

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Michael Cain

FOR: JANUARY BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY:
Matthew Frank

SUMMARY:
Michael Cain will retire with over 30 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin. A retirement resolution is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Michael Cain.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

- No Fiscal Estimate Required
- No Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No Background Memo

- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached

APPROVED:

Richard L. Prorise
Bureau Director, Richard Prorise

12/07/2007
Date

Administrator,
Matt Frank
Secretary, Matt Frank

Date
12/18/07
Date

Retirement Resolution

WHEREAS, Michael Cain is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources January 25, 2008 after completing more than thirty years of service to the Department and the State of Wisconsin. Michael received a B.S. in biology from U.W. Stevens Point in 1972 and a J.D. from U.W. Madison in 1976. Michael joined the Department as a law clerk in 1974 and started permanent employment on October 10, 1977.

Michael's earliest responsibilities included working with the groundwater programs. After several years, his responsibilities shifted to providing legal counsel to the programs in the Bureau of Water Regulation and Zoning, now known as Watershed Management. Throughout his career, he specialized in representing the Department on issues relating to the Public Trust Doctrine, impacts to Wisconsin's lakes and rivers, the wetlands program, dam safety, and the Office of Energy.

Michael has represented the Department in many issues which have proceeded to review by the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and the Wisconsin Supreme Court and which have been critical in the continued evolution of Wisconsin's water law. These cases have dealt with issues such as dockominiums, limitations on oversize piers and the public's rights to use navigable waters. He is recognized as an expert in Wisconsin water law, the Wisconsin Public Trust Doctrine and Wisconsin's wetland laws and has represented the State of Wisconsin in training programs for attorneys, law students, water resource management students, consultants, and the public relating to these areas. He was involved in the development of statutes, rules and policies for the State of Wisconsin throughout his career.

Michael received recognition from his peers for his enthusiasm and commitment to the Department programs, including recognition as the "Person of the Year" in the Water Regulation and Zoning Program in 1994 and the Brogan Award for outstanding environmental achievement in 1995.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its January 2008 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR