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RE: 10-year turkey management plan

Chair Cole, Secretary Stepp, and members of the Natural Resources Board;

I am pleased to relay the support of the Conservation Congress regarding the department's 10-year turkey management plan (item 3.B.2). This plan is the culmination of years of work by the department and the WCC is happy to have been involved in this process through the Congress' Turkey and Upland Game Committee as well as our representative Arlyn Splitt on the DNR's Turkey Committee. As partners in turkey conservation and management, committee members were updated on the progress of this plan and had the opportunity to review and provide feedback on it.

The restoration of the wild turkey to Wisconsin's landscape is one of our most remarkable success stories. This plan reflects the commitment of the DNR and partner organizations to continuing to manage Wisconsin's turkey population utilizing sound science while balancing a broad array of social aspects.

I would like to thank the department staff for their dedication and work on this plan and we look forward to working closely with them on future conservation efforts.

Rob Bohmann, Chair
Wisconsin Conservation Congress

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