

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

2014 WCC 10 Year Fish & Wildlife Plan Ad-Hoc

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	August 23, 2014	0930	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center Library
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman - Al Brown at 9:35 a.m.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	WCC Members: Al Brown, Michael Arrowood, Jim Thompson, Brian Heins, Mike Gullickson, Ron Church, Doug Parrott, Michael Burkart, Steve Klicko. DNR Liason: Tara Bergeson - Natural Heritage Conservation, Justine Hasz - Fisheries Management
EXCUSED	John Humpal, Rick Knutson, Jason Thomas, Don Liebmann, Barbra Eisenberg, Staush Gruszynski
UNEXCUSED	Jerry Wittkoph,
GUESTS	None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Chairman Al Brown called for additions or corrections to the agenda.
ACTION	Motion to Accept the Agenda as Read. 1st to accept by Doug Parrott, 2nd by Brian Heins. Motion Accepted.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission Statement was Read and Reviewed by Chairman Al Brown.
ACTION	Motion To Approve the Mission Statement as Read and Reviewed by Chairman Al Brown. 1st by Doug Parrot , 2nd by Steve Klicko. Motion Approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	No comments from the public.
ACTION	Chairman Al Brown asked all members present to introduce themselves and to give their expectations of this committee.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Updates on Public Outreach Process for the Wildlife Action Plan and the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan.

**TARA BERGESON -WDNR -
NATURAL HERITAGE
CONSERVATION**

DISCUSSION	Tara reviewed the overall progress to date and discussed a draft timeline for the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Mgmt. Plan. Timeline: 1. April - June Planning process began by assessing priority issues along with purpose & scope of plan. 2. July 2014 Fish Wild Life Mgt team reaches decisions that scope of plan will be Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration funded work. 3. September, 2014 Fish, Wildlife Habitat Mgt. Plan Planning Team finalizes timeline, develops structure for planning process, and reviews/further develops issues and trends information. 4. October, 2014 Public Outreach - Conservation Café Events Held.
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	<p>5. November, 2014 results of Public Outreach - Conservation Cafes Available.</p> <p>6. December, 2014 Fish Wildlife Mgt. Team reviews results of Conservation Cafes and provides direction to the FWHMP Planning Team..</p> <p>7. February, 2015 FWHMP Planning team drafts plan to reflect input from Conservation Cafes and specific direction from the FWMT.</p> <p>8. February, 2015 Draft plan to FWMT.</p> <p>9. April, 2015 External Review/Public Outreach.</p> <p>10. May, 2015 Revised Plan to FWMT and Department Administration.</p> <p>11. July, 2015 Plan to Natural Resources Board.</p> <p>12. Sept/October 2015 Plan to Fish and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>Tara spoke and described the plan and process for conducting statewide conservation cafes and how to approach with the timeline we have and the role of the committee.</p> <p>All Cafes will be held during a two-week period (October 20-30, 2014). Specific dates will be determined by local café teams (led by DNR's District Land Program Managers).</p> <p>Two Cafes will be held in each DNR regions. Specific locations/venues will be determined by local café teams.</p> <p>Ten total Cafes will be held (two pilots and eight additional). The pilot Cafes will allow testing of the method and adjustments to be made if necessary. One of the pilots will be with the WI Conservation Congress 10-Year Plan Ad Hoc Committee.</p> <p>Total estimated number of participants = 300.</p> <p>The committee participated in a "trail run" of a Conservation Café.</p>
ACTION	Committee Members were encouraged to think about how to go about Conducting A Conservation Cafe in their areas of the State.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	CHAIRMAN AL BROWN
	DEADLINE NOT DETERMINED
	WDNR Liaison & Committee Members
	.Not determined.

iii. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	Numerous committee members felt the need that the 10 Year Fish and Wildlife Plan Ad Hoc Committee should evolve into a permanent standing committee. Jim Thompson discussed and suggested a proposal for a need to establish a permanent WCC Advisory Committee with the WDNR for the continuous yearly processes of planning implementation reviews and project goal reviews as it relates to a 10 year Fish and Wildlife Action Plans and Planning.
ACTION	A Motion was made by Brian Heins and 2nd by Doug Parrott. Due to past lack of WCC (public) involvement in Wildlife Action Plans and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plans, be it resolved that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Executive Council take into consideration the establishment of a permanent Fish and Wildlife Habitat Planning Advisory Committee within the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.
	Motion passed.

iv. **ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	1:43 p.m.
SUBMITTED BY	Acting Committee Secretary - Jim Thompson
DATE	August 23, 2014