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Title: Changes in Natural Resources Management and Policy in Governor's 2015-17
Proposed Budget

The Problem: The governor's budget proposes reducing the Natural Resources Board's role from making policy to serving only as an advisory committee. The budget also effectively eliminates additional land purchases through the Stewardship fund until 2028. In addition, the governor's budget also proposes eliminating numerous wildlife and fisheries research positions.

If passed into law, these proposed will significantly weaken the Wisconsin citizen's influence on managing our great state's natural resources, reduce opportunity for hunting, fishing and all other outdoor pursuits, and basing natural resources management and policy decisions on sound science.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Polk County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the proposals to reduce the Natural Resources Board to an advisory committee, reduce funding for the Knowel Nelson Stewardship Fund, and the elimination of wildlife and fisheries science research positions be eliminated from any budget that the Wisconsin Legislature presents to Governor Walker for signature into law.

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