RESOLUTION No. 338

SUPPORTING CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF WOLVES IN WISCONSIN

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WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population, hunting opportunities, and livestock.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Marinette County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin continue the wolf population goal of 350 or preferably less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marinette Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels or below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is to be provided to Governor James Doyle, Federal and Wisconsin Legislators representing Marinette County, and WDNR Secretary Matthew Frank.

Adopted this 25th day of May 2010 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board.

George Bousley, Chairperson

Submitted by: Marinette County Land Information Committee - 5/10/2010

State of Wisconsin) ss. County of Marinette)

I, Katherine K. Brandt, Marinette County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing document is a true and correct copy as adopted by the Marinette County Board of Supervisors on.

Katherine K. Brandt, County Clerk

Marinette, Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the increased cross bordering traffic would increase state sales tax with increased fuel, restaurant, hotel, taverns, gift shops and such other business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors support joint efforts between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin to create a reciprocal snowmobile and ORV trail sticker program along the bordering counties of Iron, Dickinson, Menominee and Gogebic Counties, in Michigan; and Florence, Forest, Marinette, Iron and Vilas Counties in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governors Jim Doyle and Jennifer Granholm, State Senators and State Representatives for the bordering counties, Wisconsin and Michigan Department of Natural Resources Secretaries and County Board Chairs of the bordering counties.

 Motion (Cassidy/Dill) to approve Resolution No. 337. Motion carried.

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 Motion (Mattison/Martens) to approve Resolution No. 338. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No. 339 SUPPORTING AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO PREVENT ASIAN CARP FROM ENTERING THE LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREAT LAKES WATERSHEDS

WHEREAS, many jobs and major investments in Marinette County depend on the health of Lake Michigan watershed ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Asian carp may consume up to half their weight daily in plankton and are likely to decimate the lake resources that native species depend on; and

WHEREAS, Asian carp have moved up the Mississippi River system toward the Great Lakes since they escaped Arkansas ponds decades ago and are now poised to enter Lake Michigan through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal or through Des Plaines River flooding; and

WHEREAS, carp DNA was discovered last year beyond the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal electric barrier and efforts to poison them may not have worked; and

WHEREAS, carp DNA was found at the Wilmette Station, which pumps Lake Michigan water into the Chicago Sanitary Canal as well as Lake Michigan itself; and

WHEREAS, the history of invasive species like zebra mussels and lamprey eels teaches that preventing entry is imperative as well as cost effective and that once invasive species enter the Great Lakes they soon infest inland water bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors supports pursuing every reasonable legal means to protect Wisconsin and Great Lakes water systems from invasive carp, including support of the lawsuit by Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, and Ohio in the US Supreme Court to temporarily close the Chicago shipping locks and create strong new flood barriers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is likely there is still time to prevent a breeding carp population from getting established and damaging the ecosystem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White House plan to combat the entry of the carp into the Great