

SUBJECT: The Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin will donate \$20,000 to the Bureau of Fisheries Management for the propagation of muskellunge.

FOR: MAY 2011 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY:

The Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin has generously offered to donate \$20,000 to the Bureau of Fisheries Management for the propagation of muskellunge in Wisconsin during 2011 and beyond. Specifically, the donation will be used to purchase a new Gator for the Oehmcke Hatchery (Woodruff); an initial purchase of PIT (passive integrative transponder) tags and readers to mark wild brood stock as they are used in gamete collection, with an ongoing commitment to purchase about 150 PIT tags each year; ceramic air stones for the hauling tanks at the Thompson Hatchery (Spoooner); and an ongoing contribution of \$10,000 annually to produce, on average, about 5,000 additional large fingerling muskellunge. The Alliance further intends to provide ongoing donations of \$10,450 per year for at least 3 more years for ongoing funding for forage (\$10,000/year) and PIT tag purchases (\$450/year).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Natural Resources Board accept this generous donation.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No <input type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:

Michael Staggs
Bureau Director, Michael Staggs

4-7-2011
Date

Russ Rasmussen
Administrator, Russ Rasmussen

4/8/2011
Date

Cathy Stepp
Secretary, Cathy Stepp

5/4/11
Date

cc: NRB Liaison
DNR Rules Coordinator

Tim Simonson, FH/4

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$20,000 from

The Musky Clubs Alliance Of WI, Inc.

to be used for the propagation of muskellunge; a new Gator, P.I.T. tags and readers, ceramic air stones for hatchery trucks and for supplemental musky minnow feed.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

David Clausen, CHAIR