

Agenda Amended: 07/27/23

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Fur Harvest Advisory Committee

Marathon County Public Library
Saturday, August 19, 2023
9:30 am



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that members of the Fur Harvest Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will convene at 9:30 am on August 19, 2023, in the Wausau Community Room of the Marathon County Public Library located at 300 N. First Street, Wausau, Wisconsin [and via Zoom](#).

Meetings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress are public meetings and open to participation by any member of the public. [If you would like to participate in this meeting via Zoom, please join at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83436923610> or call in using 1-312-626-6799 \(Meeting ID: 83436923610#\).](#) [If joining by Zoom, please log on to the meeting at 9:15 am so that we can assist with any technical difficulties before the meeting begins at 9:30 am. Please note that if for some reason the virtual option fails, the in-person meeting will continue as long as there is a quorum present.](#)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. Organizational Matters

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Agenda approval or repair
- D. Review committee mission statement

The mission of the Fur Harvest Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to promote the wise use, management and protection of the Wisconsin's natural resources; specifically its renewable natural resources, and its furbearing wildlife species. We promote the harvest of furbearers through regulated hunting and trapping. We will accomplish our mission by considering sound science and through cooperation and partnerships with user groups, researchers and regulatory agencies. We will take into consideration the ideas and input of citizens. We will make recommendations, through the application of science-based management, to the Natural Resources Board and the legislature to assure future generations have ample and healthy furbearer populations and natural resources.

E. Public comments

*Citizens who wish to address the committee should contact the committee chair (**Ed Harvey, Jr.** at **920-528-7071**) prior to **August 17, 2023**.*

II. Information & Action Items

A. Citizen Resolutions

- 1. Nesting Bird Conservation Reward Program - A reward to trappers to help reduce the overpopulation of fur bearing animals such as coyotes, raccoons, striped skunks, opossums & red fox ([030123](#))
- 2. Give Coyotes Protections from Year-Round Open Season Hunting ([130523](#), [560123](#))
- 3. Change the starting time for Muskrat/Mink Season to 6 AM ([220123](#), [330123](#), [540123](#), [680223](#))

B. Department Information Items & Updates

1. Furbearer program update – *Shawn Rossler, DNR Furbearer Ecologist*
2. Research topics and update – *Lydia Margenau, DNR Furbearer Researcher*
3. LE update and trap incident report – *Nate Kroeplin, DNR Warden Supervisor*

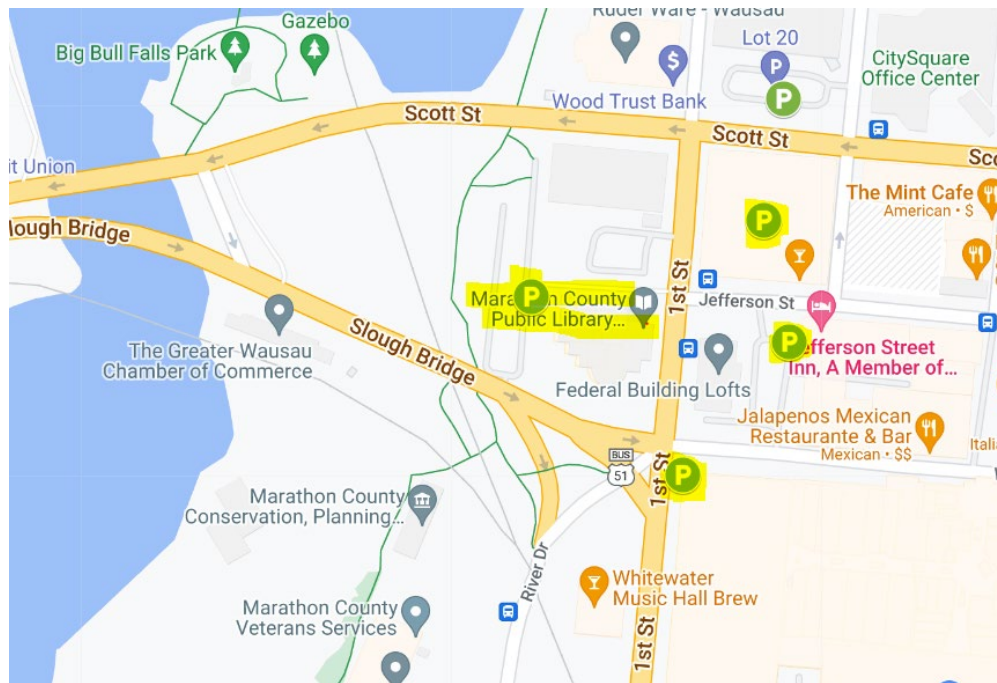
C. Old Business for Information & Action

1. Status and future direction for the Code of Procedure changes dealing with elimination of the 3/2 loophole for resolutions and the requirement that resolutions not be submitted at the spring hearings.
2. Proposal to allow cage traps to be used in or near water (consider new traps now allowed to be used under water).
3. Proposal to allow foot snares for bears
4. Proposal to liberalize the sale of animal body parts which are currently not legally sold (consider list of items which can or cannot be sold)

D. Future committee meetings

III. Member Matters

IV. Adjournment



Give Us Your Feedback:

Following your committee meeting, please take the time to complete the WCC Advisory Committee Evaluation Form and provide leadership with input and feedback on how well the committee functioned. Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html> and click on Advisory Committee Evaluation Form under Delegate Resources.

Committee Chair and Vice-Chair:

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NOTE: Per the WCC Code of Procedures VII.J.3, committee members must notify the committee chair or vice-chair no less than 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting to confirm your attendance.