

**CONSERVATION ALLIANCE SURVEYING CANDIDATES ON DNR
SECRETARY AND PUBLIC INTERVENOR OFFICE RESTORATION**

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The Brown County Conservation Alliance (BCCA) has mailed a two-question survey to all incumbents and challengers running for state offices asking whether they favor restoration of the Public Intervenor Office and a return to a DNR Board-appointed secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

At the spring Conservation Congress hearings held last April, attendees overwhelmingly supported a return of both positions. The BCCA survey asks candidates the same two questions as were on the Conservation Congress ballot.

Brown County Conservation Congress delegate Paul Mongin says people are telling him that politics do not belong in resource management. “People want Wisconsin to return to being a leader in providing clean air, clean water, and an environment that can be passed on to future generations,” said Mongin.

Since the spring hearings, the Brown County Conservation Alliance has heard from many individuals and groups who are encouraging candidates to express their position on these two issues, including:

- Dr. Nina Leopold Bradley of the Aldo Leopold Foundation,
- Former WDNR Secretary George Meyer,
- The State Council of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited,
- The Green Bay Area Great Lakes Sports Fishermen,
- The Northeast Wisconsin Audubon Society,
- The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, and
- The Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

The results of the survey will be shared with over 600 sports clubs and organizations throughout Wisconsin. Results will also be posted at the web site of the Wisconsin Stewardship Network at www.wsn.org.