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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. X-35-82 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on June 23, 1983. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility #2 in the City of Madison, this 25th day of August, 1983.

Carroll D. Besadny
Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

CREATING RULES

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IN THE MATTER of creating s. NR 1.70	:	
of the Wisconsin Administrative Code	:	X-35-82
pertaining to the Department's policy	:	
on education	:	
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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources is obligated to protect Wisconsin's environment and encourage the wise use of its natural resources. Wisconsin has long recognized that education is an important element in accomplishing environmental protection and resource management goals. Section NR 1.70, Wis. Adm. Code, as proposed, emphasizes the need for planned and coordinated education efforts within the Department. The policy as contained in this section also affirms the primary goal of Wisconsin educational institutions which have responsibility for preparing teachers and instructors and educating students.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board by ss. 23.09(2), 23.11, 227.014(2)(a) and 227.02(1)(e), Stats., the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board hereby creates rules interpreting s. 23.09(2)(h) and (k), Stats., as follows:

SECTION 1. NR 1.70 is created to read:

NR 1.70 POLICY ON EDUCATION. (1) Wisconsin has a unique abundance of varied and high quality natural resources. The successful stewardship of those resources is largely dependent upon enlightened and responsible decision-making by Wisconsin citizens, government and private interests. The department recognizes the need to develop a coordinated environmental

education program. Education is the foundation of effective resource management and environmental protection activities. Natural resources protection and management goals can be more readily achieved and sustained by incorporating education elements in department functions and philosophies. An active educational program is necessary to encourage incorporation of education into department programs, to inform citizens on natural resources issues and to develop alternative solutions to natural resources problems.

(2) Effective environmental education will result in better understanding of the operations and programs of the department and will help meet management goals. The goal of the department's environmental education program is to assist in developing a citizenry that:

(a) Is aware of Wisconsin's natural resources;

(b) Understands resource use issues, limits, capabilities and problems;

(c) Analyzes and evaluates personal and public values that affect resource management; and

(d) Acquires the individual and collective skills and purpose to act responsibly in using natural resources in work and leisure.

(3) The department shall assist Wisconsin educational institutions at all grade and age levels by:

(a) Making available supplemental services, education materials, expertise of department employees and volunteers, and facilities and properties;

(b) Cooperating and coordinating with the department of public instruction, university of Wisconsin-system, Wisconsin board of vocational, technical and adult education in assisting teachers, administrators and others

interested in education in understanding the importance of their role in environmental education and in obtaining knowledge, skills and materials in this instructional area.

(4) Department education programs shall follow agency policies, management directives and guidelines. Educational programs should be a means of achieving management goals and objectives; should complement and be consistent with agency priorities; and should focus on the areas of natural resource management and environmental protection. To implement its educational policy, the department shall:

(a) Designate the bureau of information and education as agencywide coordinator of environmental education activities.

(b) Create a department education committee, appointed by the secretary, to advise the secretary on environmental education matters.

(c) Actively cooperate with private, state and federal agencies and organizations with existing or potential interest in environmental and conservation education.

(d) Consider and incorporate education elements into annual and long-range program plans and budgets.

(e) Consider environmental education skills and interest in the recruitment, training, promotion and assignment of department employees.

(f) Delineate environmental education responsibilities in position descriptions.

(g) Incorporate additional and broadened environmental education elements in department subprograms.

(h) Incorporate environmental education elements in property and facility acquisition, development and programming.

(i) Utilize the MacKenzie environmental education center and youth camps and facilities for environmental education programming.

(j) Identify teachers and selected adult groups as primary audiences to maximize program impact.

(k) Encourage involvement with volunteer, school, youth, special interest and adult groups.

(L) Develop written and audio-visual materials, supplies and aids necessary to accomplish program goals.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on June 23, 1983.

The rules contained herein shall take effect as provided in s. 227.026(1)(intro.); Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin August 25, 1983

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By CD Besadny
Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary

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