

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution- James M. Thompson

**FOR:** MAY 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

James M. Thompson retired May 1, 2008 after more than 20 years of state service.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for James M. Thompson

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

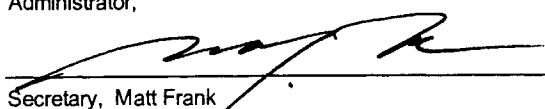
- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
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**APPROVED:**

  
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 Regional Director,

May 8, 2008  
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 Secretary, Matt Frank

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## ***Retirement Resolution***

James M. Thompson, Advanced Fisheries Technician for the Southeast Region of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, retired on May 1, 2008, with over 20 years of service. Jim devoted his entire career to ensuring the future of Wisconsin's fishing tradition.

Jim graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1987. Jim started his career with the Department restoring fisheries habitat in the Milwaukee River.

In 1988, he became a permanent Fisheries Management Technician with the Regional Fisheries Operations Team stationed at Eagle. While a member of the Operations Team, Jim served a critical role in many fisheries projects, including the design and implementation of the Delavan Lake fisheries restoration project. This project remains the largest single fisheries restoration project ever undertaken in Wisconsin.

In March of 1990, Jim was promoted to the position of Fisheries Management Technician- 2 with the Southern Lake Michigan Fisheries Management Team. On Lake Michigan, Jim performed important work gathering and interpreting biological information used to manage populations of yellow perch and lake trout. At the Southeast Region's Root River Steelhead Facility, Jim organized and interpreted data and wrote important reports upon which fisheries management strategies are based.

A truly versatile employee, Jim is a United States Coast Guard licensed research boat captain and served as co-captain of the Department of Natural Resources Research Vessel *Gaylord Nelson*.

***WHEREAS***, James M. Thompson has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has earned the commendation due an outstanding public employee;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, the Natural Resources Board at its May 2008 meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recognized 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