

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution---Randall J. Link

**FOR:** JANUARY **BOARD MEETING**

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

**SUMMARY:**

Randall J. Link is retiring December 26, 2008 with over 37 years of service.

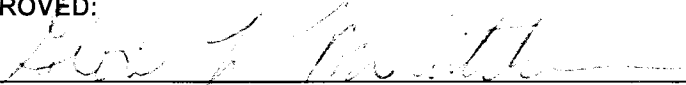
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for Randall J. Link

**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, Gloria McCutcheon

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 Secretary, Matt Frank

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Randall J. Link, Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery Supervisor for the Southeast Region of the Department of Natural Resources, will retire on December 26, 2008, with over 37 years of service. A life-long resident of Wisconsin, Randy devoted his entire career to ensuring the strong future of Wisconsin's fishing tradition.

After graduation from technical college in 1970, Randy began his Department career as a limited-term employee with the rough fish crew at Horicon. In 1971, Randy received the permanent position of Natural Resources Assistant, working on lake aeration and the Upper Rock River Fish and Wildlife Rehabilitation Project. In 1974, he transferred to the Osceola State Fish Hatchery, where he began his career in trout and salmon culture.

In May, 1980, Randy promoted to the position of Hatchery Supervisor at Kettle Moraine Springs State Fish Hatchery. As the first Hatchery Supervisor, he guided the creation of a first-class hatchery, rearing millions of fish for Lake Michigan and inland waters. He played a key role helping create the Root River and Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facilities and manage the Kenosha Sport Fishing and Conservation Association Rearing Pond. As a strong proponent of public education in natural resources, Randy led countless public Hatchery tours. Expressions of appreciation and donations from fishing organizations and individuals line the walls of the Hatchery. Randy hired many employees into their first permanent job with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Many of these employees now serve as supervisors and technicians across the state, carrying on Randy's proud legacy of dedication and commitment. Always emphasizing workplace safety, Randy prepared his crews to attain a remarkable safety record.

***WHEREAS***, Randall J. Link 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 January 2009 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