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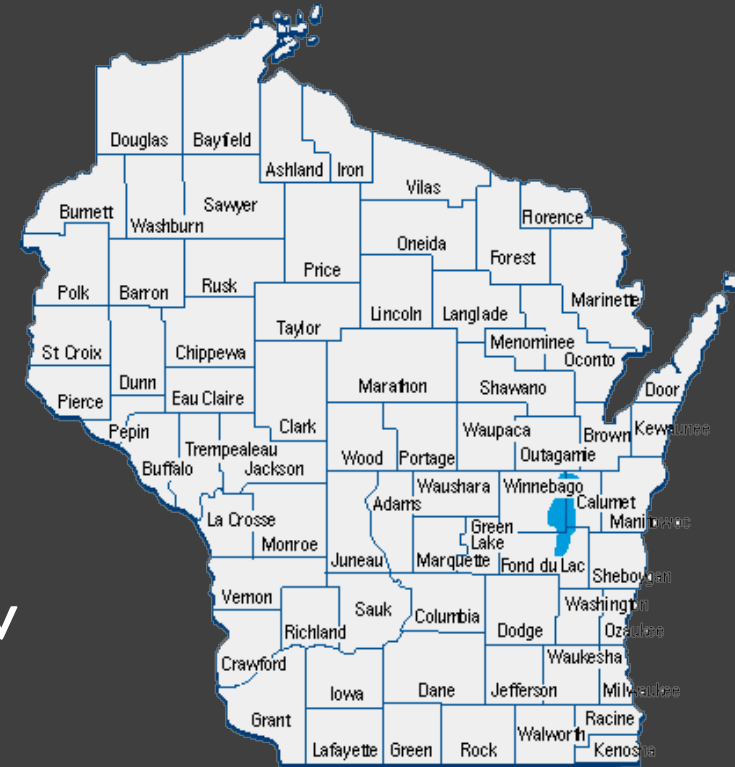




*Aldo Leopold*

# Early Citizen Involvement

In 1934, UW professor Aldo Leopold, Chief Warden Harley MacKenzie, and Superintendent of Game, William Grimmer designed the county based system of citizen involvement we know as the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.





The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where citizens elect delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations.



# Spring Hearings

Question 1 – Allow trappers to keep  
raccoon incidentally trapped in beaver  
sets during the closed season for  
raccoon.



WDNR Bureau of Wildlife Management



Department of Natural Resources  
Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife  
Public Hearing  
&  
Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
Annual Spring County  
Conservation Meeting



Monday, April 13, 2020

7:00 PM

#### Agenda:

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| 1. Registration                                    |                     |
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| Notice of Public Hearing                           | page 8              |
| 2. WCC – Delegate Elections                        | WCC Delegate(s)     |
| Conservation Congress Delegate Election Process    | page 6              |
| 3. County Deer Advisory Council Update             | WCC CDAC Chair      |
| 2020 Preliminary County Deer Permit Recommendation | page 10             |
| 4. DNR – Wildlife and Fisheries Public Hearing     | DNR Hearing Officer |
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| 5. NRB Advisory Questions                          | DNR Hearing Officer |
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| 6. Citizen Resolutions                             | WCC Delegate(s)     |
| Conservation Congress Resolution Process           | page 21             |
| How to Write a Resolution & Sample Resolution      | page 22             |
| 7. Wisconsin Conservation Congress County Meeting  | WCC Delegate(s)     |
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This hearing is not a debate but rather an opportunity for public input. Everyone will be given an opportunity to comment on the questions, but you will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes for each question that you wish to discuss. If comments become repetitive, the hearing officer may limit comments to issues not previously presented. Written comments on all DNR or NRB advisory questions will be accepted until April 16, 2020. **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** For individuals who are unable to attend a hearing in person, an online input option will be available and open to the public until April 16, 2020 (see page 3 for information).

The results of the 2020 Spring Hearings will be available online  
as soon as they are compiled.  
Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) – search for “Spring Hearings”





# County Deer Advisory Councils (CDAC)



In 2009, the Natural Resources Board asked,

***“Would you support the concept of establishing a Youth Conservation Congress?”***







The YCC is a hands-on program, involving youth in natural resource management, citizen-based science, and providing avenues to engage in policy making.

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Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress

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# ADVOCATE

# GROW

# ENGAGE





# ADVOCATE for natural resources

- Become a citizen voice  
for natural resource  
management



# GROW your knowledge

- Learn about natural resource management locally and statewide





# ENGAGE locally

- Create relationships and learn from local professionals, mentors, conservation groups, policy makers and peers





# Why join the YCC?

- Amazing outdoor opportunities
- Free to join
- Make new friends across the state
- Excellent experience for college applications and resumes







# What is my role as a YCC delegate?

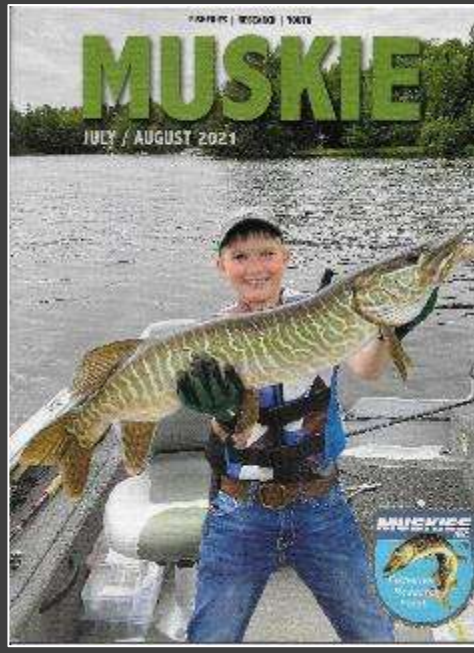
- Be open to learning about all aspects of conservation.
- Develop a yearly learning goal.
- Attend planned field days, meetings and events.
- Communicate with WCC Mentor and Coordinator.



A successful  
YCC  
experience is  
self-driven









# YCC & High School Credit Options

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- Independent study projects (approval by teacher and school district)
- Potential for volunteer hours - required for graduation







Opportunity to collaborate on  
conservation projects with other  
organizations



# How can I join the Youth Conservation Congress?

- Fill out an application form, found online
- Talk with the YCC Coordinator
- Connect with a WCC delegate in your county









# Questions?

Contact your county  
Wisconsin Conservation  
Congress delegates

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Congress Coordinator  
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