

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - William (Bill) J. Ryan

**FOR:** FEBRUARY, 2009 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

William (Bill) J. Ryan retired on December 30, 2008 with over 34 years of service.

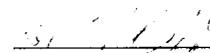
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for William (Bill) J. Ryan

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
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**APPROVED:**

  
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 Regional Director, Lloyd L. Eagan

12.31.2009  
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Administrator,  
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 Secretary, Matt Frank

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
 Lloyd Eagan - Fitchburg  
 Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

## ***Retirement Resolution***

William (Bill) J. Ryan retired from the Department of Natural Resources on December 30, 2008, having completed over 34 years of skilled and dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin. All 34 years of his career were spent protecting and enhancing the fisheries resources of the state of Wisconsin.

Bill began his career on April 15, 1974, with District Field Operations in the Southern District in Fitchburg. As a Natural Resources Assistant, Bill assisted with the propagation and distribution of fish. He also netted fish and sampled them with electrofishing equipment, both for spawning purposes and to evaluate populations. In 1980, Bill promoted to the position of statewide Electrofishing Technician. In this capacity, he was responsible for the design, construction, maintenance and repair of backpack shockers, stream shockers and boom shockers used throughout the state for fisheries sampling. In addition to building shockers for the Department, Bill also built shockers for universities, federal agencies and other state agencies.

Bill became Operations Team Supervisor in 1999. In this role, Bill was responsible for fish propagation and habitat improvement in the South Central Region. In 2006, Bill was promoted again to the Regional Operations Supervisor in charge of all regional operations functions. Bill served as Regional Operations Supervisor until his retirement.

During his career, Bill was responsible for providing electrofishing equipment to Department managers throughout the state of Wisconsin. This equipment progressed in efficiency and reliability through the years and was considered state-of-the-art throughout the United States. By providing this high quality equipment to Fisheries Biologists in Wisconsin, they were able to better sample fish populations and provide better fishing for anglers in the state. Bill was always responsible for providing top quality fish for stocking. He always spent the extra effort to make sure fish were in excellent condition. Likewise, Bill was always there to help the staff he supervised. He was an excellent mentor, helper and friend.

***WHEREAS***, Bill Ryan has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career gaining the respect, trust, and gratitude of his fellow employees and earning the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, the Natural Resources Board at its February 2009 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine Thomas, CHAIR