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Resolution in support of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund

THE SITUATION: The Stewardship Fund is the main source of funding to buy public land and easements for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Sportsmen and women need to make sure we always have a place to hunt, fish and trap and we need to be heard on how the Stewardship Fund is spent in Wisconsin. We need to hold our elected officials accountable for Stewardship spending.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Vilas County on April 16, 2007 supports the reauthorization of the Stewardship Fund with the following conditions:

1. Expand hunting, fishing and trapping opportunity on all Stewardship funded lands by reviewing current and future properties to see which can be safely opened to hunting, fishing and trapping.

2. Create a review process to increase public input on Stewardship land purchases.

3. Restore wildlife habitat on lands the State already owns using Stewardship Funds.

4. Post signs and publish a directory of all Stewardship funded lands including all public access information.

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