Mike Staggs Fisheries Questions:

The catch and release muskie questions #12 & 13 were discussed by the Council. A motion was made by Maas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weiss to accept the public results with the exception of #'s 32 and 36. Motion carried.

Mike Staggs explained the rejection of #32's statewide vote in favor of the local vote.

Mike Staggs explained that #36 was rejected in favor of the Lincoln County vote. Ed Harvey gave a brief history of Lincoln Co. and the Prairie River issue. Lincoln Co. had the largest spring hearing attendance ever over this Prairie river trout issue. Reiter made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reith, not to make a motion over this issue. Motion to not make a motion carried.

#### Scott Loomans Wildlife Questions:

Scott Loomans explained the results of the Spring Hearings. A motion was made to advance by Ninneman, second by Koerner. There was discussion on the rejected questions by Jeske, Koerner, Maas, and Noll. Motion carried.

#### Council Matters:

Dick Koerner explained the formation of his ad hoc Open Water Committee and it's membership. The Committee formation is the result of the 2007 Migratory Committee question number 76. 72 Counties in favor. Statewide vote was 2532 yes, 430 no. A motion to go ahead was made by Reith, second by Wrolstad. Motion carried.

Marc Schultz reported that the dams on the Mississippi River are all open and the carp are running up all of the feeder streams.

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Dave Puhl advised that the tree stand rules in the Nicolet and Chequamegon National Forests may be changing. No details were given, just a heads up that there may be changes.

Frank Reith would like to see a burning barrel bane.

Mike Reiter questioned which counties are reimbursing for expenses. Kurt Thiede said that he has a pretty complete list available.

Wade Jeske thinks that additional tags should be sold to youth hunters first.

Mike Rogers reported that SW Wisconsin lost many turkeys to the severe winter.

Roger Sabota stated that Vilas and Oneida Counties do not want the early catch and release muskie season.

Kurt Thiede outlined the raffle procedure and purpose plus the meal locations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Edelblute  
Secretary