



## Conservation Congress – April 11 & 12 Agenda

### Friday, April 11

- Noon-1:00pm** Registration
- 1:00pm-1:30pm** Welcome and Overview of Conservation Congress
- 1:30pm-2:30pm** Preserving & Protecting Our Natural Resources Through Advocacy & Regulation (panel)
- 2:30pm-3:00pm** Break
- 3:00pm-4:00pm** Breakout Session #1
- 1) *Communicating IDNR's Work to the Public: Getting Info When and How You Want It*
  - 2) *Enhancing the Visitor Experience at State Sites: What Programming and Services are Important to You?*
  - 3) *Illinois Conservation Laws: Protecting the Public and our Natural Resources*
  - 4) *We're All in It Together: Working with Friends Groups and Attracting Volunteers to Serve*
  - 5) *New Dollars for IDNR: Prioritizing Facility and Maintenance Needs at State Sites*
  - 6) *Preserving Our Natural Habitats: Giving Focus to Habitat Acquisition and Management Needs*
  - 7) *Wildlife Management: A Look Ahead*
- 4:10pm-5:10pm** Breakout Session #2
- 1) *Making Conservation Relevant to Illinois' Urban Communities: Expanding Our Constituencies through Outreach*
  - 2) *Conservation Education: Giving the Public a Greater Knowledge and Appreciation of Our Natural Resources*
  - 3) *Managing a Healthy Deer Population: Informational Briefing*
  - 4) *Protecting Our Environment from Invasive Species: Prioritizing IDNR's Resources in This Effort*
  - 5) *Let's Get Outdoors: Providing Opportunities for All Constituents to Recreate at State Sites*
  - 6) *Open Forum: Choose Your Topic*
- 5:30pm-7:00pm** Reception/IDNR Headquarters

### Saturday, April 12

- 9:00am-10:15am** Reports from Breakout Sessions
- 10:15am-10:45am** Voting and Break
- 10:45am-11:45am** Apex Predators in Illinois: Now and in the Future (panel discussion)
- 11:45am-12:30pm** Review of Prioritization/Moving Forward