

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Irene J. Schmidt

FOR: MARCH BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Signe Holtz, Director, Endangered Resources Program

SUMMARY:
Irene J. Schmidt retired January 28, 2008 after 29 years of state service.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Irene J. Schmidt

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:

Signe A. Holtz
Bureau Director, Endangered Resources, Signe Holtz

2/15/08
Date

Laurie Osterndorf
Administrator, Division of Land, Laurie Osterndorf

2/15/08
Date

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Irene J. Schmidt retired on January 28, 2008 after completing more than 29 years of service to the Department and the people of the State of Wisconsin.

Irene began her state career on October 16, 1978 as a Typist. In August 1979 she accepted a promotion to Program Assistant in the Bureau of Research and began a relationship with the State Natural Areas Program that would continue for the rest of her career. In 1982 the State Natural Areas Program merged with the Office of Endangered and Nongame Species to form the Bureau of Endangered Resources and Irene became the Program Assistant for the entire bureau. In July 1990 she was promoted to an Administrative Assistant position and in November 1994 she was promoted to a Natural Resources Program Specialist.

The Bureau of Endangered Resources was very fortunate to be able to retain Irene for the past 26 years. Her name is synonymous with the program for many Department employees and a multitude of individuals in the public. Irene has been responsible for Work Planning, Functional Analysis, budget preparation and budget implementation for the bureau since it was formed. Irene developed and administered the Endangered Threatened Species Permit system. In particular, Irene was instrumental in the development of Chapter NR 27 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and developing standard procedures for permit application reviews and issuance. Irene's professional style and her personal affinity for details made her the perfect manager of this permit system. The endangered resources of the State of Wisconsin have been and will continue to be well protected by Irene's permit system.

WHEREAS, Irene J. Schmidt 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