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Gary, Tim

From: Casey J. Eggleston [ceggleston@TNC.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 12:39 PM
To: Rep.Mursau; Gary, Tim
Subject: Letter regarding Assembly Bill 99
Attachments: TNCdeerpopulationANRC.docx

Dear Representative,

I am submitting a letter regarding The Nature Conservancy's concerns with AB 99 ahead of your committee meeting on Wednesday. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Casey Eggleston

Casey Eggleston
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Representative Jeffrey Mursau
P.O. Box 8953
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Dear Chairman Mursau and Committee Members:

The Nature Conservancy would like to take this opportunity to raise our concerns regarding Assembly Bill 99. Our organization's interest in this issue is the profound impact that white-tailed deer have on the sustainability and biodiversity of our forests. The Legislature and the Department of Natural Resources with its wildlife management professionals have always had a difficult task in balancing wide range of constituencies that are affected by deer population, and we appreciate your attention to this important issue.

The Conservancy supports the DNR's continued effort to use the best science they have available to meet deer population goals. Our organization believes that it is essential that the population goals and techniques used take full account of the impact that deer density has on forest's sustainability and biodiversity. Deer herbivory continues to be one of the greatest challenges to the economic, ecological and social values of our forests in Wisconsin. Scientific studies have shown clearly that abundant deer populations have long term negative impacts on the regeneration, quality, and biodiversity of Wisconsin's forests. These impacts result in forests that are much more vulnerable to invasive species and droughts.

We believe that it is critical that the DNR has all the tools necessary to meet its population goals in all areas of the state. These tools including the use of earn a buck and establishment of fall open seasons for hunting deer with firearms. For that reason we encourage you to not move forward with Assembly Bill 99, but to continue to work with hunters, farmers and foresters to develop deer management goals and techniques that can meet all of our goals.

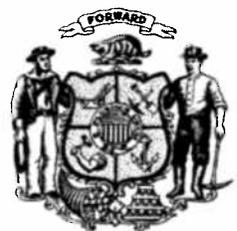
We strongly advocate that the Legislature and DNR make their decisions on deer management based on the best science available and recognize the impact these decisions have on the ecological, economical, and social values of our forests.

Sincerely,

Casey Eggleston
Government Relations Coordinator
The Nature Conservancy – Wisconsin Chapter



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Gary, Tim

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Subject: AB 99 Fiscal estimate

Importance: High

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Subject: Nat. Res. - fish and game

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I will do my best. Paul, any chance?

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Elizabeth is working on it.

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Windows® phone.

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Subject: Re: AB 99 Fiscal estimate

Tim.

We will track it down.

EK

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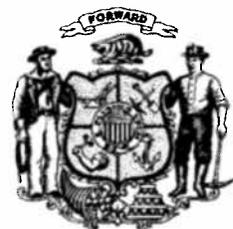
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From: willard kiefer [mbkiefer@centurytel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 10:54 AM

To: Rep.Mursau

Cc: Sen.Jauch; Rep.Milroy

Subject: Assembly Bill 99

Representative Mursau, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources:

I want to inform you and the Committee I oppose Assembly Bill 99.

1. First, these type of rules must be left to the Department of Natural Resources. The Legislature, through statutes, should not be managing our Wisconsin deer herd.

2. The Department of Natural Resources has already indicated they are considering these two items contained in AB 99.

3. Wisconsin Forests and Forest Industry is one of the big economic industries in Wisconsin. Forestry has already provided tremendous support in the past to reduce the deer herd down to management goals to prevent damage to the forest environment.

4. Removing these two options from the Department of Natural Resources use in managing the deer herd in time of an expanding deer herd above unit goals could cause serious damage to our forest environment.

5. As I review all the information on chronic wasting disease, the data shows it has increased in area and in percent of infection of the deer herd in the CWD area..

6. These two options should be left with the Department of Natural Resources as tools to be used when needed in the management of our Wisconsin deer herd.

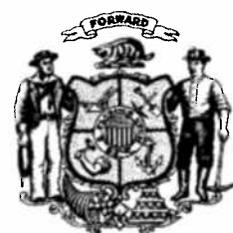
Thank you for allowing me this input.

Willard Kiefer, 7784 S County Rd S

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From: Charles Pils [cmpils@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 7:20 PM
To: Rep.Mursau
Cc: george meyer; jim miller
Subject: AB 99

Dear Representative Mursau:

I am a retired Wisconsin DNR research biologist who has worked with deer with the DNR and have published scientific articles about deer.

I oppose AB 99, which would limit deer management options, curtailing the EAB option.

Wisconsin DNR deer managers need all the options that they can possibly utilize to control and manage the Wisconsin deer herd.

Using legislation instead of going through the usual goal-setting process is a bad idea and should not be passed.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

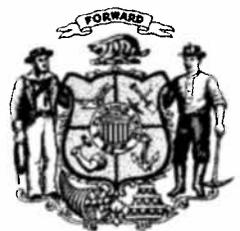
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From: Souba Jr, Fred [Fred.SoubaJr@newpagecorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 5:17 PM
To: Rep.Mursau
Cc: Gary, Tim
Subject: AB 99

Attachments: NewPage Comments AB 99.pdf

Dear Representative Mursau,

I have attached a letter that expresses NewPage Corporation concerns regarding AB 99. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the hearing tomorrow because of previous business commitments.

NewPage appreciates the opportunity to express our concern to you and the Committee.

Best regards,

Fred

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VP Wood Supply and Sustainability
NewPage Corporation
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April 26, 2011

Sent Via Email

Representative Jeffrey Mursau
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Chair
Rep.Mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Representative Mursau:

My name is Fred Souba and I am an employee of NewPage Corporation located in Wisconsin Rapids. As part of my role, I am responsible for the wood supply requirements of two pulp mills in Wisconsin. As such, NewPage is the largest wood consumer in the state.

We currently have fourteen foresters who work exclusively with small private woodland owners across the state. Over the past several years we have seen significant impacts to forest regeneration in certain areas as a result of high deer populations. This has significantly impacted forest stands to regenerate to timber species that are utilized by the forest industry in the state.

I would like to cite an example shared with me by one of our foresters where he has seen first hand the impact of deer on forest regeneration. A landowner performed a regeneration harvest four years before he wanted to enter his land into the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program. Due to excessive deer browse over a period of 3 or 4 years the stand was determined to be inadequately stocked with viable stems and did not meet medium stocking densities to qualify for the MFL program. He then planted mixed hardwood seedlings over a period of 2 years. Deer continued to browse the area and the landowner gave up planting and his desire to enter the property into MFL. This is one of many similar examples that our foresters have seen.

It is our view, based on our experience, that an uncontrolled deer population has significant impacts on forest regeneration. NewPage is not for or against the Earn-A-Buck program or the October hunt. We are advocating that the Earn-A-Buck program and the early October hunt remain as tools to be used to control the deer herd. As to what tools and when to apply them, we believe that should be left to the professional wildlife biologists within the Department of Natural Resources.

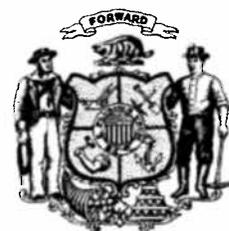
If these tools are removed the options to control the deer herd will be reduced. This will jeopardize the ability of certain forests to regenerate and ultimately impact sustainable forestry that is crucial to sustaining the forest products industry in the state.

Sincerely,

Fred Souba, Jr.
Vice President Wood Supply and Sustainability
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Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Rep.Mursau
Cc: tomalbrecht@frontier.com; Buenzow, MaryAnn - DNR; Cooper, Randal J - DNR; david@dcforestryconsulting.com; paul.doruska@uwsp.edu; john.duplissis@uwsp.edu; Gallagher, James M - DNR; rpguries@wisc.edu; haakonh@slstomahawk.com; Held, Kirsten L - DNR; HOUGHTONE@michigan.gov; james.kerkman@us.army.mil; mbkiefer@centurytel.net; jkotar@wisc.edu; alach757@uwsp.edu; Mather, Robert J - DNR; bill.obrion@plumcreek.com; Peltier, Julie M - DNR; fiveperrys@athenet.net; paulpingrey@gmail.com; arahmlow@wisc.edu; a4strinwi@gmail.com; Schneider, Ron A - DNR; wjsmith@fs.fed.us; Spencer, Brian D - DNR; drsforestry@yahoo.com; Vander Wyst, Gary J - DNR; Melinda.Vokoun@uwsp.edu
Subject: AB-99
Attachments: Ltr_Rep_Mursau_Deer_Seasons.doc

The Honorable Jeffrey Mursau
Chair, Committee on Natural Resources
Wisconsin State Assembly

RE: AB-99

Please see the attached letter expressing the concerns of the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters about Assembly Bill 99 limiting the DNR's ability to set deer seasons.

Thank you,

Jerry Van Cleve, CF
Chair, Wisconsin Society of American Foresters
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4/29/2011

Wisconsin Society of American Foresters



April 27, 2011

The Honorable Jeffrey Mursau
Chair, Committee on Natural Resources
Wisconsin State Assembly
Capitol 18 North
Madison, WI 53708

Re: Public hearing on Assembly Bill 99 relating to firearm deer seasons. AB-99 would prohibit the DNR from establishing "Earn-a-Buck" seasons, and would also restrict the ability of the DNR to establish early gun doe ("Zone T" or "Herd Control") seasons.

Dear Representative Mursau:

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the largest organization of professional foresters in the world, with about 400 members in Wisconsin including industry foresters, public foresters (state, federal, county, tribal), private consulting foresters, and professors. The mission of SAF is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry to ensure the health and availability of forest resources for current and future generations.

Over 86,000 Wisconsin jobs rely on our \$28 billion/year forest industry. Forest industries and related companies are the #1 employer in 23 Wisconsin counties. Wisconsin produces more paper than any other state in the Union.

Over-abundant deer cause serious negative impacts to biodiversity, forest ecosystems, and sustainable forestry by selectively browsing on understory plants and tree seedlings. White pine, hemlock, and oak, for example, cannot be successfully regenerated in many parts of Wisconsin unless costly measures are undertaken such as putting up fences to keep deer out, or spraying trees annually for several years with a deer repellent. Most private forest owners cannot afford such measures.

The Department of Natural Resources sets deer population goals to balance hunter success with other factors including carrying capacity of the land, ecological and economic impacts to forestry, deer-vehicle collisions, and tolerable levels of crop damage. Years of liberal doe seasons and earn-a-buck requirements have had the desired effect of reducing the deer population to the goal in many deer management units. In fact, the deer population is too low in many northeast Wisconsin units. Herd control



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measures are no longer needed in these areas, at least not now. However, deer populations are very dynamic and can swing from being low to being excessive in just a few years. In addition, many DMUs south of the tension zone remain above goal.

The DNR needs to have the tools available to maintain the deer herd at the goals, including October doe hunts and yes, even Earn-a-Buck when needed. The health of our forests and forest-based economy depend on it. Don't let a minority of dissatisfied hunters impede one of our leading industries by raising the costs of growing timber.

We foresters are deer hunters, too! Deer hunting is a valuable and important part of Wisconsin's economy and culture. But the interests of a few vocal hunters accustomed to decades of deer over-abundance should not be allowed to threaten the viability of Wisconsin's premier forest industry.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Jerry R. Van Cleve, CF*

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Subject: RE: AB-99

Dear Representative Mursau:

Here is the mailing address to go with the letter I just sent on behalf of Wisconsin SAF.

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Chair, Wisconsin Society of American Foresters

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To "Jerry VanCleve" <jvancleve@fs.fed.us>

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04/26/2011 03:50 PM

Subject RE: AB-99

Thank you for your Email. I appreciate hearing from you.

Please check a copy of your email to me if you are unsure if you included your contact information including all of the following:

Your mailing address (home for individuals, business for organizations)
Your phone number including area code (home for individuals, business for organizations)

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Chairman Mursau and members of the Wisconsin Assembly Natural Resources Committee:

We testifying today for information only on the issue Assembly Bill 99.

The Conservation Congress asked those attending the 2009 spring hearings if they supported the DNR eliminating earn a buck and special October antlerless deer hunts?

The question passed in all 72 counties, 5513 voted yes to 1321 voted no.

On March 19, 2011, the Big Game Committee of the Conservation Congress recommended no earn a buck anywhere in Wisconsin, and no October antlerless season anywhere in Wisconsin for the 2011 deer season. While continuing to support an aggressive CWD program, the committee felt that at least for this year, some relief should be allowed from earn a buck within the CWD zone. It is hoped that a year of relief will allow us to better understand where the deer herd is in the zone, and will have positive social benefits. It was felt that the program, at least in some areas within the zone, is falling apart to a point that another year of earn a buck will not be of benefit.

Congress Vice-Chair, Rob Bohman circulated a resolution to sample public support for the Big Game Committee's position. It was introduced in 15 counties. It passed in all 15. 774 voted in support of the resolution. 147 opposed the resolution. These totals do not include numbers for Washington County. Washington County is one of the 15 counties in which the resolution was introduced. However, we were forwarded three sets of vote totals from Washington County. All three indicated a significant margin of support for the resolution. Only three of the counties voting included any part of the CWD zone. The votes in those counties did not indicate any detectable bias over those outside of the zone.

It has been argued that we cannot possibly harvest enough antlerless deer in herd control units without the October hunt. Not only can we, we have. The Congress negotiated a two year moratorium on the October antlerless hunt in 2006 and 2007. While we failed in most areas to

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harvest the agreed upon two antlerless deer for each buck harvested, the moratorium was followed in 2008 by the biggest deer population crash in Wisconsin deer management history. Clearly, we had harvested a more than adequate number of antlerless deer without the October hunt. Antlerless deer that are not harvested in October, are available to be harvested during the regular nine day hunt, and during the December antlerless hunt. By the time winter sets in, they are every bit as dead as if they had been killed in October.

We believe that the use of herd control seasons without the October hunt may become a valuable tool. Without the October hunt, and without the threat that in two years your unit will become earn a buck, we anticipate that herd control will be the preferred framework for most hunters. We suspect that deer managers have been inclined, in the past, to pull units out of herd control early to avoid the necessity of moving them into earn a buck. Without the October hunt, and without the two year earn a buck deadline, we believe that the public will accept extended periods of herd control.

Sincerely,

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Hi Tim,

Do you have the fiscal estimate for AB 99?

Thanks,

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Fiscal Estimate — 2011 Session

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<input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental	Bill Number AB 99	Administrative Rule Number

Subject

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from establishing certain restrictions on hunting antlered deer and regulating the establishment of fall open seasons for hunting deer with firearms.

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues |
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- Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb within agency's budget.
 Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local: No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
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5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations
 20.370(5)(fq), (3)(ad), and (3)(aw)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill prohibits the Department from establishing regulations that require a hunter to first harvest an antlerless deer before harvesting their first buck (a.k.a. earn-a-buck) under the authority of each season's archery license and firearm deer license. The bill also prohibits the establishment of firearm deer seasons, except for youth, learn-to-hunt events, and disabled hunts that occur prior to the traditional November firearm season which opens on the Saturday preceeding the Thanksgiving holiday. An exception is that, in a CWD Management Zone, firearm seasons for antlerless deer could be authorized each year by administrative rule as long as the closing day is on or before October 15.

State Fiscal Effect

The Department already administers the creation and distribution of carcass tags for deer hunting and establishes and publishes hunting season information. No new processes, record keeping, or printing requirements are created as a result of this proposal. Additionally, there are no new requirements of law enforcement as a result of this proposal.

Absent any replacements to October hunting seasons and the use of earn-a-buck, the Department expects deer herds in farmland regions to grow, which will result in an indeterminate increase in crop damage claims and car-killed deer removal costs. Funding for crop damage claims is limited, so the possibility of pro-rating claims could occur.

Private Sector Impact

Since the bill eliminates tools that the Department has used in the past to manage populations for their established goals, the long-term fiscal impact of bill could be an indeterminate, but potentially significant, economic loss for the vehicle insurance, agriculture and forest products industry.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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 Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes		\$ -	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)		(FTE)	(FTE)
State Operations — Other Costs			-
Local Assistance			-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			-
Total State Costs by Category		\$ 0	\$ - 0
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		\$ -	\$ -
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S			-
State Revenues	Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Revenue	Decreased Revenue
GPR Taxes		\$ -	\$ -
GPR Earned			-
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S			-
Total State Revenues		\$ 0	\$ - 0

Net Annualized Fiscal Impact

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Net Change in Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Change in Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 0

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Thanks so much Paul.

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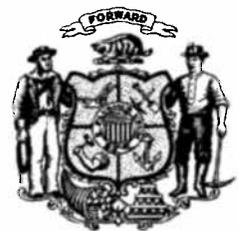
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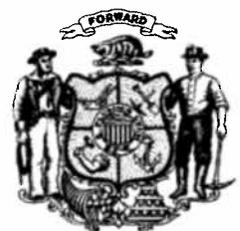
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Subject: Book

Committee members and staff,

Yesterday, during the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources public hearing on AB 99, the committee received a book from witness Don Waller. This book has been provided to the Legislative Reference Bureau and can be requested by members of the legislature through the Legislative Reference Bureau's reference section.

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