

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Christine G. Fitch

FOR: MARCH 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Christine G. Fitch retired on March 21, 2008, following 25 years of service in the Department of Natural Resources to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, as a Clerical Assistant, a Tourist Information Assistant, a Tourist Information Assistant - Leadworker and most recently as a Program Assistant Advanced - Confidential in the Southeast Region.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Natural Resources Board recognize Chris Fitch for her many years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin by adopting this retirement resolution

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:




Regional Director,

Date January 7, 2008

Administrator,

Date



Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Christine G. Fitch, Program Assistant Advanced - Confidential, retired on March 21, 2008, following 25 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Chris graduated from Milton High School in 1971 and received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater in 1975. She majored in Spanish and Broadfield Social Studies and minored in Geography.

Chris worked as a tour guide at the Milton House Museum, a hardware store clerk, a secretary to a music professor and the president of the faculty senate at UW-Whitewater, a fabric store clerk, and a secretary to a department store owner in Janesville. In 1976, Chris began teaching. She taught fifth and sixth grades at Oakhill Christian School in Janesville, first through sixth grades at Faith Baptist Academy in Beloit and kindergarten through third grades, girls' physical education, high school Spanish and instrumental and vocal music for the entire student body at Abundant Life Christian School in Janesville.

In January 1983, Chris began her career with the Department of Natural Resources as a Clerical Assistant, then became a Tourist Information Assistant and became a Tourist Information Assistant - Lead Worker in December 1987, at the information desk in the Southeast District Headquarters in Milwaukee. She fielded numerous questions by phone and in person and sold fishing and hunting licenses and park stickers. Chris handled boat, snowmobile and all terrain vehicle registration applications. She kept financial records and led a team of up to three other staff members in daily operations at the very busy office.

In October 1989, Chris became the Program Assistant to the Southeast Region Director, advancing to Program Assistant Advanced Confidential in May 2001. She recorded the minutes of the weekly Regional Leadership Team meetings, served as co-editor and then editor of the Region's newsletter, *Natural Resources Horizons*, tracked incoming and outgoing correspondence, worked with an Administrative Professional Team and enjoyed working on special projects such as recognition certificates, presentations, letters, and handbooks such as the Administrative Professional Handbook, the Southeast Region New Employee Handbook and the State Employees Combined Campaign Handbook.

Chris enjoys excursions to Door County with husband Jim, taking in theater productions, art exhibits and concerts, visiting State Parks, Forests and Recreation areas, participating in the Hank Aaron State Trail Run / Walk, singing with the Bel Canto Chorus, writing music, taking courses in a variety of subjects, reading, walking, relaxing and spending time with family.

WHEREAS, Christine Gallagher Fitch has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its March 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