

Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
Annual Convention  
Lambeau Field Green Bay WI  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Counties: All present with the following exception.  
Excused, Ashland, counties not excused Iron, Polk.

Motion passed to have the meeting proceed under Roberts Rules of Order with Vice Chair Harvey acting as Parliamentarian.

DNR Sec Scott Hassett addressed the Congress with overview of DNR matters.

NRB Chair Gerald O'Brein gave a summary of past years highlights and future concerns.

Dept. of Administration Sec. Steve Bablich addressed the Congress on what the Doyle administration has done and will do in the future.

Congressman Mark Green addressed the Congress with concerns he would address if elected Governor of WI.

Wisconsin

Great Lakes Union Coordinator, [Gary Hammen](#)

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Short video and presentation from the TRCP was given with the theme of getting more lands open to public hunting.

## **Inside the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**

"It is not what we have that will make us a great nation; it is the way in which we use it." - Theodore Roosevelt, 1886

**The TRCP Organization:** The TRCP is a non-profit organization driven by a Board of Directors and a Policy Council made up of leaders from many of the country's top hunting, fishing and conservation groups. We have a national focus on access and conservation issues affecting hunting and angling and are supported by our own nationwide network of over

90,000 sportsmen and women and more than 1,400 affiliated local and state-level clubs and organizations, that themselves represent nine million Americans.

**Our Mission:** The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is a coalition of leading hunting, fishing and conservation organizations, labor unions and individual grassroots partners working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing by a.) expanding access to places to hunt and fish, b.) conserving fish and wildlife and the habitats necessary to sustain them, and c.) increasing funding for conservation and management.

**Partnership:** [Becoming an individual Partner](#) in the TRCP costs nothing; it is open to all hunters, anglers and Americans who care about conservation and improving sportsmen's access. All we ask in return is that individual Partners help support our efforts by getting involved and becoming a voice for access and conservation. The TRCP includes both affiliated sportsmen who belong to a wide range of fish and wildlife conservation organizations and the many "unaffiliated" hunters and anglers who have previously lacked a collective voice. It is also free to partner with the TRCP as an [affiliate group](#). This opportunity is available to organizations and businesses that believe in TRCP's mission and wish to support it.

**The TRCP Approach:** Presently, numerous first-rate organizations are working to protect our hunting and fishing heritage and fish and wildlife habitat. The TRCP is simply a proactive means for these groups to work in coordinated partnership to amplify and strengthen the voices of the conservation community.

TRCP partner organizations represented on the Board of Directors and Policy Council identify consensus conservation and sportsmen's priorities and establish plans for carrying out policy initiatives to achieve the community's goals. The TRCP staff offers services to support these efforts providing grassroots organizing, policy analysis, communications assistance, financial development and other services designed to help educate policymakers and encourage America's hunters and anglers to stand up and be heard on issues they care about.

TRCP is guaranteeing you a place to hunt and fish – inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the TRCP is a coalition of organizations and individual grassroots partners, working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing

<http://www.trcp.org/default.aspx>

Mike Stagg's Director of Fisheries gave a presentation on Fisheries issues. The results of the 2006 Spring Hearing fisheries questions were supportive and indicated all questions will move forward with exception on question 27 regarding water open to bowfishing already being addressed in legislation.

Motion to advance fisheries question passed.

Tom Hauge DNR Director of Wildlife gave a presentation on wildlife issues. The results of the 2006 Spring Hearing wildlife questions were supportive and indicated all questions will move forward with modifications to the question regarding High Cliff State park to muzzleloaders hunting only.

Motion to advance wildlife questions passed.

Question 51, motion to advance passed.  
Question 52, motion to advance passed.  
Question 53, motion to reject passed.  
Question 54, motion to advance passed.  
Question 55, motion to advance passed.  
Question 56, motion to advance passed.  
Question 57, motion to reject passed by a paddle vote 38 -29.  
Question 58, motion to advance passed.  
Question 59, motion to advance passed.  
Question 60, motion to advance passed.  
Question 61, motion to send back to committee.  
Question 62, motion to send back to committee  
Question 63, motion to send back to committee  
Question 64, motion to advance passed.  
Question 65, motion to advance passed.  
Question 66, motion to advance passed.  
Question 67, motion to advance passed.  
Question 68, motion to advance passed.  
Question 69, motion to advance passed.  
Question 70, motion to advance passed.  
Question 71, motion to reject passed.  
Question 72, motion to reject passed.  
Question 73, motion to advance passed.  
Question 74, motion to advance passed.

Vice Chair gave Rules and Resolution Committee report.  
Motion to except Rules and Resolution Committee recommendations, passed.

Other Business:

Motion to bring question 47 (Lowering the hunting age) from 2005 from the table passed.  
Motion to reject question 47 (Lowering the hunting age) from 2005 passed by a paddle vote 36-30.  
Motion to rewrite lowering hunting age question failed.  
Motion to have south muskrat zone the WI River not HWY 60 passed.  
Motion to forward resolution to “Transferring of harvest tags” to legislative committee passed.

Awards Committee Chair presented awards.

Motion to adjourn passed 8:47 PM.

Submitted: Wisconsin Conservation Congress Sec. Larry Bonde