



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Fur Harvest Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/02/2021	9AM	Marathon County Library
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Ed Harvey at 9:08AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Pat Quaintance, Scott Lettman, Larry Meyer, Rob Bohmann, Maegan Loka, Duane Butler, Tom Bartz, Hugh Hatch, Mike Nicolson, Scott McAuley, Scott Zimmerman, Matt McHugh, Justin Loehrke, Tom Savage, Ed Harvey,
EXCUSED	Jerid Rankila, Scott, Schoenike, Richard Clark, Tom Hanks, Randy Symicek, Dan Cichantek, Kelly Tollefson, Miles Narveson, Wayne Stietz
UNEXCUSED	Jessie Espeseth
GUESTS	Shawn Rossler, Nate Kroeplin, Anna Schneider

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Approv
ACTION	Motion by Rob B, Second by Pat Q to approve as printed. Motion Passed Unanimously

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission statement read
ACTION	No action taken

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolutions

1.	Buckshot ammunition (330121)	Ed Harvey
	DISCUSSION	This appears to be fixed by legislature.
	ACTION	Rob B motion to reject, second by Pat Q. MP Unanimously
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

2.	Allow use of buckshot for predator hunting (550321)	Ed Harvey
	DISCUSSION	This is a pretty much the same as previous one. Appears it was fixed by Legislature as it was going to take too long to fix mixup. Appears changed in new reg phamplet. We support the idea but it should be no longer needed.
	ACTION	Motion to advance Matt McHugh, Second by Pat. Motion carries.
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

3.	Ban Night Hunting (132921)	Ed Harvey
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DISCUSSION	Where does it stop? Ban all night hunting. Trapping at night. Conflict could be addressed with better lighting laws like that have been advanced in the past, but never got to the finish line. Hunting at night also creates less conflict on properties that get more use. All properties are multiuse.	
ACTION	Duane motion to reject, second by Tom. MP unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

4.	Dispatched of a Trapped Animals(720821)	Al Lobner
DISCUSSION	Used to be able to hunt but didn't want folks shooting deer down the road so it was limited to bird shot. Animals use it. This is safer than shooting grouse as animal is stationary. Certain animals are required to be dispatched with firearm.	
ACTION	Scot Z motion to advance, second by Larry M. Motion passed Unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

5.	Dispatching animal in trap within 50' of roadway center (040621)	Pat Quaintance
DISCUSSION	This item were taken up with previous resolution 720821.	
ACTION	Committee advanced this resolution with 720821. See previous question.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

6.	Eliminate Nighttime Hunting of Coyotes on Public Plan.(410621, 680821)	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	Very similar to question 3. Really only difference was Title of resolution.	
ACTION	Duane B motion to reject, Second Tom Savage. MP Unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

7.	Eliminate Nighttime Hunting of Wolves and Coyotes.(132721, 440521, 640421)	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	Same as previous but includes wolves. Law doesn't allow wolves to be hunted year round like coyotes.	
ACTION	Duane motion to reject, second by Rob B. MP Unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

8.	Fair and Reasonable Restriction 132021	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	Very poorly written. Looks like only wants trapping on private ground and some left for nonharvest. Trappers only harvest from surplus so wildlife is already left for non-consumptive users.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Tom, Scott Z second. MP unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

9.	Foot Hold Trap size data change 040721, 090721, 560321	Ed Harvey
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DISCUSSION	BMP traps that have inside jaw spread that are recommended. Bear were reason, but with move to the later opener in early Nov, we should have less issues. Bird hunting and incidental catches on dog. Was legal before we had a wolf season.
ACTION	Rob motion to advance, second by Pat. MC with one no vote
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10. Give Coyotes Protections from year-Round open Season Hunting(131621, 410921)	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	Ed noted Lois was planning on attending, but was not there. Very few folks are going out on public land to hunt coyotes out of season. Exception is folks first starting out. Folks having success are using as a tool to help landowners. Good points about coyotes being a resource. John Olson pushed hard for this in the past. Lois showed up after questions was addressed so Ed provided some time for the committee to hear from the author even though it was rejected.
ACTION	Duane motion to reject, second by Matt. MP Unanimously.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

11. Placement of traps to ensure public Safety(041021)	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	This would eliminate the use of foothold traps on landscape. Children and adults are not being injured via traps. Even incidents with legal set traps are nearly zero with the use of BMPs and Trapping education. Public does need to be more aware of trapping activities.
ACTION	Larry motion to reject, Second by Scott W. MP Unanimously
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

12. Protect Natural Predators as Balance for the Health of Wisconsin Citizens (131421, 411321)	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	Lacks facts and has false information. Includes species we can't trap today and would eliminate trapping for wolves, coyotes, bobcats and fox. We
ACTION	Scott M motion to reject, second by Tom S. MP Unanimously
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

13. Refuge Beaver Trapping (220221)	Ed Harvey
DISCUSSION	Shawn noted it might be timely question about this as duck season also went through this. Mississippi zone goes away and now Lake Michigan zone. If there is no duck season zone, then this might be a good time to address. Issue is the feds as most of it managed by feds and they do not really listen. Committee understands issue with not being able to get out there sooner, but might need to see how much we would be impacting if we can't get federal side to join. Might cause more confusion? Discussed having Chair do a little work and see if it is justified.
ACTION	Rob B to table for a month, Scott M second. MP unanimously.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

14. Stop Trapping Beavers who create Habitat for Frogs and Half of Endangered Species (131521)	Ed Harvey
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DISCUSSION	Beaver damage control is already high. Need to work on tolerance, not ban all beaver trapping	
ACTION	Duane motion to reject, second by Tom B. MP Unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

15. Trap Warning to Ensure Public Safety Ed Harvey

DISCUSSION	No safety concern. Only encourages more sets getting messed with or stolen. Put responsibility on trapper should some one else remove signage.	
ACTION	Pat Motion to reject, Meagan Second. MP Unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

Shawn Rossler

DISCUSSION	<p>Bobcat is pretty much same as previous years. Slight change on registration. Harvesting enough bobcat that they will only sample collect from season 1 this year and then late season the following one. Fisher pelt tag has been eliminated. No metal tag is needed for fisher any more. River otter will still be a bag limit like last year. Once you register that otter, you will automatically be sent tag to attach to the pelt. Doing subsample approach for fisher jaws. Subsample for otter as well. Will go out closer to season. Muskrat zones and seasons going through the rule making process. Will be in time for next year. Same is true for cable restraints. No news on wolf drawing. Gray fox discussion. What is available from trapper survey or fur buyer survey? Include a letter of support for wolf season.</p> <p>Zone 6 and his thoughts on if feds would look at trapping. Not much until after duck season. Last fall two incidents last year. 1 illegal snare in Forest 1 legal 160 incident.</p> <p>Grad #s Anna Schneider- Trapper education just under 1000. 3 IP trapper ed classes. 16% female A few nonresidents. Oldest 78. Youngest 6. Hunters and trappers ed instructors need to wear a mask and vaccination status.</p> <p>Otter process moved appl to bag limit--graduates get two upon completion with course. Issue around March-April. Running into issue as license year changes during that time. Cut off license date is completion April 30th. Move completion to May 1 if you want free license and tags following year.</p> <p>First woman trap camp. 26 students. Will hold again next year.</p> <p>Jennifer new looking at continue otter bridge survey. beaver mail survey coming soon. Snapshot WI 2000 trailcamera will provide new data source for furbearers.</p>	
ACTION	Rob motion to send letter to ELC leadership and wolf committee noting our support for a wolf season this year. Pat second. MP unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Disabled Trappers Resolution

Ed Harvey

DISCUSSION	Resolution from last that committee rejected as we felt it was already legal. After further review, it is gray area at best and warden could ticket. Local warden was pushing back so might be good to advance. Also could work via the Disabled DNR committee.	
ACTION	Rob motion to advance question but also work with Disable DNR Committee. Scott Second. MP Unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Insurance for Trappers Ed Classes

Justin Loehrke

DISCUSSION	Justin noted he was contacted by Jim Binder-statewide TE coordinator. Noted that only education program that is not covered by state due to WTA being in control. Insurance is costly--250-300 per class regardless of class size. Hard to justify smaller classes or specialized classes like wolf. Could send letter to DOA but likely to fall on deaf ears due to WTA. WTA is exploring possibilities with affiliations. ND Trapping association is affiliated with NRA. MN possibly with NTA?	
ACTION	None Taken	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Midwest Bobcat Report

Ed Harvey

DISCUSSION	Ed provided a nice review of neighboring states and the harvest of bobcats. WI is doing pretty well compared to neighboring states and especially when you look at the cats per sq mile.	
ACTION	None Taken	
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F. Future Committee Meeting

Ed Harvey

DISCUSSION	Unfortunately we couldn't meet early this year with delay in committee assignments/leadership positions so Ed was very appreciative of the strong turnout during the hunting season. Committee has strong desire to meet in August next year. Tried to work around WWF board meeting and TE classes. Committee would like to shoot for August	
ACTION		
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Question about turtle bag limit and possession limit being the same.
ACTION	No action Taken

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	11:58AM
SUBMITTED BY	Justin Loehrke
DATE	10/02/2021