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Convicted Violators sitting on citizen committees

The problem: Currently there are convicted big game violators sitting on citizen committees. Their proposals have the ability to make it easier for violators to continue their ways and make it harder for law enforcement personnel to protect the natural resources from these violators. The Secretary of the DNR and the Head Game warden of the Department of Natural Resources said this issue is in need of changing.

Current laws allow convicted violators to sit on these committees without anyone knowing of prior actions. We owe it to ourselves to protect the resource and our hunting heritage in Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Washburn County on April 14, 2014 recommends that anyone convicted of a hunting or fishing violation may not be elected to any position on the Conservation Congress, or sit on any public committee involved in any hunting or fishing law changes for a period of five years following the conviction. If a person is currently elected to the Conservation Congress or is sitting on any public committee and is or has been convicted of a hunting or fishing violation he/she will be immediately removed from that position.

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