



PATHWAYS FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
Lake Leaders Institute – Crew VII

Levels of Policy

- **Laws (Statutes)** are introduced and enacted by the state legislature and ratified by the Governor. Chap 29 - Fishing laws, 281 - Water programs, 30 - waterway regulations
- **Rules (Wis. Admin. Code)** are introduced by the agency, enacted by the DNR Board, and ratified by the state legislature. NR 190 & 191 - Lake grants, 107 & 109 Aquatic plants, NR 115 Shoreland zoning.
- **Policy (Manual Code or Handbook)** is introduced by the agency and enacted by the Secretary. Internal operating procedures.
- **Interpretations (Regulation Pamphlets)** written by the Dept. to disseminate regulations to the general public

Administrative Rule Development Process

- 1** Legislation directs rule-making or may consider recommendations from the Natural Resources Board, Conservation Congress, anglers, and other groups under general rule making authority.
- 2** Staff prepares proposals for review and approval for public hearings by the NRB. Process may include advisory committees.
- 3** Department conducts public hearings to receive input. Spring Hearings/Conservation Congress Meetings annually address fish and game regulations.

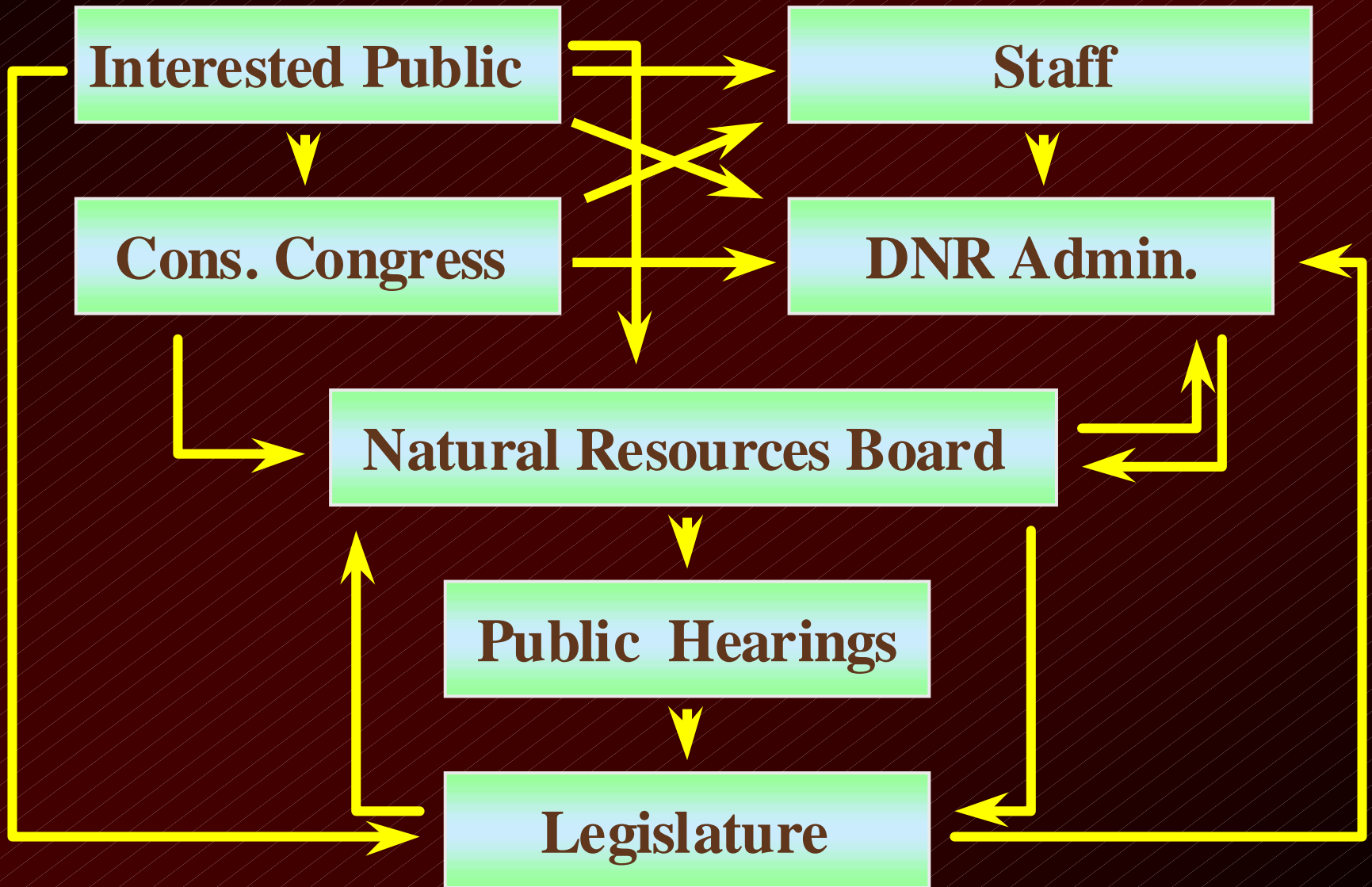
Regulation Process (continued)

- 4** Input from Hearings reviewed, proposals may be modified to address feedback and forwarded to the NRB for approval (green sheet process).
Conservation Congress proposals must receive majority support to move forward.
- 5** Following NRB approval, rules are forwarded to the Legislature for review (standing committees). No action = new rule. Remand, suspend but not modify.



**EMERGENCY
ORDER**

Pathways for DNR Rule Changes



Natural Resources Board

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Dean and professor of resource management at the UW Stevens Point.

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Former Sec. of the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
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Jane Wiley – Wausau

Community conservation activist

CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Committees

Air, Waste and Water

Alternative Funding

Awards

Bear

Big Game

CWD

Endangered Resources &

Law Enforcement

Forestry, Parks and

Recreation

Fur Harvest

Great Lakes

Habitat

Hunting with Dogs

Legislative

Migratory

Mississippi River

Outdoor Heritage &

Education

Public and Private Land

Use

Rules and Resolutions

Trout

Turkey

Upland Game

Warm Water

Wolf



**THE END?
CONGRATULATIONS!**