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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.1

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution-Kent Harrison

FOR: SEPTEMBER 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Frank

SUMMARY:
Kent Harrison will retire after 28 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Kent Harrison

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Regional Director, Ronald Kazmierczak — Date 7/5/07

Administrator — Date 7/20/07

Secretary, Scott Hassett — Date 7/26/07

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Sara Kempky-Green Bay

Retirement Resolution

Kent Harrison will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on October 2, 2007, after serving 28 years with the State of Wisconsin. Kent began his career on August 17, 1979, at Newport State Park in Ellison Bay, as a Seasonal Park Ranger 1. Kent became a credentialed Law Enforcement Officer and worked at Newport State Park in 1980.

In October of 1981, Kent transferred to Willow River State Park in Hudson as a Park Ranger 1. In 1982, Kent was reclassified to a Park Ranger 2. In July of 1983, Kent was promoted to Park Superintendent 1, and began working at Wyalusing State Park in Bagley. His duties included park maintenance, law enforcement and other duties. In 1984, Kent was reallocated to a Park Superintendent 2. In March of 1986, Kent transferred to Potawatomi State Park in Sturgeon Bay, where he was again responsible for the maintenance of the park. From August through December of 2000, Kent participated in a Job Exchange with the Assistant Superintendent of Peninsula State Park in Fish Creek.

During Kent's tenure at Potawatomi, he saw the addition of a new shower building, the construction of an accessible cabin, an improved boat landing, and a new shop/law enforcement building. Kent also worked closely with the Friends of Potawatomi State Park, and was always happy to help out with the annual Run Wild fundraising event. In November of 2001, Kent moved to another Door County Property. Kent took on the role of Park Manager 2 at Whitefish Dunes State Park. While at Whitefish Dunes, Kent regularly filled in during times of vacancy at Potawatomi State Park, serving as Acting Manager of Potawatomi and Acting Team Leader for the work unit, consisting of four properties.

Kent has been actively involved with the Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park, working with them in the funding of ski trail grooming equipment, LTE hours, naturalist supplies and equipment, and covering interpretive fees for school groups. Kent has been actively involved in Candlelight Ski and Hikes as well.

Kent has always been an active member of his community. He has been an instructor at the Door County YMCA for over a decade, which earned him recognition as "Volunteer of the Year." Kent has also coached soccer, supports the local swim program, and enjoys participating in fundraising events for the Jacksonport Polar Bear Club. He and his wife, who is a teacher, also participate in their local school district. Kent regularly embraces the opportunity to support Wisconsin State Parks through addressing local church and civic groups.

WHEREAS, Kent Harrison 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 September 2007 meeting at Pembine, 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