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**Resolution to Increase Scientific, Professional Natural Resource Management in the Wisconsin DNR**

In 1928, sportsmen/women successfully fought to establish a citizen board to oversee natural resource management in Wisconsin and to authorize that board to appoint professional natural resources managers to oversee the natural resource agency;

In 1995, the Legislature, while retaining the Natural Resources Board as the decision-making body for the agency, made the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the top managers of the DNR political appointees;

In the past 20 years politics has become increasingly more pervasive in natural resource decision-making within the Department of Natural Resources;

In recent years, the Natural Resources Board, has on several occasions indicated to the senior management of the DNR, their major lapses of scientific professional management of natural resources and deviations from the principles of wildlife management as stated in the North American Model of Wildlife Management;

In the past twenty years, under Administrations of both parties, many senior agency managers have been appointed that do not any significant education or applied experience in natural resource management.

**Be it resolved**, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress calls on the Legislature to modify state law to require that at least two of the three senior DNR managers (Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Assistant Deputy Secretary) have either an educational degree in natural resources management and five years of applied natural resources management or ten years of applied natural resource management before they are appointed to their position.

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