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JARCHOW COMMENTS ON DNR SECRETARY STEPP

Madison... Rep. Adam Jarchow (R-Balsam Lake) has released the following statement regarding DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp:

"While I have had my differences with, and criticisms of, Secretary Stepp, I appreciate her long, dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin. I want to wish her the best in her new role at EPA.

This vacancy gives Governor Walker an opportunity to make an historic appointment that can change the way DNR is perceived all across Wisconsin. For too long, DNR has had a much-deserved reputation for being arrogant, inflexible, and stubborn. Many of DNR's staff have treated the people of our great State as an inconvenience instead of as their employers. It's time for a dramatic culture change at DNR from top to bottom. It's time that DNR employees recognize that they work for the people of this State, not the other way around. It's time for a firm hand to guide DNR into a new paradigm which puts results ahead inflexible, command and control regulations. It's time that DNR truly partner with the business and sporting communities and recognize that true innovation and change will be driven by those groups, not Madison bureaucrats.

I can't wait to see the excellent choice Governor Walker makes to lead this agency in a new direction."

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