

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

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Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Names Representative Spencer Black as Conservation Legislator of the Year

Poynette---Today, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the state's largest conservation organization announced the naming of Representative Spencer Black, (Madison), as their Conservation Legislator of the Year. The formal presentation of the award was made at the WWF annual meeting on April 4 in Tomah, Wisconsin.

Representative Black received the award previously in 1988 but since that time has been a key legislative leader in many, many conservation and environmental laws including the initial adoption of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund and its two reauthorizations which will result in over \$1.7 billion for purchasing lands for state fishery, wildlife, forestry, parks and natural areas. Other major accomplishments led by Representative Black were Wisconsin's Comprehensive Recycling Law, the Mining Moratorium Law, the Waste Tire Recovery Act, the Creation of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway, the Safe Drinking Water Law, the Environmental Education Law and support for Wisconsin's "strongest in the nation" wetlands protection regulations. Representative Black also has been a legislative leader for the restoration of the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary back to the Natural Resources Board.

"Representative Black has truly one the strongest, if not the strongest, record in legislative history in protecting Wisconsin's natural resources," indicated Lil Pipping, (Elkhart Lake), WWF President. "This long, long list of legislative initiatives enacted formally into state law is quite amazing and indicates a long term and persistent dedication to sound management and protection of the land, air and water resources that provide the basis for the fish and wildlife habitat so important to the sportsmen and women that make up the membership of the Wildlife Federation."

"As an avid hunter and angler, Representative Black clearly understands the priorities of Wisconsin hunters, anglers and trappers," stated Jack Nissen, (Dousman), WWF First Vice-President and Awards Committee Chair. "We deeply appreciate his long-term and unswerving support for legislation restoring the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary back to the Natural Resources Board, the highest legislative priority of Wisconsin sportsmen and women."

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The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is comprised of 168 hunting, fishing and trapping clubs located in the State of Wisconsin and is the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation is dedicated to conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies. For further information, contact George Meyer, Executive Director at 608-516-5545.