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Dr. Frederick Prehn
Natural Resources Board
c/o Laurie Ross
Department of Natural Resources
Madison, WI

Subj: AGENDA ITEM 6B - INTEREST IN CRANE POPULATIONS

Dear Dr. Prehn and the Members of the Natural Resources Board,

The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (WWA) noticed that Agenda item 6 B indicated an interest in Sandhill Crane management and population. As we shared in our April letter to the Board (in support of the 2020 waterfowl season plan), WWA members overwhelmingly support a Sandhill Crane season. This comes from our latest survey in which 85% of over 600 respondents thought the time had come to consider this harvest opportunity.

There are strong and sound arguments for Wisconsin to establish a Sandhill Crane season as our state's part in sustainably managing the cranes' burgeoning eastern population—while providing prized table fare for state hunters. We encourage you to consider the possibility of a season. If you do, we would welcome the opportunity to share our perspective in detail.

Sincerely,

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