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Convicted Violators sitting on citizen committees

The problem: In the past people who have been convicted of big game hunting violations have been able to sit on committees. Their proposals have the ability to make it easier for violators to continue their ways and make it harder for law enforcement personnel to protect the natural resources from these violators. After speaking with the Secretary of the DNR and the Chief Warden of the Department of Natural Resources, this issue is in need of changing.

Current laws allow convicted violators to sit on these committees without anyone knowing of their prior actions. We owe it to ourselves to protect the resource and our hunting and fishing heritage in Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Portage County on April 14, 2014 recommends that anyone convicted of a hunting or fishing violation may not be elected to any position on the Conservation Congress, or sit on any public committee involved in any hunting or fishing law changes for a period of five years following the conviction. If a person is currently elected to the Conservation Congress or is sitting on any public committee and is convicted of a hunting or fishing violation he/she will be immediately removed from that position. If a person is currently serving on the Conservation Congress or any other public committee and is convicted of a hunting or fishing violation he/she shall be immediately removed from that position.



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