

Resolution to Create a Permanent Class A and Class Disabled Permit

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the Department of Natural Resources are deeply committed to supporting the active participation in hunting and fishing by citizens with disabilities;

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources currently issues initial Class A and Class C permits for a 5-year period and issues renewal permits for a 10 year period;

Whereas, citizens issued a Class A Disability Permit have a permanent or irreversible physical disability;

Whereas; Citizens issued a Class C Disability Permit have a permanent or irreversible visual disability;

Whereas, the proposed administrative modifications will reduce the Department of Natural Resource's time and expense administering the Disability Permits;

Whereas, the proposed administrative modifications is customer-service oriented, by reducing paperwork and travel/expenses for Disability Permit applicants and physicians/chiropractors/optometrists;

Whereas, the proposed modifications will enhance Disability Permit monitoring in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources;

Resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2014 Annual Meeting , April 11-12, 2014 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin supports the followed resolutions regarding administrative modification of the Class A and Class C Disability Permit process:

- (1) The elimination of the current 5 year initial permit and 10 year renewal permit process for Class A and Class C Disability Permits;
- (2) Based on a properly-completed Disability Permit Application, the issuance of a PERMANENT Class A and/or Class C Disability Permit; and
- (3) The Recording of the PERMANENT Class A and/or Class C Disability Permit Number onto the DNR Customer database and print said Disability Permit Number on all fishing/hunting licenses issued in the Permanent Disability Permit holder.

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