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RE: 2015-2025 Fish, Wildlife, & Habitat Plan and Wildlife Action Plan

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

The Conservation Congress appreciates the opportunity to have an ad hoc committee work with department staff to help shape these two important plans and we urge the Board's support of these non-regulatory guidance documents that will provide direction for future management and conservation. These plans do not supersede department policy, administrative rules, or state statute, but rather provide a framework for conservation efforts through the next 10 years. The Fish, Wildlife, & Habitat Plan and Wildlife Action Plan are necessary to meet the eligibility requirements for federal funds that fund many important conservation programs in Wisconsin.

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Wisconsin Conservation Congress

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