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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.9

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution -Bruce Williams

FOR: JUNE 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Bruce Williams will retire after 33 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Bruce Williams

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Regional Director, — Date 5-27-08

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 6/9/08

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
CC Susan Krantz-NOR/Spooner

Retirement Resolution

Bruce J. Williams, Advanced Technician at the Les Voigt State Fish Hatchery, will be retiring from state service after 33 years. Bruce has been an employee in the Northern Region working in fire control prior to his time with the propagation program.

Bruce started his career on June 23rd 1975 as a Natural Resources Assistant 1 in Fire control as a Limited Term Employee. On April 9th, 1978 he was promoted to the

Fire Control Assistant 1, as a seasonal employee. Bruce then began his long dedicated career at the Les Voigt (Bayfield) Hatchery on October 9th 1978 as the Natural Resources Assistant 2.

In 1992 Bruce was then promoted to the Advanced Fisheries Technician at the facility.

While at the Les Voigt (Bayfield) Hatchery, Bruce has accomplished and been involved with many projects. He has been instrumental in the Lake Superior lake trout rehabilitation projects. One of the notable projects was the Apostle Island Astro-Turf project that he worked on with the Lake Superior Research Team. This project involved creating egg bundles that would hold the fertilized eggs and then be anchored out in the waters within the Apostle Islands. This project was in operation from 1980-1994, and was a great success. Stocking of lake trout in these area has now stopped due to the successful natural spawning of the fish produced by this project.

Bruce, for many years, took the lead as the lake trout egg collector. This entailed many long days collecting and spawning brood stock from Lake Superior on the Research Vessel Hack Noyes. Bruce has been out during some of the roughest water the lake could offer. These days, eggs would still need to be collected even though Bruce's "sea sickness" would be very visible.

Most recently, Bruce was certified as the Wastewater Treatment Operator for the Les Voigt (Bayfield) Hatchery. This is the only sewage treatment plant in operation in the propagation program. Bruce has taken on the responsibility of operation, monitoring, sampling, and report writing on a routine basis.

Bruce has been involved with the hatchery operation for over 30 years. During this time he has been a part of stocking millions of Chinook salmon, splake, brown, and lake trout into the waters of the state of Wisconsin. I feel that it is warranted at this time that Bruce be recognized for his faithful service to the public and to the Wisconsin DNR

WHEREAS, Bruce Williams has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its June 2008 meeting at Waupaca, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR