

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is blessed with great natural beauty and a variety of natural resources and wildlife, and it is necessary that the State of Wisconsin maintain its respect and concern for our environment -- the water, air, forest, fish, game, plant and wild animal resources of this state -- while assuring to all citizens the benefits and bounty of our resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for providing an adequate, flexible system for planning and managing the protection, development and use of the natural resources of this state; and

WHEREAS, state citizen committees have historically made important contributions to the formation of public policy in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown to me that there is a definite need for thorough study and reevaluation of the Department of Natural Resources and the impact its procedures and rules have upon the citizens of this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019, Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby

1. Create the Governor's Commission on Department of Natural Resources Evaluation;
2. Charge the Commission with the responsibility to hold public hearings to gather public opinion evaluating the work of the Department of Natural Resources and suggesting areas and methods of improvement;
3. Direct the Commission to submit its final report and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later than September 1, 1979;
4. Instruct state officials to cooperate with the Commission;
5. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Commission with such sums of money that are necessary for legitimate travel and operating expenses, as provided by the Joint Finance Committee under Section 20.505(5)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.

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 fifth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine.

Lee Sherman Dreyfus

