

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution-Robert Young

FOR: OCTOBER 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Robert Young will retire after 30 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin

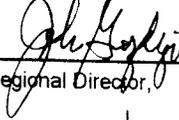
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Robert Young

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:



 Regional Director,

9-24-07

 Date

n/a

 Administrator,

 Date



 Secretary, Matt Frank

10/3/07

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
 CC: Susan Krantz NOR/Spooner

Retirement Resolution

Robert D. Young, Senior Fisheries Biologist in Woodruff, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on October 11, 2007, after 30+ years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Bob began his career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 1973 as an LTE - Engineering Technician, Water Quality at Wisconsin Rapids, while attending UW-Stevens Point. After graduation he left the Department to pursue a graduate degree at Virginia Tech (VPI&SU).

After graduation from VPI with a Master's Degree in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, he returned to the Department on October 10, 1977 as a Natural Resources Specialist at Rhinelander. In December of the same year, he was reclassified to Environmental Specialist - 1.

On October 22, 1978 Bob was promoted to Environmental Specialist -2 and he continued work out of the North Central District Headquarters in Rhinelander.

Based on recommendations from his immediate supervisor, he was again advanced on May 20, 1979 to Environmental Specialist - 3.

Bob was always willing to take on special assignments, like becoming lab coordinator for the Rhinelander office beginning on February 29, 1980. He was commended by the District Director in a memo for organizing and maintaining a facility used by a number of different programs.

On March 20th, 1983 Bob was promoted to Environmental Specialist - 4 at the recommendation of his immediate supervisor and the District Director. Not much more than a year later, he was again promoted to Environmental Specialist - 5 on June 24th, 1984. Bob's hard work and dedication was noted by many of his peers and as a result they nominated him for the 1986 John Brogan award.

On July 30th, 1989 Bob was yet again promoted to the position of Environmental Specialist - 6. Several years later his working title was changed to District Lake Management Coordinator. He felt privileged in that role to work with others around the state in helping to develop the current "Lakes Partnership", which includes citizen lake organizations, UW-Extension and local governments.

Bob worked in this capacity until the opportunity came to lateral transfer into a fisheries biologist position - a job he'd always wanted since he began his career. He became a Senior Fisheries Biologist for Headwaters Basin, Woodruff, on July 16th, 2000 where he worked for the remainder of his career.

It is obvious that Bob was well respected as a Department employee, but above and beyond his many accomplishments through his career, he is one of the most down to earth and professional people on the Department's staff. He dealt extremely well with the public and served his area of responsibility with a sense of ownership and dedication. Bob will be missed by his co-workers at not only the Woodruff office, but past colleagues at Rhinelander as well.

WHEREAS, Robert Young has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its October 2007 meeting at Platteville, 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