

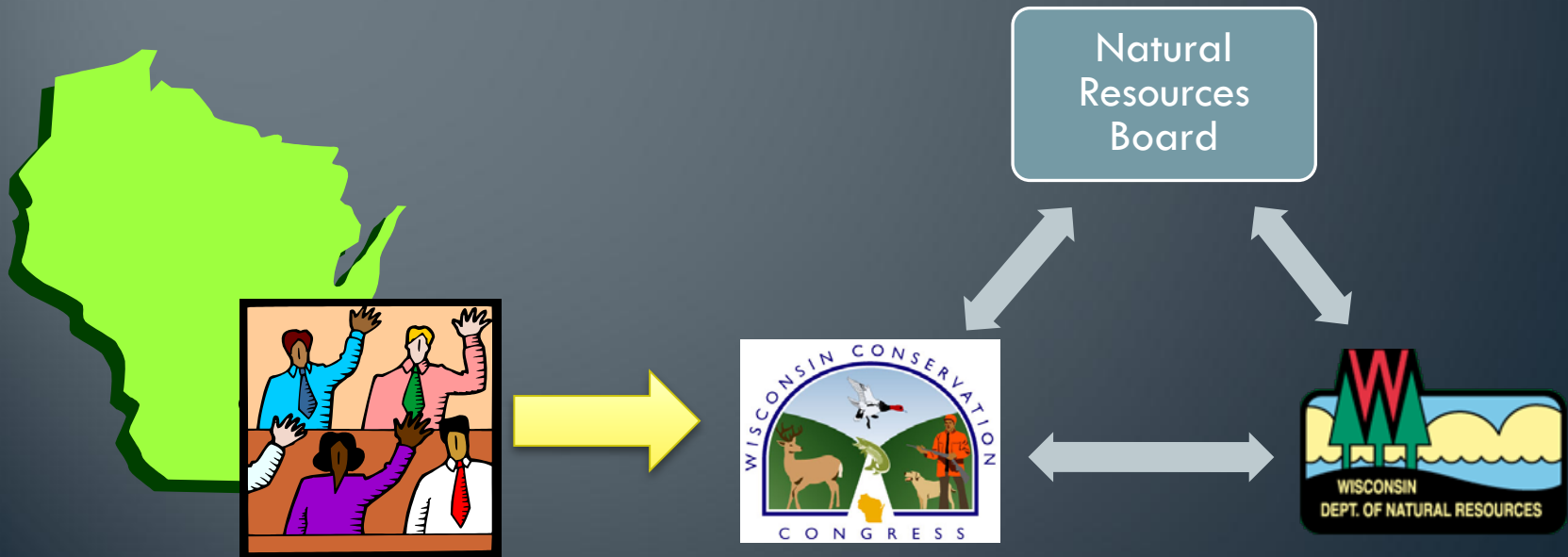
The Wisconsin Conservation Congress Public Input Process



Giving you a voice
on conservation issues since 1934

History & Role of the WCC

- Created in **1934** by the Wisconsin Conservation Commission
- **A liaison** between the citizens of Wisconsin, the Natural Resources Board (NRB) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Their **purpose** is to provide an avenue for public input and exchange concerning conservation issues in Wisconsin



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Citizen Idea**



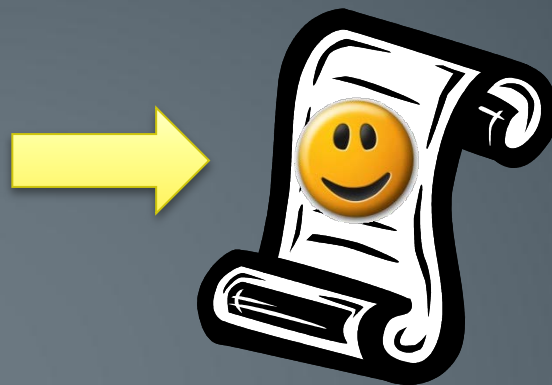
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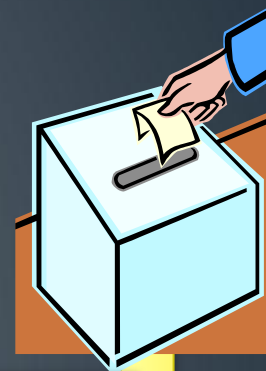
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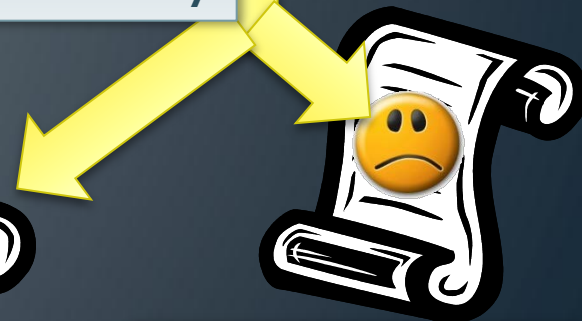
New Resolutions proposed at county level WCC/DNR “Spring Hearings”



Each April you have the opportunity to submit your ideas as “**resolutions**” for public vote at the county level



Resolutions are supported or rejected based on public votes tallied in each county



Rejected Resolutions are returned to the author



Supported Resolutions are sent to the Conservation Congress **Rules & Resolutions Committee**

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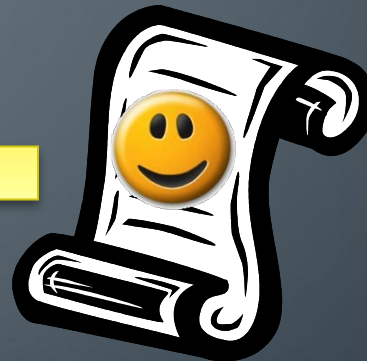
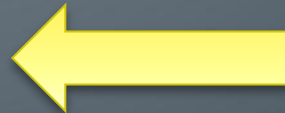
Resolution Assignment for WCC Committee Review

In late April, the Conservation Congress **Rules & Resolutions Committee** next assigns each supported resolution to one of the WCC advisory committees for further review



WCC Advisory Committees meet in the fall and vote to forward, amend, or reject each resolution

Supported Resolutions are drafted into question format & referred to the **Conservation Congress District Leadership Council**



Rejected Resolutions are returned to the author with explanation

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Resolution Review by WCC Executive Council

The following January, the **Conservation Congress District Leadership Council** reviews each supported resolution & decides whether to recommend it be placed on the next "Spring Hearing" Questionnaire



Department of Natural Resources
Spring Fish & Wildlife
Informational Hearing
&
Conservation Congress
Annual Spring County
Conservation Meeting



Monday, April 9, 2012

7:00 PM

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| Conservation Congress Delegate Election Process | |
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| Conservation Congress | |
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Everyone will be given an
three (3) minutes for each
officer may limit comment
DNR questions. Written o

but you will be limited to a maximum of
minutes become repetitive the hearing
commentary will be allowed on
April 9, 2012.

The results of the

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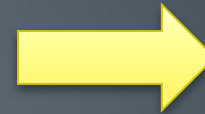
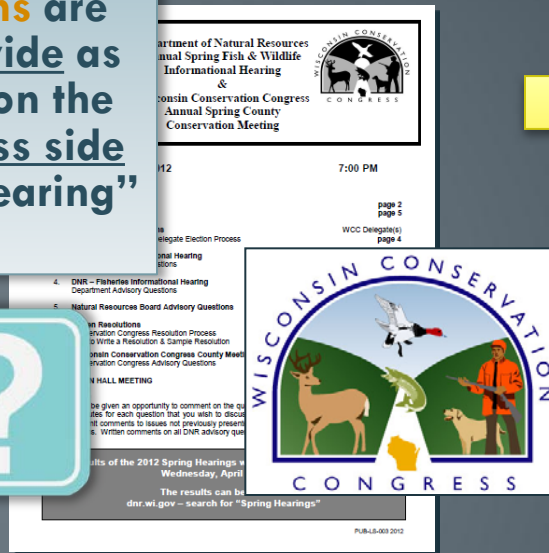
Rejected Resolutions
are not placed on the
questionnaire

Supported Resolutions
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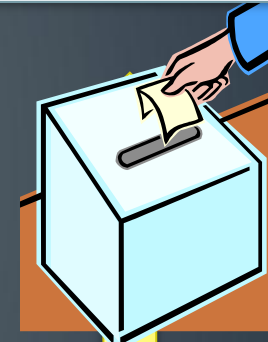


4 Resolution proposed as a WCC Advisory Question at the statewide level

Supported Resolutions are now proposed statewide as **Advisory Questions** on the Conservation Congress side of the April "Spring Hearing" Questionnaire



Advisory Questions are supported or rejected based on public votes tallied in each county



Supported Advisory Questions are forwarded to the DNR for review by staff experts



Rejected Advisory Questions are not forwarded to the DNR for review



5 Supported WCC Advisory Questions reviewed by DNR

Supported **WCC Advisory Questions** from the Conservation Congress side of the April “Spring Hearing” Questionnaire are next referred to DNR staff experts



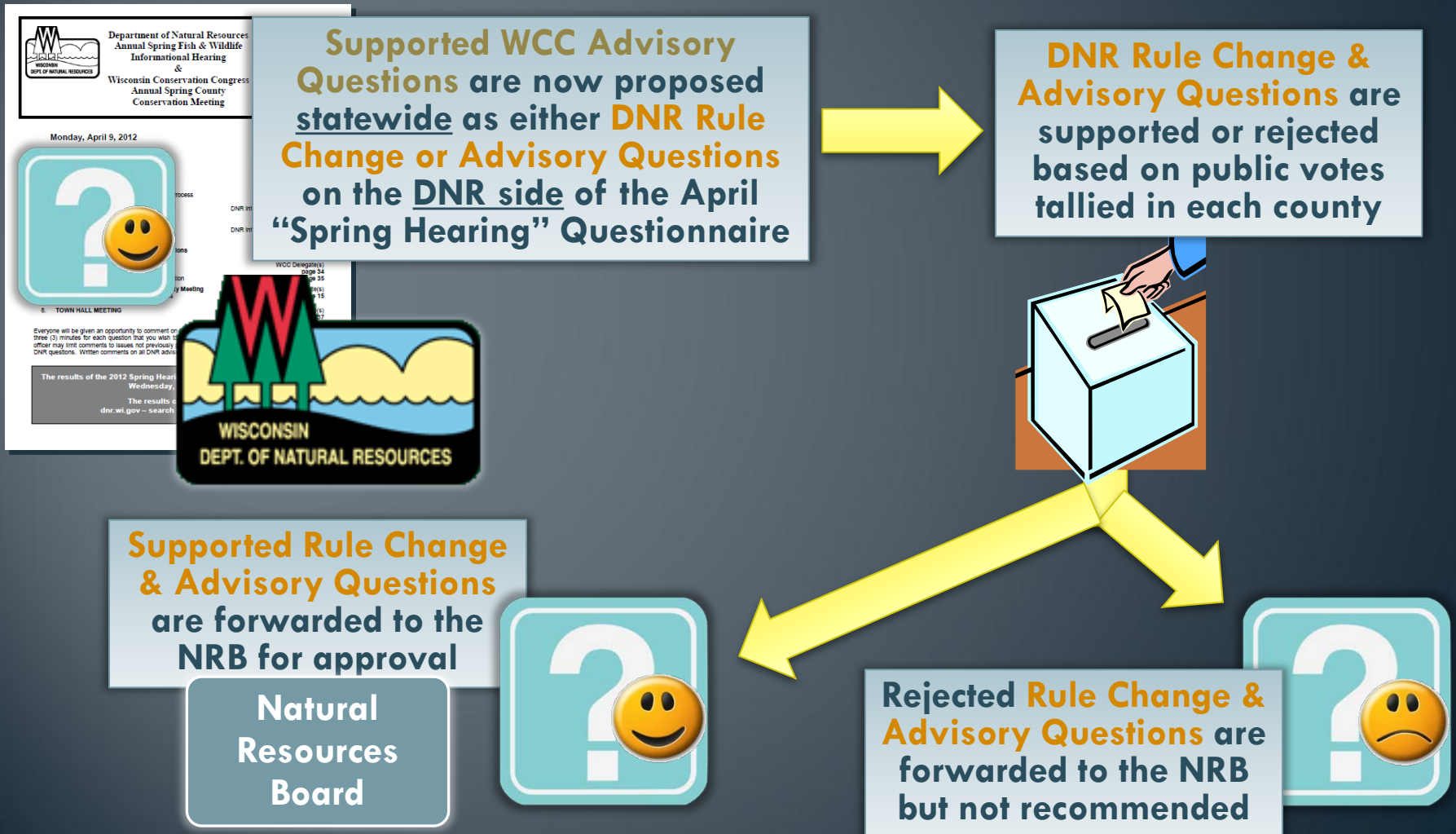
Supported **WCC Advisory Questions** are forwarded by the DNR to the Natural Resources Board and recommended as either
(1) **DNR Rule Change Questions** or
(2) **DNR Advisory Questions**

Some **Advisory Questions** are not forwarded by the DNR based upon review



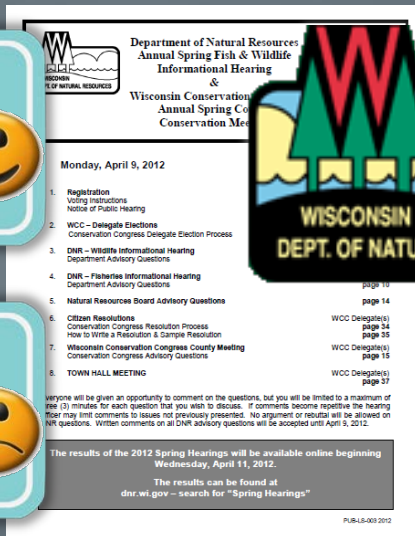
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If supported by DNR review, WCC Advisory Questions now proposed on the DNR side of the “Spring Hearings”



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Supported DNR Rule Change & Advisory Questions now go to the NRB with recommendations



**Natural
Resources
Board**

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Supported DNR Rule Change Questions now go to the Wisconsin Legislature for approval

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Pending approval by the Wisconsin Legislature, what started as a Citizen Resolution is now created as rule/law



An Example: Grassroots public input...



Turkey

37.03.03

This proposal was voted on last year
but NO action was taken.

As there is a significant number of
second^{turkey} permits each year, and a equal
significant number of unsuccessful applicants.

I PROPOSE:

That extra permits be offered to
unsuccessful applicants on a first come
first serve basis. This could be done
either via the Internet or Loc.

Ben Bretonbach
359-5673
Rothschild, WI 53081

year 28	new 15
12	4
+16	17
28	15



Citizen Resolutions

bring your ideas...



Resolution Content

- The resolution must clearly define the **concern that is of statewide impact** or defines an unresolved concern at the local county level or district level
- **Current state statutes and law must be considered**, with reasonable cause for change being presented if applicable
- The resolution **must suggest a solution**
- **Description of further action** desired for the resolution
- Concerns must be practical, achievable, reasonable and not obviously inappropriate

Citizen Resolutions

...and get input



Resolution Presentation

- Only the individual author or designated representative of the organization may present the resolution within the county
- No more than two resolutions may be introduced by any person
- Written resolutions not meeting the criteria and/or verbal resolutions will not be accepted at the Spring Hearing and Conservation Congress Meeting

Questions?

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