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News Release

Wisconsin Conservation Groups Ask for Public Hearing on Bill Authorizing DNR Board to Appoint DNR Secretary

Prescott---The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation today released a letter signed by forty-five major hunting, fishing and trapping organizations requesting that the Assembly Natural Resources Committee schedule a public hearing on Assembly Bill 30. The proposed bill would restore the authority of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board to appoint the DNR Secretary. This authority was transferred to the Governor in the 1995-1997 state budget.

“The groups signing on this letter have waited many years to see this bill advance to public hearing in the Assembly” said Jerry **Knuth**, President of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. Prior Governors have indicated that the bill would be vetoed therefore the Assembly has declined to hold hearings on the bill. Governor James Doyle has indicated that he would sign the bill if it reaches his desk.

“Wisconsin sportsmen and women have continued to support this bill over the years by over a 90% to 10% margin at Wisconsin Conservation Congress hearings. It is time to move this bill forward in the legislative process”, said George Meyer, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation and is dedicated to conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies. For further information, contact George Meyer, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at 608-5 16-5545.