



Todd Hanson, State Coordinator
122 State St. — Suite 510
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 268-1218 phone & fax
wsn@chorus.net

Visit us on-line at www.wsn.org

WSN Steering Committee

Todd Ambs

River Alliance of Wisconsin

Bob Elliker

Izaak Walton League

Phil Emmling

Federation of Fly Fishers

Jack Hafner

Wisconsin Association of Lakes

Karen Etter Hale

Madison Audubon Society

Don Hildebrandt

Wisconsin B.A.S.S.

John Holmes

Conservation Congress

Gary Horvath

Trout Unlimited

Bill Kordus

Twin City Rod and Gun Club

Ted Lind

Wisconsin Council of Sport
Fishing Organizations

Kathryn McKenzie

Lake Superior Greens

Chris Nehrbass

Sierra Club — John Muir Chapter

Keith Reopelle

Wisconsin's Environmental
Decade

Steve Skavroneck

Citizens for a Better Environment

Tom Wilson

Northern Thunder

Jim Wise

Environmentally Concerned
Citizens of Lakeland Areas

Dave Wisnefske

Pheasants Forever

March 14, 2001

Thank you for downloading this sample Conservation Congress meeting resolution and instruction sheet!

Changes for 2001

There was an effort this past year to cut down on the length of Conservation Congress meetings. This effort resulted in a reduction in the number of resolutions on the statewide printed ballot.

The good news is that resolutions may *still* be introduced from the floor at individual county meetings with the following restrictions:

- Resolutions must not exceed 250 words, and
- Only two resolutions may be submitted per individual

The resolution on the next page meets the 250-word limit, but if you want to introduce more than two resolutions, you'll need to enlist a friend.

Good luck. And thanks for placing this issue on your county's meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Todd Hanson

Resolution proposing:

STATE PURCHASE OF BILLITON MINE SITE 550 ACRES NEAR CRANDON

THE PROBLEM:

The 40% to 70% sulfide ore of the Crandon deposit poses a certain threat to the Upper Wolf River watershed and the priceless clean and healthful groundwaters which sustain it. The past twenty years of study and tests have confirmed that the mining industry does not have the will or the technology to mine that deposit from under a water-rich area without severe millennium-term mine acid drainage degradation to the surface and groundwaters. **The Wolf River must be protected from its headwaters on downstream for the area's economy, the resident's domestic water needs, wildlife, fish and aquatic life including the spawning Lake Winnebago sturgeon and the residents of four major cities on that lake now depend on it to maintain the quality and quantity for their daily water needs.** Our State Constitution mandates that the people's natural resources must be protected and enhanced, but politicians under the influence of well-financed pro-mine lobbyists are violating their trust responsibilities. Through Conservation Congress resolutions over the past eight years, the citizens have overwhelmingly asked the state to protect the upper Wolf River watershed from metallic sulfide mining. The legislature as the primary trustee of the people's natural resources was duty-bound to do so by **banning** sulfide mining as the citizens requested, but they did not. That only leaves the following alternative.

THE QUESTION:

SHOULD THE DNR DECLARE MINING OF THE CRANDON DEPOSIT TOO ENVIRONMENTALLY DANGEROUS TO BE PERMITTED AND THE STATE CONSIDER BUYING THE 550 ACRE MINE SITE TO PROTECT THE WOLF RIVER?

Submitted in _____ Co. By: _____

Date: _____ Apr., 200____ Address _____

County Vote: _____ City-State: _____ ZIP _____

YES _____ NO _____ Telephone # _____