

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84

WHEREAS, public allegations have been made reflecting adversely upon the operations of, and the management of programs by, the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Wisconsin; and


WHEREAS, these allegations are of a serious nature and require a thorough, prompt and impartial investigation;

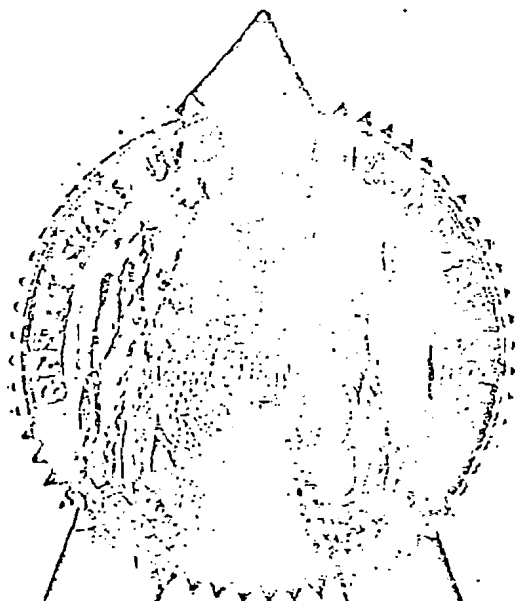
NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State, do hereby order and direct:

- (1) That pursuant to Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, an OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL be, and the same hereby is, created (a) to conduct a full and impartial investigation of those specific allegations made in a series of articles published by the Milwaukee Sentinel prior to June 24, 1974, concerning the operations of, and the management of programs by, the Department of Natural Resources; (b) to prepare a report of findings and conclusions, analyzing the factual basis, if any, for said allegations, describing the deficiencies, if any, in the performance of personnel or in the organization, policy or implementation of policy within the Department of Natural Resources and recommending, wherever appropriate, methods for improving the operations of, or management of programs by, the Department of Natural Resources; and (c) to conduct such further inquiry into other matters relating to the Department of Natural Resources as may be necessary to complete a full investigation of the foregoing matters and make a prompt report thereon.
- (2) That in recognition of his expertise and reputation as a scholar of environmental law, James B. MacDonald, Esq. of Madison be, and he hereby is appointed as Special Counsel to conduct said inquiry and investigation.

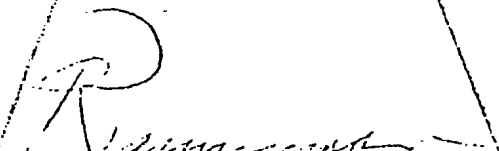
(3) That the OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL be and the same hereby is directed to issue such interim reports of its findings as may be necessary and proper and a final report of its findings to the Natural Resources Board and the Governor on or before November 1, 1974.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

  
PATRICK J. LUCEY  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

  
Secretary of State