

## **Resolution Commending WDNR Forestry Division on Increasing Timber Harvest on DNR-owned lands**

Whereas, historically there has been an insufficient harvest of timber on DNR-owned forested lands according to sound and sustainable forestry practices;

Whereas, the lack of sustainable and sound forest management on these lands, has led to reduced forest health, diminishment of wildlife habitat, reduced timber sale revenues for DNR land management programs and reduced economic benefit to local communities;

Whereas, Wisconsin Act 166 (2005) required the DNR to increase forest management practices on all appropriate DNR-owned forested lands including increased timber inventory reconnaissance, increased timber sales and ultimately increased sound timber harvest;

Whereas, since the passage of Act 166, the DNR Division of Forestry has worked diligently to comply with the legislative direction to increase forest management on DNR lands which is evidenced by the recent DNR Biennial (2011-2012) Timber Harvest and Inventory Report to the Wisconsin Legislature that, when comparing timber harvest activity from 2003-2007 against 2008-2012, timber sale establishment acres have increased 48% and stumpage revenues from completed sales have increased 85%.

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation strongly supports sound and active forest management as being critically important for fish and wildlife, recreational and ecological purposes.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2013 Annual Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 held in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, commends the DNR Division of Forestry for its hard work and diligence in implementing the sound forest management practices called for DNR-lands by Act 166 (2005) and encourages their continued efforts in implementing those practices and further resolves that this resolution be sent to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Natural Resources Board, the DNR Secretary and other appropriate state and federal officials.

Submitted by Jerry Knuth, Chair  
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