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Title: Recruitment and Retention

The problem: Wisconsin Conservation Congress has been lacking in public interest as well as persons interested in being delegates. Lack of interest results in loss of participation at district meetings, spring hearings, the state convention and individual committee meetings. A lack of participation also creates a huge loss of information and an inability to inform constituents of relevant issues.

At present, there is little incentive to attend all of the aforementioned meetings. In order to offer an incentive to become an active participant, the Wisconsin DNR should reward all delegates in good standing and participating on a committee an annual Conservation Patron license at no charge. This action would promote participation as well as public interest, recruitment and retention.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Pepin County on April 8, 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change that would reward delegates in good standing that are actively participating on a committee a free Conservation Patron license annually.

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