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Hunting in State Parks

In April 2011, WCC advisory question to allow hunting in state parks passed in 72 counties. Then, in October 2011, AB311 was introduced and had a public hearing. 7 amendments, including one that allowed hunting, trapping, fishing in State Parks, were attached and passed in the assembly without a public hearing and became Act 168. Therefore, WCC Spring 2011 advisory question was the basis for passing Act 168. Failing to inform the public violated Wisconsin Law:

19.81 Declaration of policy.

"In recognition of the fact that a representative government of the American type is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the policy of this state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information regarding the affairs of government as is compatible with the conduct of governmental business".

19.87 Legislative meetings. "This subchapter shall apply to all meetings of the senate and assembly and the committees, subcommittees and other subunits thereof..."

19.97 Enforcement. "Any action taken at a meeting of a governmental body held in violation of this subchapter is voidable..."

BE IT RESOLVED at the annual meeting in Door County on April 8, 2013, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress recommends working with the DNR to change hunting, trapping, and fishing in state parks to what was allowed before Act 168 was passed, because passing Act 168 violated Wisconsin open meeting law about the public's right to be informed.

Do you support this resolution?

YES _____
NO _____

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