

**Draft Legislative Language Establishing a Citizen-based Monitoring
Advisory Board**
(Based on similar advisory board legislation under chapter 15 of the statutes)

CITIZEN-BASED MONITORING ADVISORY BOARD (a) *Creation*. There is created a Citizen-based Monitoring Advisory Board attached to the Department of Natural Resources and supported by the Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Inventory Program under s. 20.370(3)(mv).

(b) *Mission Statement*: The advisory board represents the volunteer monitoring community and works in collaboration with the DNR to help set priorities regarding the monitoring of aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals and their habitats, identify funding sources, solicit public support, and assist in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Citizen-Based Monitoring Program. (c)

Membership. The Citizen-based Monitoring Advisory Board shall consist of the following members:

1. Three members representing organizations currently participating in citizen-based monitoring outside of those listed below, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources.
2. Two members representing conservation organizations appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources.
3. One member representing and appointed by the Conservation Congress.
4. One member representing the University of Wisconsin System appointed by the University of Wisconsin Chancellor.
5. One member, a teacher, representing the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
6. One member representing land use planning interests appointed by the Regional Planning Commissions Council.
7. One member representing tribal interests appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources.
8. One member representing infrastructure development appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources.
9. One member representing industry appointed by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.
10. One member representing local governments appointed by the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.
11. One member representing agriculture to be appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources.
12. The Secretary of Natural Resources or their designee.

(d) *Terms*. Members of the advisory board shall serve staggered 3-year terms. The advisory board shall annually vote a chairperson for the board from among its members. The board shall meet as deemed necessary or shall also meet on the call of the chairperson of the advisory board or on the call of a majority of its members.