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### **Wisconsin Conservation Congress Welcomes the DNR's New Chief Warden**

**Racine, Wis.** – Todd Schaller will be the new chief warden for the Department of Natural Resources, DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp announced today.

“On behalf of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC), I would like to congratulate Todd on his appointment to the chief warden position,” WCC Chair Rob Bohmann said. “Todd has a dynamic past with the department that will serve him well in this new capacity. He has worked as a field warden, a warden supervisor, and chief of the Recreation Enforcement and Education Section which has given him a unique understanding of Wisconsin’s rich outdoor heritage and a keen familiarity with the diverse user groups. He will bring a lot to the table.”

Schaller will begin as chief warden in mid-December. Schaller will replace current Chief Warden Randy Stark, who will retire after more than 11 years as chief during his nearly 30-year DNR career. Stark received an award from the WCC at their annual convention in May for his years of service, his progressive leadership and his commitment to conservation.

“The Congress has enjoyed working with Randy throughout his time as chief. We wish him well in his retirement, and we welcome Todd to his new role and look forward to continuing our relationship and working closely with him.”

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