

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution -- Kathryn A. Kahler

FOR: AUGUST 2007 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Scott Hassett

SUMMARY:

Kathryn (Kathy) A. Kahler retired on August 4, 2007 following more than 34 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Kathryn A. Kahler

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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

- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached

APPROVED:

Brenda Hagman
Bureau Director, Brenda Hagman

07/09/2007
Date

James E. Ross
Administrator,

7/25/07
Date

Scott Hassett
Secretary, Scott Hassett

7/26/07
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Kathryn A. "Kathy" Kahler retired from the Department of Natural Resources on August 4, 2007 following more than 34 years of dedicated, distinguished service to the people and natural resources of the State of Wisconsin.

Kathy earned a B.S degree in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was hired by the DNR in May 1973 in the Bureau of Clerical Services, promoted in March 1974 to provide support to the Natural Resources Board.

Kathy transferred to the Bureau of Environmental Impact in May 1982, serving as Program Assistant when the DNR was first reviewing the proposed zinc-copper mine at Crandon as well as EA and EIS documents for a host of state proposals for power plants, transmission lines and road projects proposed by the Public Service Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Kathy transferred to the Engineering Section of the Department of Health and Social Services in August 1984 working for architects and engineers who planned and revised state prisons, hospitals and other health care facilities.

She returned to DNR in May 1985 as Program Assistant for the Bureau of Information and Education. Her considerable skills and capacities developed into a position of expertise as the Data Coordinator and, subsequently, Budget Manager. She gained the confidence of her coworkers, managers and colleagues as a "go to" person to understand DNR systems and procedures to efficiently complete tasks.

Since August 1993 she has served as the Circulation, Production and Promotions Manager of *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine, writing the magazine's book reviews, letters column and crafting feature stories on fur marketing, small mammals training, ancient cedars, wildlife grants as well as nature columns about opossums, coots, crows and waxwings.

WHEREAS her dedication, competence and professionalism have earned the admiration and respect of customers, colleagues and associates she has served throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its August 2007 meeting at Bayfield, 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