



Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Named Affiliate of the Year by National Wildlife Federation

NWF, WWF Seamless Partners in Conservation

STEVENS POINT, WI (April 14) – America’s conservation organization dedicated to protecting wildlife has named the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation as its Affiliate of the Year for protecting wildlife and natural resources for our children’s future.

Among its nationwide network of 48 state affiliates, the National Wildlife Federation recognized the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation as Affiliate of the Year.

Headquartered in Poynette, just north of Madison, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has exploded in growth, influence and effectiveness in the past 3 years. The NWF and WWF relationship has become stronger and as a result both organizations have become almost seamless partners in conservation.

WWF’s affiliate membership stands at 152 organizations. The combined membership of these hunting, fishing and trapping groups is in excess of 100,000 individuals.

“The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has been truly outstanding in work on Great Lakes restoration, state wildlife grant funding, and global warming - to name just a few of its many successes,” said Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation’s (WWF) annual meeting in Stevens Point, WI.

“WWF is honored to be recognized as NWF’s Affiliate of the Year. Together, NWF and WWF are fighting to protect wildlife habitat, and promoting conservation values in Wisconsin and across the country,” said Corky Meyer, (Kewaskum), President of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

WWF is a key partner with NWF in helping adopt state legislation to implement the Great Lakes Compact and prevent diversion of Great Lakes waters out of the basin. WWF is a major leader in the coalition of groups in Wisconsin supporting this legislation. WWF leadership resulted in more than 2,500 letters from hunters, anglers and trappers to Great Lakes Governors asking them to support the Compact.

As the lead stakeholder in Wisconsin, WWF leads the country in organizing the Wisconsin Teaming With Wildlife (TWW) coalition with 206 new organizations in the coalition.

The TWW coalition main goal is to secure dedicated funding for the state wildlife grant program, which could potentially bring in \$8 million per year for wildlife habitat restoration projects.

One year ago, WWF passed a resolution calling on Governor Doyle to take the lead in collaborating with other Great Lakes Governors on an initiative to mandate reducing global warming pollution. This leadership inspired two other NWF affiliates to pass nearly identical resolutions (the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and Minnesota Conservation Federation). As a result of this resolution, just this past week, Governor Doyle appointed a Wisconsin Task Force on Global Warming to study how to achieve energy independence and reduce global warming pollution in Wisconsin. WWF has called on the Task Force to set a meaningfully strong standard for reducing global warming pollution and then develop the strategies to make the needed pollution reductions.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is dedicated to conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies.

The National Wildlife Federation is America's conservation organization inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.

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