

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

September 11, 2011

Deerwood, Minnesota

Resolution # 5
DNR Program Funding Assistance

WHEREAS, due to general fund budget cuts, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has had to make a number of tough budget adjustments in management and enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the Game & Fish Fund is also moving quickly from black to red due to decreases in license and stamp purchases, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota's local and regional sportsmen's clubs are standing ready and able to do more in terms of assisting in the delivery of DNR services to the general public, including adopt a Wildlife Management Area, monitoring public boat landings for Aquatic Invasive Species, or local involvement in ditch mowing guidelines and regulations.

WHEREAS, game and fish stamps also benefit both the non-games species and the natural environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Conservation Federation at its annual meeting in Deerwood, Minnesota on September 11, 2011 encourages the state legislature to promote a stronger partnership between state management by the DNR and local implementation of Minnesota's hunting and fishing laws and programs, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Conservation Federation encourages members of local sportsmen's organizations, local VFW and Legion clubs, schools, church groups and other leading community organizations and individuals to purchase additional duck or pheasant or trout stamps even if they do not intend to hunt or fish in order to keep the programs going that are funded through license and stamp funds.

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