

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Trout Committee

### Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	15 November 2021	1831-2010 hrs.	Teleconference
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Vanden Bloomen at 1831 hours
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##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Dennis Vanden Bloomen, <b>Chair</b> (Eau Claire), Jim Wierzba. <b>Vice Chair</b> , (Ozaukee), Dave Ninneman (Outagamie), Maurice Amundson (Monroe), Roger Roehl (Rusk) Robert Tracyk (Iron), Travis Bruce (Buffalo), Michael Hranicka (Sheboygan), Bob Haase (Fond du Lac), Nathaniel Brown (Taylor), Dale Ebert (Florence) David Baron (Richland), Kevin Seefeldt (Ashland),
EXCUSED	Randy Farchmin (Waukesha), Larry Damman- <b>Secretary</b> (Washburn), Scott Pitta (Adams), Martin Sands (Walworth), Andrew Novak (Crawford),
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Falon French, Justin Hagland, Kirk Olson (DNR Fisheries), Matthew Mitro (DNR Office of Applied Science), Jamin Leuzzo (DRN-Law Enforcement)

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	No additions or deletions to agenda
ACTION	MB Amundson, SB Barron, Approved

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	No changes brought forward
ACTION	Approved

##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. WI RESIDENT ONLY FISHING TIME ON THE BRULE RIVER (18-01-21)

SHAWN VANLANDINGHAM

DISCUSSION	Resolution: Currently most of the peak season on the Brule River is occupied by Non-Residents from Minnesota. While I'm all for non-residents fishing in our state the demand is now greater the supply so the amount of people fishing is now deterring our tax paying residents from using this great resource. I've also notice much of the social media bullying about keeping and handling fish comes from these non-residents. Putting our residents first, I
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	<p>propose that the first two weeks of Spring opener is resident only as will (sp) as the first two weeks in October during the peak of the fall run. Thank you!</p> <p>Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to make this new regulation possible?</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b>          Author—frustrated that it appears most of the anglers on the Brule River in the opening weeks are from out-of-state, principally Minnesota. Minnesota has a hunting season (days) for residents only. About a 5:1 ratio of MN to WI license plates on vehicles in the parking lots.</p> <p>Committee comments—how would this be enforced? Are the non-residents licensed? They have to buy a non-resident general fishing license for \$45 then purchase a Trout Stamp for \$10 like residents do. The stamps support the trout not the general fund license sales revenue. Don't know of any WI rules that separate residents from non-residents for seasons.</p> <p>Other areas that have a high non-resident fishing participation are in the Driftless area and the Rush River in western WI and Kinni in the River Falls area.</p> <p>Some northern WI landowners are closing access to their properties because of poor fishermen etiquette.</p> <p>Do MN residents abuse the resource more than residents?</p> <p>The legislature would have to spell out how to enforce a law of this type.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	MB: M Anderson, SB: R. Haase to Accept and forward the Resolution. Roll call vote because it was a teleconference. Motion rejected unanimously. Will not be forwarded to DLC.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Chair Vanden Bloomen	

## B. Department Information & Updates

### 1. Trout Management Plan Update

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Hagland—trout plan spreadsheet presented.</p> <p>Committee Questions about easements--they can be limited to fishing and not hunting.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

### 2. Trout Program Updates

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The following guidelines are being adhered to by the DNR in support of the Trout Management Plan.</p> <p>(1) Maintain trout diversity (2) Brook trout populations, (3) high quality opportunities—need creel surveys, (4) priority impact w/climate change (5) restore and reintroduce after fish kills, (6) maintain stocking for put-and-take</p>
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	ponds, stocking guidance needs updating.	
	Trout crew and Spring field work was impacted by virus protocols. Some restoration and monitoring were accomplished. More creel surveys are planned but the impact of the virus and money are yet to be determined. Survey cards are a cost-efficient way to gather information. Stocking guidance is being reviewed but actual stocking was impacted this spring because of virus concerns for the crews.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

### 3. TROUT RESEARCH UPDATES

	Matthew Mittro slide presentation	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	2021 Field Season: 41 streams (+ 1 lake), 120 stream visits, 146 fish surveys (85 trout surveys + 61 IBI surveys), 112 beaver dams on 14 streams, 58 habitat surveys and 10 UAS aerial imaging.  Beaver Influence on Trout and Stream Habitat--Study Objectives--This study will quantify the effects, both positive and negative, of beavers, beaver dams, and beaver dam removal on coldwater stream habitat and trout populations therein in different ecoregions and beaver management zones across Wisconsin.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only....	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		

### 4. Trout Law Enforcement Update

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No report/update	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	WCC Convention—12-14 May, 2022 Chula Vista Convention & Resort, WI Dells	
<b>ACTION</b>	Poll the committee members for best date for Trout Committee 2022 meeting by Chair.	

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>2010 hours</b> MB Bob T., SB David N. Adjourned	
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>D. Vanden Bloomen, Chair</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>15 November 2021 (submission date 5 Jan 2022)</b>	