

7-04-16

Citizen Resolution # _____

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Otter Critical Review and Permit Fees

Each year the Conservation Congress accepts written resolutions from the public, in each county throughout the state regarding natural resource issues of statewide concern. These resolutions are introduced by the public in attendance during the Conservation Congress county meeting that is held annually in conjunction with the DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings in April.

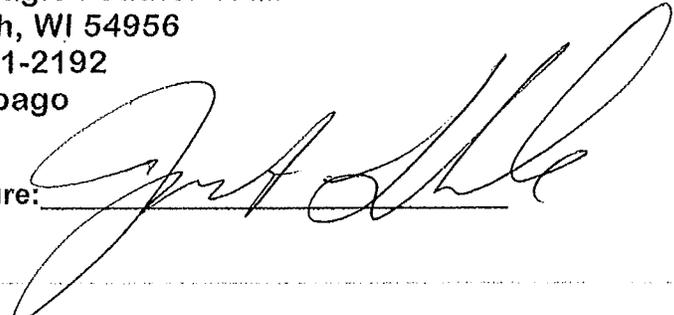
In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress and for public vote at the annual Conservation Congress county meeting, all resolutions introduced must meet the following requirements:

1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
3. The resolution must have a clear title.
4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.

The state has a growing amount of uncertainty in the otter population driven by unreliable surveys, an unreliable statewide population model, and trend data pulling in different directions. Trappers and Hunters were able to help reduce some of this uncertainty for bobcats, by increasing the research done on bobcats in the state. They helped fund this effort through an increase in the permit fee.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress will work with the Department to prioritize and complete a critical review of the otter population model, goals, and surveys used in the state. Funding for research will be assisted by increasing the permit fee from \$3 to \$6 with \$3 set aside to fund research for our water furbearers.

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Please print your resolution on 8 1/2 X 11 white paper (one-sided) and provide the WCC County Chair with TWO COPIES at the spring hearing. Only the individual author or designated representative may present the resolution. The author or designated representative must be present at the time the resolution is introduced. No more than two resolutions may be introduced by any person during the Congress portion of the spring hearings.