

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

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**Agreement Between the Iowa DNR and the Wisconsin DNR**

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The Department requests Commission approval of an agreement between the Iowa DNR and the Wisconsin DNR to extend specific police powers to one another, as allowed by law. The Iowa DNR and Wisconsin DNR have police powers in their respective states authorized by law and the parties share common boundaries while exercising those police powers (Mississippi River).

The purpose of this Agreement is to extend specified police powers from the Iowa DNR to Wisconsin Conservation Wardens, and from the Wisconsin DNR to Iowa Conservation Officers, while on duty in counties bordering their respective home states and as those specified police powers relate to activities occurring or arising from counties bordering their respective states as authorized by the Iowa Code. These police powers will include: protection of public safety, private property, and public property; regulation of firearm safety, boating, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicles, fishing, hunting, fur-harvesting, floating and affixed docks and platforms, and other recognized types of regulated recreational activities and associated fixtures/equipment; protection of flora and fauna, in particular: wildlife and fishery resources, non-game species, endangered and threatened species, timber and trees, and wild ginseng and other related plants; and investigation and response to spills.

This agreement provides legal protection of officers while enforcing laws on the common boundary with existing concurrent jurisdictional authority while simultaneously providing for additional public safety benefits.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Iowa Attorney General's Office and the Iowa Department of Public Safety, as required by law.

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