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## **Wisconsin Wildlife Federation** **DNR Secretary Bill Veto Override Resolution**

**Whereas**, Assembly Bill 138, the bill restoring the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board was passed with strong margins in the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly with eighty-two of the one-hundred and twenty-five of the legislators voting; and

**Whereas**, the voters of the State of Wisconsin and approximately ninety percent of Wisconsin sportsmen and women resoundingly support Assembly Bill 138 as passed by the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly; and

**Whereas**, the Governor's decision to reverse his long-stated position and veto this AB 138 is a great disappointment to the voters and the sportsmen and women of Wisconsin; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the members of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Board of Directors at our December 12, 2009 meeting at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, representing 168 hunting, fishing, trapping and forestry-related organizations with over 100,000 members, strenuously urge the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly to represent us, the people of the State of Wisconsin, and override the Governor's veto of Assembly Bill 138.

Adopted by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Board of Directors at its bimonthly meeting in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on December 12, 2009.

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### “Sportsmen and Women”! Call for Veto Override on AB138, DNR Secretary Appointment Bill

WWF News Release  
December 15, 2009

**P**oynette: The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the state's largest conservation organization, at its bimonthly Board meeting on December 12, 2009 unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Wisconsin Assembly and the Wisconsin Senate to vote to override the Governor's veto of Assembly Bill 138 which restores the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary back to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

“The request for a veto override was unanimous from the forty-five WWF Board members present who represent the 168 hunting, fishing, trapping and forestry-related groups belonging to the Federation. This is fully consistent with the message that we are getting from meetings being held with sportsmen and women across the state on the issue. Sportsmen and women's interest in this bill remains very high and has not been dampened by the Governor's veto. There is a recognition that the veto by the Governor, a reversal of his fourteen year position, was made easy because of his

decision not to seek re-election in 2010, stated Jack Nissen (Dousman), WWF President.

“There is an understanding that the Senate amendment to AB 138 is really a minor change to the bill and does not override the great importance of the bill to sportsmen and women. Our elected officials should not let the absence of a “perfect bill” get in the way of a very good bill that the overwhelming number of sportsmen and women in this state have been working hard on for many years. Going in to 2010, hunters, anglers and trappers will be very frustrated if a veto override does not occur. They will be following this issue very carefully, indicated Ralph Fritsch (Townsend), Chair of the WWF Wildlife Committee.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is the state's largest conservation organization comprised of 168 hunting, fishing and trapping groups representing over 100,000 members. The Federation is dedicated to conservation education and the furtherance of sound conservation policies on a state and national level. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

### President's Report

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**W**inter is upon us, and it's that time of year when many of our clubs will be holding their annual meetings. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is also busy making plans for our annual meeting, which will be held at the Ramada Inn Stevens Point WI April 16, 17 and 18. The federation's annual meeting is a time for all of our affiliate clubs to come together to present and adopt resolutions, honor conservationists through our conservation awards program and to discuss other issues with our fellow delegates. Each of our 168 affiliate clubs are encouraged to send their delegates to participate in our annual meeting and to vote on the resolutions. The WWF office will soon be sending meeting information out to the clubs. Elsewhere in this paper you will find notices regarding the call for resolutions as well as a nomination form for our Conservation Achievement Awards program. Please take a moment and consider both of these items.

Winter is also banquet season for the federation. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's banquets are second to none and I suggest that if you have never attended one of our banquets, do so and see for yourself. Our banquet

committees all across the state work extremely hard to provide their attendees with the finest banquets anywhere and the only thing they ask is that you attend. I am very proud of our banquet committees' hard work and dedication and I thank each and everyone one of them. Come on out and support the federation's banquets this year, dates and locations are listed elsewhere in this issue or on our web site [www.wiwf.org](http://www.wiwf.org).

As I close this article, I have one more thing to comment on, the 2009 deer season. As we look back many of us were very disappointed and rightly so, but we need to move forward in a positive way. We continue all too often to focus on the negative aspects of this sport and not look to what can be done instead. We as sportsmen and women need to teach our children to focus more on the traditions of our deer season and the enjoyment of the sport rather than all this negativity. If the traditions of deer hunting are going to survive, we need to teach our young people to be grateful for the venison they harvest and to be thankful for the opportunity to spend time with family and friends each fall at deer camp.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation President  
Jack Nissen

### DNR Secretary Bill: All the Chips are on the Table

By George Meyer, Executive Director, Wildlife Federation

**D**o you want somebody to head the DNR in the future who has some training in natural resource issues (think deer management)? Are you tired of having to train a new DNR Secretary every three or four years? Then pick up the phone or write a letter or email to your state representative and ask them point blank to override the Governor's veto of Assembly Bill 138 that restores the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Between 1954 and 2001 DNR had four Secretaries, all except one were career natural resource professionals with extensive management experience. From 2001 to 2010 we have had three DNR Secretaries and only one with any natural resources background.

The last two Secretaries have not had one day of natural resource management experience when they took the jobs. And we wonder why things are not going right at the top of the agency? And come January, 2010 since we will have a new Governor, we will have to break in still another DNR Secretary.

It is time for you as a sportsman or woman to say enough is enough!

In the next weeks, the Assembly and then the Senate will vote to override Governor Doyle's veto on Assembly Bill 138, the bill that restores the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary back to the Natural Resources Board. We are **very close** to having enough votes to override **and it will happen if everyone reading this article contacts their state representative.**

Just take five minutes and call them or write them a letter or email. The message can be simple: “The sportsmen and women in your District are overwhelmingly in favor of an override of the Governor's veto of the DNR Secretary appointment bill and we are expecting you to represent us and vote to override. We will be watching the vote closely.”

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# DNR Secretary Testimony on Deer Management

**M**ADISON – Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank appeared before a joint Senate and Assembly legislative committee today to testify on proposed revisions to Deer Management Unit population goals. Secretary Frank also presented the joint session with a brief summary of the current deer hunting seasons.

The following is the text of Secretary Frank's testimony.

December 17, 2009

Assembly Fish & Wildlife Committee and Senate Transportation, Tourism, Forestry & Natural Resources Committee

Good morning Chairs Hraychuck and Holperin and members of the Committees. I'm pleased to be here today to share with you a brief snapshot of Wisconsin's 158th deer hunt before we address the proposed deer management unit population goals for the next three years. The annual deer report is normally first delivered to the Natural Resources Board at its December meeting which this year was canceled due to a pretty good Wisconsin snowstorm. A copy of the report has been provided to the Board and has been provided to you as well.

I was out at deer registration stations on opening weekend and also got away a couple of days to hunt myself. Since the season closed we have heard from a lot of hunters who were frustrated with the hunt. We intend to be responsive to those concerns, but I would first like to make some general observations.

The Wisconsin hunting heritage is a powerful force in our state; for families, for hunters, our economy and our quality of life.

Consider these facts from the current season:

- The hunting tradition is strong and vibrant in Wisconsin. We have some of the best deer hunting opportunities in the nation. For the 2009 deer hunt season to date, we sold 638,040 gun licenses and 204,833 bow licenses. These figures are just slightly below the numbers for last season. While 94 percent of hunters were Wisconsin residents, hunters from all 50 states once again came to hunt in Wisconsin this year.

- Overall, the 2009 nine-day gun hunt was the fourth safest on record with no fatalities. There were seven non-fatal incidents.

- More than 10,000 10- and 11-year tried out deer hunting on the state's new mentored hunting licenses. I thank the Chairs, the members of these committees, and the legislature for passing the mentored hunting bill in this past year. Of the new youth, 20 percent were girls. There was not a single hunting incident involving these hunters.

- The October Youth hunt harvest increased by 50 percent to more than 6,000 deer on the youth hunt weekend.

- Wisconsin annually ranks nationally in the top five states in the number of deer hunting licenses sold. And we are in the top three in total expenditures for hunting. Deer hunting is a \$1 billion driver of our state economy.

We are one of the top three states in the nation for Boone and Crockett trophy whitetails, including a new state record buck taken by bow and arrow this fall.

While our hunting tradition is something we are both proud of and thankful for, of all the work done by the DNR, there is probably no subject that generates more controversy or criticism than deer herd management. That was true 50 years ago when the old Conservation Department was in charge, and it will probably be true 50 years from today. People are passionate about their opinions. Our challenge is to have a good system in place for public input, and to make the best science based decisions we can on how we manage the herd.

As we do so, good dose of humility is always in order. White-tail deer have

lived on Wisconsin's vast and varied landscape for thousands of years, long before any immigrants arrived. Understanding deer and how they interact with their ecosystem is a significant challenge. The ecosystem is constantly changing, and our understanding of the system is always evolving. For example, one of the areas we are focused on is the impact of natural predators in the ecosystem — wolves, bears and coyotes. We are taking steps to improve the S-A-K population estimate model. And, we are laying the groundwork to do significant research on the impact of deer browse on forest regeneration.

Our 2009 pre-season forecast anticipated a lower harvest primarily due to an expected reduction in antlerless harvest. This reduction was a response to population declines in the last two years which were a result of herd reductions efforts as well as below average fawn production. Statewide preliminary registration figures indicate the harvest during the nine-day gun season was down 29 percent from 2008 to 196,098. This includes 86,708 antlered bucks — a 12 percent decrease — and 109,390 antlerless deer — a 39 percent decrease from 2008.

We know that the herd is smaller in some regions of the state which is why we took action to reduce the harvest in those areas. During this season, 13 deer management units had no bonus antlerless permits. 38 units were moved out herd control to regular season, and 29 units were moved out of earn-a-buck, all contributing to a decline in antlerless harvest. In all, the number of regular units increased from 21 in 2008 to 59 in 2009.

Following the 2008 season, hunters told us they told us they wanted fewer antlerless deer harvested. As a result, we greatly reduced the number of antlerless permits available and antlerless harvest went down accordingly. In 2009 there were 78 units (of 132 statewide) where we reduced antlerless deer hunting opportunity. This reduction in permits contributed to the decline in gun deer harvest.

In some areas of the state the deer population is below goal, and our efforts are focused on increasing the population. In other parts of the state, we are still above goal. For example, in the CWD zone in the southern part of the state, over-population has been a contributing factor to the increased prevalence of CWD in the deer herd, increasing the risk of spread of this disease.

Overall, fewer deer on the landscape equals fewer deer seen and fewer harvested. We must continue to manage toward a sustainable, healthy deer population.

Wisconsin's experience in 2009 is not unique. Our neighboring Great Lakes states and provinces also experienced harvest declines. Deer harvest is down 12 percent in Minnesota, 10-20 percent in Michigan, 20-30 percent in the UP, and 24 percent in Quebec.

Over the next few months, our staff will look carefully at the data hunters provided us on their registration stubs — data that is the foundation of our science-based management — to determine where we now stand with respect to the size of the deer population. We know the state's herd varies by region and careful analysis is needed before we move ahead with future season recommendations.

We also will continue to seek input from the public on deer management objectives and policy. In addition to advisory groups, public meetings and hearings, hunters can now give us feedback through a modified deer registration stub and an online database where hunters can record field observations of weather conditions, hours hunted and number of deer seen.

## Deer Management Units and Population Goals

This brings us to deer population goals and Deer Management Unit boundaries. The department remains committed to supporting Wisconsin's

hunting traditions and managing for a healthy, sustainable and ecologically balanced deer population. In the early part of this decade, the deer population reached unsustainable levels in much of the state. It's the department's job to bring populations down to the population goals approved through an extensive public process with ultimate review by the legislature. It is also our job to use deer management tools to raise the deer population in regions where it is below goal.

The criteria we must follow to determine deer population goals come from laws passed by the legislature. These laws require the Department to manage the deer population for conservation of ecosystems and for future generations' use and enjoyment. They require the Department to keep agricultural and forestry damage to tolerable levels. Our administrative code further emphasizes the balance that deer goals must strike: NR 1.15 directs that the "department shall seek to maintain a deer herd in balance with its range and at deer population goals reasonably compatible with social, economic and ecosystem objectives for each deer management unit."

Unit boundaries and population goals are reviewed at approximately three year intervals. In 2005, this committee reviewed and approved the goals that are now in place. Today you are reviewing Natural Resources Board changes approved in October that will guide our herd management decisions for the next three years. As we have done before, we once again welcome input from your committees before these goals are finalized.

The changes before you were developed with extensive public involvement. Beginning in January 2009, a large stakeholder group made up of representatives of hunting groups, landowners, foresters, farmers and ecologists convened to lead this goal review. I would like to extend our gratitude to these hard working volunteers who take deer management very seriously.

The process for this goal review included the stakeholder panel, 40 public meetings to gather input, several web based surveys, eight public hearings across the state to review this rule, as well as Natural Resource Board review and approval.

There are many factors to consider when establishing deer goals — preserving Wisconsin's great deer hunting tradition for future generations, forest impacts, agricultural impacts, public safety as measured by car-deer collisions, preventing animal disease transmission, and others.

Wisconsin's 16 million acres of forest land support great deer habitat as well other important economic and environmental values. When the deer population is too high the regeneration of our forests is put at risk, threatening deer habitat and future deer hunting oppor-

tunities as well as our forestry based economy. Wisconsin's paper and wood products industry is #1 in the country. Our forests are a tremendous natural resource that provide the foundation for 68,000 family-supporting jobs. Forestry related companies are the #1 employer in 23 Wisconsin counties.

Deer also impact another vitally important sector of Wisconsin's economy, agriculture. The year 2000 was a peak year in Wisconsin's deer hunt — over 615,000 deer were harvested. As we have moved closer to deer population goals over the last few years, agriculture impacts have been reduced. In 2000, over 15,000 acres were damaged by deer and 339,000 bushels of corn lost, as well as 71,000 bushels of soybeans lost. By comparison, in 2008, a little over 8,000 acres were damaged by deer, 172,000 bushels of corn lost, and 30,000 bushels of soybeans lost.

Public safety is another factor that the Department must consider in setting deer population goals. While most Wisconsin citizens expect that car-deer collisions are a part of living in Wisconsin, they expect the DNR to keep these collisions in an acceptable range. As we have moved closer to deer population goals over the past decade, the number of deer caused collisions have declined. DNR numbers for deer carcass removals from our highways declined from 48,000 in 2003 to 28,000 in 2008. The number of car-deer collisions reported by police to DOT declined from over 20,000 in 2000, to just over 15,800 in 2008.

These numbers are not just statistics. Ten people died on our highways last year from car-deer collisions. In the 1990s, the trend was better, with fatalities from car-deer crashed averaging just over 5 per year, compared with 10 per year since 2000.

Disease management also remains a key concern. Chronic Wasting Disease poses a serious threat to a healthy, sustainable deer herd and our hunting heritage. Population goals inside and outside the CWD zone need to reflect our strongest efforts to slow disease spread.

Balancing all of these goals is a challenging task. Our responsibility is to establish goals that will sustain our great hunting heritage, result in a healthy deer population that is sustainable on our landscape, and consider the impacts deer have on all facets of life in Wisconsin. The rule before you today follows the recommendations of the stakeholder group, with extensive public input. These rules represent our best efforts to strike an acceptable balance that will ensure ecosystem conservation and sustain our hunting heritage for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today. We look forward to answering any questions you may have.

## Hunter Mentor Program

By Ralph R. Fritsch

It was Sunday and we were heading to church with a quick stop at the local Shell Gas Station to pick up the Sunday paper. While my wife went in to purchase a paper, I observed a fellow filling his truck at one of the pumps and on the rear carrier of his truck was a beautiful buck (4 or 6 point). I called out to the fellow filling his truck, "I hope your son harvested that deer," this being the statewide Youth Hunt Weekend. His reply was, "No, my daughter did." I had exited my car and walked over to look at this deer. By now, other fellows had gathered also to look at this deer. In this time period a girl (10½ years)

appeared from the store and an array of congratulations encircled her arrival. I asked her father if she had been excited to participate in the newly passed hunter mentor program and his response was "See that smile!" How could you not see the pride and happiness that was beaming from this young girl's face?

It's times like this when working over 6 years for passing of such a program is it all worth your time and effort? That young girl's smile answered that question and more.

We need this type of success in a program to ensure future hunters within our state, and I'm sure we now have secured another hunter in our fold.

## December 2009 Board of Directors Meeting



WWF Directors received, discussed, revised and approved the 2010 operational budget presented by Treasurer Laura Huber. *WWF Photo*

## Natural Resources Board Accepts Donation from Door County Land Trust

MADISON – Wisconsin's Natural Resources Board voted 6-0 at its December meeting to accept the donation of 15.44 acres of land adjacent to the Mud Lake Wildlife Area from the Door County Land Trust. The Trust purchased the land using State Stewardship grant funds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife service and Coastal Wetland Federal funds. The parcel adjoins state-owned lands to the north and is located a few miles north of Baileys Harbor in Door County.

This land parcel is a groundwater recharge area for critical wetlands that host the endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly larvae in the Ridges Sanctuary and Mud Lake State Natural Area. The newly acquired property will protect the natural values, consolidate state ownership, provide opportunities for public recreation and will allow wildlife and natural community management.

The property is managed to provide wildlife habitat for deer, upland small game, waterfowl and non-game species. The public uses the property for hunting,

trapping, fishing, cross-country skiing and wildlife observation.

Mud Lake Wildlife Area was established in 1966 to protect and manage the large wetland ecosystem surrounding Mud Lake and Reibolt's Creek in northeastern Door County. Reibolt's Creek runs from Mud Lake to Moonlight Bay. The creek provides an exceptional fishery with seasonal runs of trout and salmon from Lake Michigan.

Christine Thomas, Chair of the State Natural Resource's Board, expressed "sincere appreciation" to the Door County Land Trust on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens and future generations for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Natural Resources Board members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the State Senate, are Christine L. Thomas – Chair, Stevens Point; Jonathan P. Ela – Vice Chair, Madison; John W. Welter – Secretary, Eau Claire; David Clausen, Amery; Preston D. Cole, Milwaukee; Gary E. Rohde, River Falls; and Jane Wiley, Wausau.

## Wisconsin State Parks, Forests and Trails Candlelight Ski and Hike Events

*Enjoy an evening hike, snowshoe, or ski along a trail lit by the flickering flames of candles or tiki torches.*

### Saturday, January 16, 2010

• **Governor Dodge State Park**, Dodgeville, (608) 935-2315 or e-mail - **Candlelight Ski/Hike/Snowshoe**. Walk or ski a trail lit with glowing candlelight. Warm up by the bonfire after enjoying the trail. Limited snacks and hot drinks will be available for sale. Weather and snow conditions determine trail location. Didn't receive a park sticker for Christmas? Here's your chance to purchase one early and enjoy a year's worth of Wisconsin State Park memories. Sponsored by Friends of Governor Dodge State Park. Cox Hollow Beach area. 6-9 p.m.

• **Rib Mountain State Park**, Wausau, (715) 842-2522 or e-mail - **Candlelight Snowshoe**. Snowshoe the trails at Rib Mountain State Park by candlelight. Snowshoe rentals, hot chocolate and other goodies will be available. For more information, call Nancy at (715) 359-9166. Sponsored by the Friends of Rib Mountain State Park. 6-8 p.m.

### Saturday, January 23, 2010

• **Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit**, Palmyra, (262) 594-6200 or e-mail - **Candlelight Ski and Hike**. Ski or hike the 1.4-mile purple loop through the woods that will be illuminated by 450 candles! No hills and no spills! The Nordic Trail is on County Highway H about 3 miles south of Palmyra and 1.5 miles north of La Grange. Ski rentals are available in La Grange and the store will donate \$2 per ski rental for next year's event. Hot beverages and food will be available for sale in a heated shelter. A bonfire and charcoal will also be available, so bring your marshmallows and food you would like to cook. Dogs are allowed on the ski trail for this event only. A Wisconsin State Park sticker is required on all vehicles. Nordic Shelter. 6-9 p.m.

### Friday, January 29, 2010

• **Chippewa Moraine Ice Age State Recreation Area**, New Auburn, (715) 967-2800 or e-mail - **Snowshoeing by Moonlight**. Join naturalists Rod Gont and Frank Lowly as they lead one or two-hour snowshoe hikes by moonlight. All ages are invited. More than 40 pairs of snowshoes are available for those without them. Please call ahead to reserve snowshoes. There's no charge, but donations are accepted. Warming fires will be going and hot chocolate and hot water are available. Meet at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve Unit Visitor Center. 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, January 30, 2010

• **Hartman Creek State Park**, Waupaca, (715) 258-2372 or e-mail - **Candlelight Ski and Hike**. As dusk descends hundreds of candles will illuminate two separate trails for hikers and skiers. A warm and welcoming bonfire will greet skiers and hikers back at the shelter. Willow sticks will be provided for toasting snacks and char-

coal grills will be available for the more serious cook. A concession stand, with free refreshments including bars, cookies, cider and hot chocolate, will be graciously provided by the Friends of Hartman Creek. Soda pop will be for sale. There is no fee for this event, but an admission sticker is required on vehicles. 5-8 p.m. Alternate date: Saturday, February 6.

• **Lake Wissota State Park**, Chippewa Falls, (715) 382-4574 - **Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe**. Lighted ski, snowshoe and walking trails will be available as well as refreshments. Call (715) 967-2800 to reserve a pair of snowshoes. Sponsored by Friends of Lake Wissota State Park. 5-8 p.m.

• **Whitefish Dunes State Park**, Sturgeon Bay, (920) 823-2400 - **Candlelight Ski**. Snow covered trails, the soft swish of the skis, combined with flickering candles describes the scenery at the Whitefish Dunes annual candlelight ski event. The picnic shelter will be open and the fireplace lit. Hot beverages and cookies will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of Whitefish Dunes. A park sticker is required on vehicles, but the event is free. A candlelight hike will replace the ski if there is not enough snow. 6-9 p.m.

### Saturday, February 6, 2010

• **Black River State Forest**, Black River Falls, (715) 284-4103 - **Candlelight Ski**. The Black River Forest Trail Foundation will be holding their annual candlelight ski event.

• **Blue Mound State Park**, Blue Mounds, (608) 437-5711 - **Candlelight Ski, Hike, and Snowshoe**. One- and two-mile trails lit for skiing. Separate lit trail for hikers, snowshoers, and leashed pets. Guided interpretive hikes at 7 and 8 p.m. If insufficient snow, all trails will be lit for hikers. Friends of Blue Mound State Park will provide a bonfire, free hot drinks and marshmallows for roasting. Chili, vegetarian chili, brats, hotdogs, and baked goods available for purchase. Plans for the new warming house will be on display.

• **Harrington Beach State Park**, Belgium, (262) 285-3015 or e-mail - **Candlelight Ski/Hike**. A candlelight ski/hike through the woods and around Quarry Lake. Refreshments served by the Friends of Harrington Beach State Park. Please, no pets. Trailhead at Adolph and Marie Ansay Welcome Center. 6-9 p.m.

• **High Cliff State Park**, Sherwood, (920) 989-1106 or e-mail - **Candlelight Ski/Hike**. The Forest Management trail is torch-lit for skiers and hikers. Stop by the bonfire to warm up along the trail and visit the Friends of High Cliff concessions booth for some hot beverages and snacks. Forest Management Trail. 5-8 p.m.

• **Kettle Moraine State Forest—Northern Unit**, Campbellsport, (920) 533-8322 - **Candlelight Ski/Hike**. Cross-country ski or hike by candlelight. At the bonfire join fellow hikers and skiers for hot drinks and snacks provided by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine. The trail, with no steep hills or sharp turns, is perfect for novice skiers. Zillmer Trail Area. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

## OFFICIAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS!

For presentation at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

What is a resolution?

- A formal, written motion which follows a specific format.

Why submit a resolution?

- To set a course of action for the WWF Board of Directors to follow.
- To set and express an opinion of the WWF.

Who can submit a resolution?

- Any affiliate organization of WWF, regardless of size.
- Any member of the WWF Board of Directors.
- Any individual associate or sustaining member – please contact an Associate Director or District Director to submit it on your behalf.

How should a resolution be submitted?

- Typed on official organization letterhead preferred.
- Signed by the author and/or officer of the submitting organization.
- Mailed to the WWF office.
- Postmarked no later than March 10, 2010.

What topics should resolutions deal with?

- Issues pertaining to natural resources and their management or the environment.
- Issues of importance to the entire state.

Mail your resolutions to:

**Wisconsin Wildlife Federation  
W7303 Cty Hwy CS  
Poynette, WI 53955**

Contact the office for additional information or for specific writing format guidelines.  
(800) 897-4161

## Conservation Achievement Awards Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

W7303 County Hwy. CS  
Poynette, WI 53955

### OFFICIAL NOMINATION APPLICATION

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation invites you to nominate a person or group who has shown outstanding conservation effort and achievement in any of the categories listed. To make a nomination, send one copy of this form and a copy of a résumé. Attach all supporting documents and send to the above address. Deadline for receiving nominations is March 10, 2010.

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Award Nominated For \_\_\_\_\_

(For each nomination you must use a separate form. Please specify one of the categories for which the nomination is made.)

Nomination Made By (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note Following Instructions:

1. Please read the general rules carefully.
2. Follow the outline covering the category for which the nomination is being made.
3. Attach typewritten copy of a résumé of achievements.
4. Include organizational memberships, affiliations, past achievements for which nomination is based on.

# Environmental Enforcement

## Wisconsin Department of Justice

### Wolf Paving Agrees to Pay Penalties for Air Pollution Control Violations

MADISON - Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced that his office has filed a Complaint, and Stipulation and Order for Judgment against Wolf Paving Company, Inc. in Rock County Circuit Court. The Complaint states that the defendant committed violations of state law governing air pollution at the defendant's former portable asphalt plant located at 7308 West State Road 11, Rock County, Wisconsin.

The defendant has agreed to pay a forfeiture of \$31,784. In addition, the

defendant has agreed to complete supplemental environmental projects at a total cost to the defendant of \$136,433.

Those projects include, among other things, the implementation of an environmental management system and construction of a facility and additional paving to reduce air pollution emissions at the defendant's Genesee facility and Oconomowoc facility.

The Order for Judgment was signed by Judge Forbeck on December 10, 2009. Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Hirsch prosecuted the case.

### Daniel Wolf Ordered to Pay \$1,000 in Forfeitures for Spills Law Violations and Ordered to Reimburse DNR \$40,668 for Diesel Spill Clean-up

GRANTON - Clark County Circuit Court Judge Jon M. Counsell has entered a default judgment against Granton resident Daniel Wolf finding him liable for violating Wisconsin's hazardous substances spill law and ordering him to reimburse the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the costs it incurred responding to Wolf's spill.

According to the Complaint filed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wolf was hired to do some excavating work at a rural Town of Grant, Clark County property. While at the property, he took it upon himself to dig up and remove a gasoline tank, a kerosene tank, and a diesel tank. The first two tanks were empty, but the diesel tank contained approximately 3,000 gallons of a diesel-water mixture.

Wolf proceeded to roll the diesel tank across the ground until it was empty. He did not report the spill to the DNR, and he did not take steps to contain the spill, even after asked to do so by the DNR. The DNR contracted with private environmental firms to stabilize and clean up the spill. The clean-up cost Wisconsin taxpayers \$40,688.22.

Mr. Wolf did not respond to the State's Complaint, so the Court entered a default judgment against him.

"The Department of Justice will continue to work with the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that those responsible for spilling hazardous substances pay to clean up their spills," said Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

Assistant Attorney General Diane Milligan prosecuted the case.

### Settlement Results in Penalty Payment by Contractors for Alleged Asbestos Violations During the Demolition of the Aldrich Chemical Building

MILWAUKEE - A civil asbestos enforcement action arising from the demolition of the Aldrich Chemical Building as part of the Marquette Interchange Project has been filed and partially resolved, Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced today. Two of the three named defendants have settled the disputed allegations by agreeing to pay forfeitures and costs totaling \$60,000.

RMT, Inc., Homrich, Inc. and Premium Abatement Contracting, L.L.C. were the subjects of a civil complaint alleging violations of asbestos regulations for failing to remove all asbestos from the facility prior to demolition activity, adequately wet and keep wet facility components that contained asbestos during removal and until collection, thoroughly inspect the facility for asbestos prior to commencing demolition activity, provide the DNR with a complete written notice of intention to demolish, and update the notification as required.

In December 2002 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) purchased the former Aldrich Chemical building in the City of Milwaukee, in order to demolish it as part of the Marquette Interchange highway reconstruction. The DOT hired RMT to inspect the Aldrich Chemical building and identify asbestos-containing material that needed to be removed prior to demolition, serve as the construction

manager for the pre-demolition activities including decontamination, de-commissioning and asbestos abatement of the Aldrich Chemical building, and to provide environmental consulting oversight of the building demolition by other contractors. RMT hired Homrich to complete the pre-demolition of the building. Homrich was also hired by a third-party contractor to complete the structural building demolition under their contract with the DOT for reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange. Homrich, hired Premium Abatement Contracting, L.L.C. to perform the asbestos abatement. During inspections by the DNR in late 2005 and early 2006, the inspectors observed the asbestos violations listed above. All alleged violations were immediately addressed by RMT, Homrich, and Premium.

The State has reached an agreement and agreed order for judgment against RMT, Inc., and Homrich, Inc. for these alleged violations. The settling defendants will pay forfeitures and costs totaling \$60,000. The settlement was approved by Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Charles F. Kahn. The claims against Premium Abatement Contracting, L.L.C. have not been resolved and are still being pursued by the Department of Justice.

The violations were investigated by inspectors at the DNR, who referred the matter to the DOJ. Assistant Attorney General Steven Tinker is representing the State.

### Well Driller to Pay \$40,000 for Well Construction Code Violations

RACINE - The Wisconsin Department of Justice has filed and settled a lawsuit against Racine County well driller Kenneth J. Krizan for violations of state well construction regulations, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced today.

Wisconsin's well construction regulations establish minimum standards designed to protect groundwater and aquifers from contamination through improper location and through inadequate construction and reconstruction of water systems. The well code requires licensed well drillers to maintain a current license, to comply with the construction standards, to promptly sample for bacteria and to provide reports documenting well construction to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). State statutes set penalties for noncompliance.

According to the civil complaint filed at the request of the DNR and pursuant to an appointment by Racine County District Attorney Michael E. Nieskes, Krizan failed to properly construct and abandon wells in Racine County, constructed wells after his license had

expired and before it was renewed, and failed to file timely water sample reports and well construction reports. The alleged violations occurred since 2003.

Mr. Krizan cooperated with the Department of Justice and the DNR to provide outstanding well construction and water sample reports. In addition to paying \$40,000 in forfeitures, fees and costs, Mr. Krizan has agreed to offer to abandon an improperly located well at his own expense, and to notify the DNR prior to drilling wells during the next two years.

In announcing the settlement, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen stressed the need for the drillers of water wells of Wisconsin to obey the law. "The Department of Justice will continue to work with the Department of Natural Resources and local District Attorneys to insure compliance with environmental laws," Van Hollen said.

Racine County Circuit Court Judge Richard J. Kreul approved the parties' settlement agreement. Assistant Attorney General Diane Milligan represented the State.

### La Crosse County Business Owner Ordered to Pay \$132,343 for Environmental Violations

MADISON - The Department of Justice announced that Daniel D. Marini of La Crosse County has been found guilty of a series of environmental violations he committed in La Crosse County and Jackson County and was ordered to pay a penalty of \$132,343 to the State.

In a civil complaint filed in Dane County, the Wisconsin Department of Justice charged Marini for unlawful activities at salvage operations in two different Wisconsin counties. At his salvage operation in La Crosse County, Marini performed open burning of five mobile homes, buried the resultant ash on site, illegally transported and stored approximately 90 total non-labeled drums of hazardous waste and hazardous substances such as oil, antifreeze, gasoline mixes and performed automotive crushing activities with no required containment to collect liquids that are generated from crushing. These liquids ran to the ground.

When the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and La Crosse County staff took enforcement steps to require Marini to properly remove the waste materials and close the unlicensed salvage operation, Marini purchased another salvage yard in Jackson County and relocated much of the materials that he was required to properly manage.

Marini was found guilty of burning the mobile homes without a permit and without inspecting the homes for asbestos before their demolition and notifying the DNR. Marini was also found guilty of transporting and storing hazardous and solid waste as part of his business of hauling junked vehicles and mobile homes to his business sites for salvaging.

The DNR's investigation of Marini's activities revealed that there were haz-

ardous substance spills at the La Crosse County and Jackson County sites from Marini's activities. Marini was found guilty of not reporting these spills to the DNR and not taking the necessary steps to stop and clean up the spills. Marini was also found guilty of not preparing a stormwater pollution prevention plan or obtaining a stormwater permit for the Jackson County site.

On December 3, 2009, the Honorable William Foust, Dane County Circuit Court judge, imposed forfeitures and surcharges totaling \$100,137 against Marini. The Court also ordered Marini to pay \$32,206 in costs to the DNR and the Department of Justice.

Judge Foust ordered that Marini not engage in any activity related to scrap recycling or vehicle salvaging for a period of 10 years from the date of judgment.

Van Hollen said that the Department of Justice will continue to work with the Department of Natural Resources to prosecute environmentally harmful violations. The open burning of trailer homes with their plastic, foam, rubber, metal, and insulation components is a significant source of hazardous air pollutants, dioxins, asbestos, and heavy metal containing waste particulates. The improper transportation, outdoor storage of hazardous materials in containers that can rot with age, and the actual releases of contaminants from crushing operations to the soil and potentially to the groundwater is also an unacceptable environmental and human exposure risk.

The violations were investigated by inspectors at the DNR, who referred the matter to the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General Steven Tinker is representing the State.

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Largest Environmental Bankruptcy in U.S. History Will Result in Payment of \$1.79 Billion towards Environmental Cleanup and Restoration / Largest recovery of money for hazardous waste clean up ever

WASHINGTON—As a result of the largest environmental bankruptcy in U.S. history, \$1.79 billion has been paid to fund environmental cleanup and restoration under a bankruptcy reorganization of American Smelting and Refining Company LLC (ASARCO), the Justice Department, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture announced.

ASARCO is a leading producer of copper and one of the largest nonferrous metal producers in the United States. It is based in Arizona and is responsible for sites around the country that are contaminated with hazardous waste.

The money from environmental settlements in the bankruptcy will be used to pay for past and future costs incurred by federal and state agencies at more than 80 sites contaminated by mining operations in 19 states. Those states are Arizona, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

"Today's landmark enforcement settlement will provide almost one billion dollars to clean up polluted Superfund sites," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "This will mean cleaner land, water and air for communities across the country."

"The effort to recover this money was a collaborative and coordinated response by the states and federal government. Our combined efforts have resulted in the largest recovery of funds to pay for past and future clean up of hazardous materials in the nation's history. Today is a historic day for the environment and the people affected across the country," said Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli.

"This settlement exemplifies government at all levels working effectively for the American taxpayer to recover damages from polluters and restore and protect important national landscapes and significant wildlife resources that have been injured," said Interior Assistant Secretary Tom Strickland. "In consultation and collaboration with our state and tribal co-trustees, this money will be used exclusively to restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of resources injured at more than a dozen sites where ASARCO operated and we have identified natural resource damage."

"I would like to thank the Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency and USDA Office of General Counsel for their diligence in reaching this comprehensive settlement that will so benefit restoration of public lands," said Joel Holthrop, Deputy Chief for the National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. "This settlement provides significant resources to address land restoration from past mining activities on National Forest System lands in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana and Washington."

Under the terms of the plan, all allowed claims were paid in full along with interest. Funds were distributed as

follows: The United States received approximately \$776 million, which will be distributed in accordance with the underlying settlements to address 35 different sites; The Coeur d'Alene Work Trust was paid \$436 million; The three custodial trusts which address the owned but not operating properties of ASARCO and involve a total of 13 states and 24 sites were paid a cumulative total of approximately \$261 million; and Payments totaling in excess of \$321 million were paid to 14 different states to fund environmental settlement obligations at 36 individual sites.

In total, the payment will address environmental cleanup and restoration at more than 80 sites around the country. Much of the money paid to the United States will be placed in special accounts in the Superfund to be used by EPA to pay for future cleanup work. It will also be placed into accounts at the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture to pay for natural resource restoration.

ASARCO filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code on Aug. 9, 2005. American Smelting and Refining Company or ASARCO has operated for nearly 110 years—first as a holding company for diverse smelting, refining, and mining operations throughout the United States and now as the Arizona-based integrated copper-mining, smelting, and refining company.

By the time it filed for bankruptcy, ASARCO's core operating assets were limited to certain operations in the states of Arizona and Texas. However, it continued to own numerous non-operating properties that were highly contaminated and was subject to environmental claims at sites that were not owned by the company.

In August 2009, following lengthy litigation, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas held a two-week hearing on competing plans of reorganization for ASARCO that would allow the company to be purchased out of bankruptcy. During this hearing, two competing plans emerged that proposed to pay creditors in full with interest.

On Aug. 31, 2009, Judge Richard Schmidt of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to confirm the plan proposed by ASARCO's parent company—a subsidiary of Grupo Mexico. U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville accepted Judge Schmidt's recommendation and confirmed Grupo Mexico's plan on Nov. 13, 2009.

On Dec. 9, 2009, Grupo Mexico met its funding obligations and the plan was consummated. Additionally, the environmental payment and property transfer obligations outlined in the numerous settlement agreements, which had been approved by the bankruptcy court over the course of the litigation, were completed with.

The full payment of environmental claims, plus interest, will facilitate the cleanup of contamination and restoration of natural resources at numerous sites across the country. The reorganized company remains liable for environmental liabilities at the properties that it will continue to own and operate.

### Utica Energy Settles State Lawsuit Over Water Pollution Violations for \$280,000 in Penalties and \$200,000 in Connection Costs

UTICA - Utica Energy, LLC, which owns and operates an ethanol production facility in the Town of Utica, Winnebago County, has agreed to pay \$280,000 in penalties, plus at least \$200,000 to connect to the City of Oshkosh wastewater treatment system, to settle state claims under Wisconsin's water pollution laws. The judgment resolves charges that Utica Energy failed to comply with state laws governing wastewater discharges and drinking water supplies.

Utica Energy produces fuel grade ethanol at its Utica facility. Wastewater from the production process is treated at the facility and either discharged directly to a tributary of Sawyer Creek, which is a tributary to the Fox River, or land applied in the Lake Butte des Morts Watershed.

The Department of Natural Resources issued Utica Energy a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit in 2008, which authorizes Utica Energy to discharge the wastewater in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions of the permit. The complaint charges that Utica Energy violated the terms of its 2008 permit by failing to conduct wastewater sampling, exceeding effluent limits, failing timely to submit required plans, and failing to report incidents of noncompliance.

According to the stipulation settling the lawsuit, Utica Energy will pay \$280,000 in forfeitures, assessments and costs, for the past violations. In addition, Utica Energy will pay at least \$200,000

to connect its wastewater discharges to the City of Oshkosh wastewater treatment system. Utica Energy will also pay stipulated forfeitures of \$25-\$1,000 for each day that its wastewater discharge exceeds permit limits, until it completes the connection with the city sewer system. If Utica Energy does not connect to the city sewer system by September 2010, it shall promptly take all steps necessary to come into complete compliance with its current permit conditions.

Utica Energy also operates a drinking water supply system at its Utica facility. In 2004, the Department of Natural Resources issued Utica a Conditional High Capacity Well Approval to increase the pumping capacity of one well and to construct a second well. The complaint charges Utica with constructing its high capacity well system by improperly placing the check valves and failing to install sample faucets. Utica Energy has corrected both deficiencies.

"Wisconsin law requires that industrial facilities manage their wastewater discharges and drinking water supplies by following their permits, so as to protect the public and the environment from harmful pollutants," said Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen. "The Wisconsin Department of Justice will continue to work with the DNR to ensure that Wisconsin's citizens and natural resources are protected through compliance with the law."

Assistant Attorney General JoAnne F. Kloppenburg prosecuted the case. Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Barbara Key approved the settlement on November 5, 2009.

## U.S. Department of Justice

### Craig Resident Pleads Guilty to Two Felony Charges Involving Illegal Take and Sale of Sea Otters

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced that on November 17, 2009, Douglas Linn Smith, a resident of Craig, Alaska, pled guilty in federal court to one count of conspiracy to knowingly sell marine mammal parts and one count of knowingly attempting to sell wildlife with a market value in excess of \$350, both in violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Mr. Smith, age 31, pled guilty before United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick.

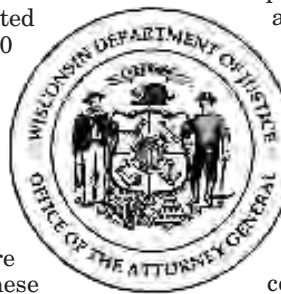
In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Steven Skrocki advised the court that Mr. Smith admitted that he was involved in a conspiracy to illegally take, transport, sell, and attempt to sell sea otter hides (enhydra lutris) on the open market, knowing that the hides had been taken, possessed and transported in violation of law. Smith also admitted that he offered to sell the hides of sea otters for \$750.00 each, knowing the hides had been taken, possessed and transported in a manner unlawful under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The investigation in Southeast Alaska began as a response to a concerned citizen's tip that led to a two-year undercover operation into the illegal commercialization of sea otters, seals, and sea lions, all of which are protected

by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. During the undercover operation, agents documented the illegal take of sea otters, the illegal sale of their pelts and the failure to record and report harvest data as required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The undercover operation revealed suspected violations of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Lacey Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The investigation is ongoing.

Judge Sedwick scheduled sentencing for Mr. Smith on February 16, 2010. The law provides for a total sentence of five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and three years of supervised release. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant. The plea agreement filed with the court has no agreement on the sentence to be imposed by the court and leaves that decision to the court after arguments by the parties are heard.

Ms. Loeffler commended the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, NOAA Fisheries' Office of Law Enforcement, U. S. Forest Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Marshals Service, the State of Alaska Attorney General's Office, and the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement for their involvement in this case.



# Associate Membership and Affiliate Clubs

**The Federation's Awards Committee solicits/invites your participation to nominate person(s) and organizations for the 2010 W.W.F. Conservation Achievement Awards Program!**



### CONSERVATION LEGISLATOR

For outstanding legislative accomplishment during the past year which has made a significant contribution to the preservation and management of our state's natural resources.



### CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION

For the outstanding contribution to the conservation effort by an organization in the state during the past year. Statewide or local bona fide organizations including sportsmen's clubs, civic organizations, etc., are eligible. Recipient should have demonstrated keen interest in projects and programs within the state which deal with basic and serious natural resource problems and have evolved an action program stemming from that interest.

### YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST

For the outstanding conservation effort by a person who did not attain the age of 19 during the past year – Youth groups acting together in a conservation program are also eligible. The winner should have demonstrated ability, leadership, and accomplishment in any phase of conservation, either individually or as a group.

### WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST

For outstanding accomplishment in making a significant contribution to the management and/or restoration of wildlife resources in Wisconsin during the past year.

### CONSERVATION EDUCATOR

For the outstanding effort in conservation education in the state during the past year. The recipient should have accomplished and demonstrated recognized education methods directed toward the use or conservation of natural resources.



### SOIL, AIR, AND WATER CONSERVATIONIST (3 categories)

For outstanding contribution to the conservation of our soil, air, or water during the past year. Recipient could be a landowner, administrator, or technician involved with such things as small watershed development, approved soil conservation measures, wetlands or estuarine conservation, wild river protection, establishment of air or water quality standards, control of specific air or water pollution problems, etc.

### FOREST CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

For outstanding effort in forest conservation during the past year. Eligible areas of effort include tree planting, timber stand improvement, and other forest management practices with emphasis on the development of multiple-use programs on forest lands.



### WARDEN OF THE YEAR

For outstanding efforts within the community on environmental and conservation issues, habitat restructuring and wise use of our natural resources.

### CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

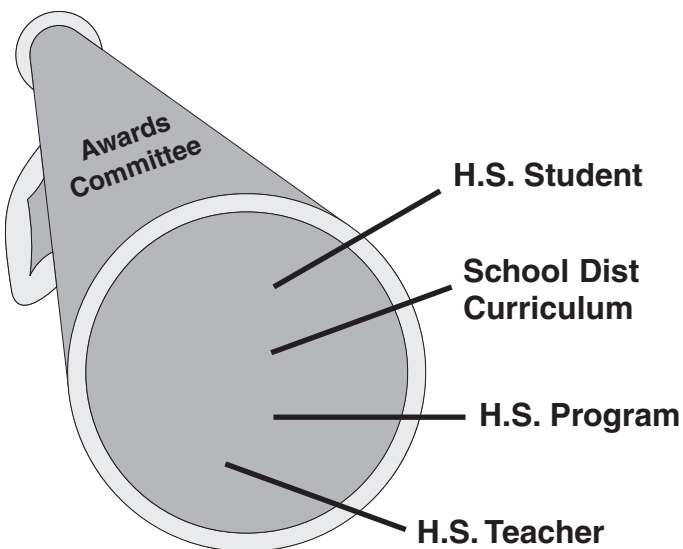
For the outstanding overall conservation effort and achievement in any field of natural resource management, for a significant contribution to the cause of conservation, or for meaningful progress or achievement toward a solution of a major conservation problem in the state during the past year. Nominees from all other categories can be considered for the Conservationist of the Year Award.

### CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR

For the outstanding conservation effort by a person, newspaper, magazine, radio station, or television station in the state during the past year. Recipient of this award may be any recognized communication medium within the state. A person, organization, or group which has accomplished the most in creating a public awareness of the importance of natural resource conservation.

### HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION

This award may be given to an individual volunteer or a volunteer organization deeply involved in the hunter safety program. To an individual or team who, during the past year, accomplished an unusual degree of improvement, both in quality and numbers of youths completing hunter safety education courses.



\*\*Deserving persons' unselfish achievements should be appropriately recognized

## Ballast Water Discharge General Permit

Effective February 1, 2010, the DNR starts regulating large oceangoing ships to prevent them from accidentally introducing harmful new invasive species to Wisconsin's Great Lakes waters, and in turn, our inland lakes and rivers. The DNR permit supplements the current federal general permit that scientists have concluded does not provide significant protection to the Great Lakes. It requires oceangoing ships to meet numerical standards for live organisms left in ballast water after it's been treated.

The ballast water these large oceangoing commercial ships carry to steady themselves is the main source of new invaders to the Great Lakes. Zebra mussels, sea lampreys, and round gobies are among invaders brought in ballast water, and they have disrupted the food chain, harmed fisheries, fouled beaches, clogged water and utility infrastructure, and cost citizens, governments and businesses billions. "Lakers," the large commercial vessels that travel between Great Lakes ports, play a role in spreading aquatic invasive species from one Great Lake to another. They are covered by the general permit as well but not subject to ballast water treatment standards.

Wisconsin joins Great Lakes states New York, Michigan and Minnesota in regulating ballast water discharges. Importantly, all ships entering the Great Lakes must pass through New York waters, where they must meet the most stringent standards, and at the earliest date.

**"We must stop new introductions of aquatic invaders now. We can't afford to wait any longer for the federal government to turn off the tap."**

—DNR Secretary Matt Frank, in announcing the DNR's action.

These states were among groups that sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency earlier this decade, frustrated with its inaction and weak rules by the U.S. Coast Guard as the economic and ecological toll from invasive species mounted. To meet a 2005 decision in that court case that sided with the states and environmental groups, EPA issued a general permit in late 2008. To meet a 2005 decision in that court case that sided with the states and environmental groups, EPA issued a general permit (Vessel Discharges - Final Vessel General Permit) in late 2008. That federal permit doesn't include treatment requirements nor numerical standards that the discharge must meet.

The U.S. Coast Guard has proposed more protective regulations and the comment period on them ends December 4, 2009.

## 'Water Guards' will be Working Ice Fishing Season to help Prevent Spread of Deadly Fish Disease

MADISON — Wisconsin's "Water Guards," will be working the hard water season to help ensure that anglers know about and are following rules to prevent the spread of VHS fish disease and aquatic invasive species.

This specialized group within the Department of Natural Resources conservation warden service focuses on education and enforcement of VHS and aquatic invasive species rules and laws. As their second open water season draws to a close, they're turning to the ice fishing season.

"For the first time, through careful planning, we've been able to stretch our budget to allow Water Guards to work later in the year," says Wisconsin's Chief Warden Randy Stark.

"VHS is most active during the cold water season and our ice fishermen move around, particularly over the holi-

### Ballast Water by the Numbers

- 180+ invasive aquatic species introduced to the Great Lakes since the 1800s.[1]
- 55 to 70 percent of the invaders since 1959 arrived in ballast water.[1]
- 1 new non-native species enters the Great Lakes on average every 28 weeks.
- The Milwaukee and Superior ports are among the Great Lakes ports facing the greatest risk of introduction of new species.[3]
- \$1-5 billion annual U.S. cost due to zebra mussels.[2]
- Zebra mussels are now in 120 inland lakes in Wisconsin.[3]
- \$9 billion annually for associated damages and costs of controlling aquatic invaders in the United States.[4]

### The Permit

Under the DNR's new general permit:

- Effective February 1, 2010, large commercial vessels are prohibited from discharging ballast tank sediment, seawater, and certain other substances. They must adopt best management practices for handling these substances to reduce the risk of releasing new invaders into the Great Lakes. Oceangoing ships and "lakers," the big vessels that travel between Great Lakes ports and can spread invasives among the lakes, both must meet these requirements.

- By the end of 2010, DNR, with advice from a stakeholder committee, will determine if commercial treatment technology is available to meet Wisconsin's numerical ballast water discharge standards that will apply to oceangoing ships. Wisconsin's standard is proposed to be 100 times more restrictive than the proposed standard for the International Maritime Organization. If the DNR determines the technology is not feasible, the Wisconsin standard will change to the IMO standard.

- Effective January 1, 2012, any oceangoing vessel built on or after that date must treat their ballast water to reduce the number of live plants, animals and organisms in it to meet specific numerical standards that DNR regards as appropriate protection against introducing new invasives.

- Effective January 1, 2014, existing oceangoing ships must meet these same standards for the number of organisms remaining in the ballast water they've treated before discharging.

- Lakers will not be required to treat their ballast water to meet standards under the current general permit, which will be valid for five years. The vast majority of ships arriving in Lake Superior's Duluth/Superior harbors are lakers.

- If the U.S. Coast Guard or EPA adopts numerical standards that Wisconsin regards as adequately protective, Wisconsin will examine whether a state permit is still necessary.

days," Stark says. "It's important to keep up our education and enforcement efforts during this time of year. We must continue to contain the threat to Wisconsin's lakes, rivers and fishing."

Wisconsin's regular field wardens, stationed in local communities around the state, also will be looking for violations of VHS and aquatic invasive species, he says.

According to Greg Stacey, a Water Guard based in Fitchburg and the coordinator of their winter efforts, "we want to concentrate our efforts on where we can get the biggest bang for the biggest buck, so we'll be working major ice fishing tournaments across the state," he says. "The rest of the time, we'll be out there on the ice, talking to individual anglers, reminding them of the rules, and writing citations where we see violations."

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## Commercial Harvest of Whitefish Allowed to Increase

Commercial fishermen can increase their harvest of whitefish from Lake Michigan under changes approved Dec. 14, 2009, by the



state Natural Resources Board.

Whitefish have become the backbone of the Lake Michigan commercial fishery as other fisheries have faltered, in large part due to food web changes caused by invasive species.

The approved increase in commercial harvest would allow commercial fishermen to catch 410,001 more pounds more of whitefish, a 16.6 percent increase. The total allowable annual harvest would increase from 2,470,000 pounds to 2,880,001 pounds. The increase, the first since 1999, would be split equally among the three commercial fishing zones in the lake.

The proposed rules now have to undergo Legislative committee review before they can be published and take effect.

"Since the sea lamprey was brought

under control, whitefish populations have done well," he said. The population appears to be stable or growing, and it is the only commercial species that's held up well in lake Michigan over time, particularly as invasive species have significantly changed the ecosystem and the food fish have available to them.

Horns said that the DNR is conservative in setting harvest numbers and that the modeling shows the whitefish population is able to accommodate the increase in commercial harvest. And the department is changing its angler surveys, or "creel" surveys, to get more precise estimates of sport angler harvest.

DNR fisheries staff will continue to monitor whitefish to understand why the fish, though abundant, are growing to a catchable size more slowly, and to measure the take of recreational anglers.

The final approved changes differ from a proposal the Department of Natural Resources took out to public hearings earlier this fall that would not have divided the increase equally among three zones, but would have used the same proportions used in the past to allocate the overall commercial whitefish harvest, according to Bill Horns, the Department of Natural Resources fish biologist who led work on the rule quota change.

More information about the commercial whitefish harvest quota can be found in this background memo provided to Natural Resources Board members. <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/2009/December/12-09-3B1.pdf>.

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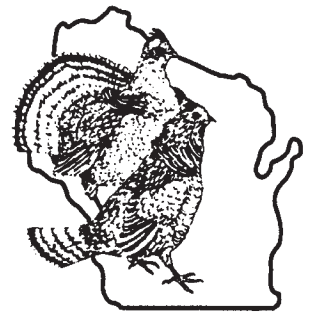




# Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's Annual Statewide Banquet

January 30, 2010

Ho-Chunk Casino & Convention Center  
S3214 Hwy 12, Baraboo, WI 53913



## Tickets

Tickets for this year's banquet are the same as last year – \$125.00. This year we will be limiting the amount of tickets to 350. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. with cocktails (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6:30.

## Room Reservations

Ho-Chunk will be holding a limited amount of rooms for banquet participants – so don't delay. ROOM RATES: \$77.00 + tax (Double Queen or Single King). Room release date is January 22, 2010. **ROOM BLOCK CODE: IWWFA10. Room reservations must be made through the Hotel, Toll-Free: (800) 746-2486 or (608) 356-6210.**

## The Early Bird Wins The Cash!!

Anyone registering on or before January 16, 2010 will be entered into an Early Bird Drawing. There will be **FOUR \$100 Winners** in this year's early bird drawing.

## Raffle Tickets Package

(Must be bought prior to the banquet)

Pre buy and get \$240 worth of raffle tickets for \$100.

**The night of the banquet tickets will be sold (1-\$10, 3-\$20, 8-\$50)**

## Cash Tables

50/50 • Wheel of Fortune • Walk Around  
& Honda Foreman TRX 500 Raffle

ATV Raffle tickets can be pre-bought 2 for \$50, the night of the banquet they will be \$50 each. The ATV raffle is limited to 200 tickets sold.

## Conservation Sponsors Drawing

There will be **Four winners** in this year's conservation drawing. **1-\$500.00, 1-\$250.00 and 2-\$100.00.** \$10.00 to enter this drawing and you may enter as many times as you'd like, however you will not be able to buy tickets for this drawing the night of the banquet.

## Reserved Tables

Tables are set at 8 but we will reserve tables for groups of 6 or more. Please contact Wayne Thayer, e-mail: wat68@t6b.com or phone: 608-754-4965.

## Grand Prize – \$10,000

For additional ticket information, please contact Marge Spencer, Banquet Treasurer, 302 S. Academy St. Apt. #1, Janesville, WI 53548. Phone (608) 752-9946 or Wayne Thayer, Banquet Chairman, 3841 S. Arizona Tr., Janesville, WI 53546. Phone (608) 754-4965 or e-mail wat68@t6b.com.

Winners are responsible for all state and federal taxes on their winnings and we will need social security number for any winnings over \$600.

Due to recent new federal gun laws, all winners of firearms will have to go through background checks. Make sure you have your driver's license with you. Sorry for the inconvenience but it's the law.

## 2010 Wisconsin State Park Admission Stickers Available

The 2010 admission stickers to Wisconsin State Parks and Forests are now available at park and forest offices and Department of Natural Resources service centers.

"If you know someone who enjoys camping, swimming, hiking, biking, skiing, or wildlife watching, Wisconsin state park admission stickers make excellent holiday gifts for those enjoy being active outdoors," says Kimberly Currie of the DNR Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

"With thousands of miles of trails, hundreds of nature hike opportunities, and dozens of beaches, some of the best recreational opportunities and most scenic areas in Wisconsin can be found in our state parks and forests," Currie says. "Park stickers are also the perfect gift for those just interested in absorbing simple solitude and natural beauty of Wisconsin's outdoors."

The sticker provides vehicle admission to 60 state parks and forests across Wisconsin. The cost is \$25 for Wisconsin residents or \$35 for nonresidents. A family with more than one vehicle registered to the same household may purchase additional state park stickers at half price. A senior citizen annual sticker for



2010 Wisconsin State Park Admission Sticker

\$10 is available for Wisconsin Residents 65 years of age and older. The stickers are valid from the date of sale through Dec. 31, 2010.

In addition to park and forest offices and DNR Service Centers, stickers may be purchased online through the non-profit group, The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks (a small shipping and handling charge is charged for the online option).

## ATV Tire and Width Restrictions Change

A recently enacted state law changes the tire and width restrictions for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) operating in Wisconsin. The new law defines an all-terrain vehicle as an engine-driven device that:

- has a net weight of 900 pounds or less;
- is originally manufactured with a width of 50 inches or less;
- is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator; and
- is designed by the manufacturer to travel on three or more low-pressure tires.

A low-pressure tire is defined as a tire that has a minimum width of 6 inches and that is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed 10 pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

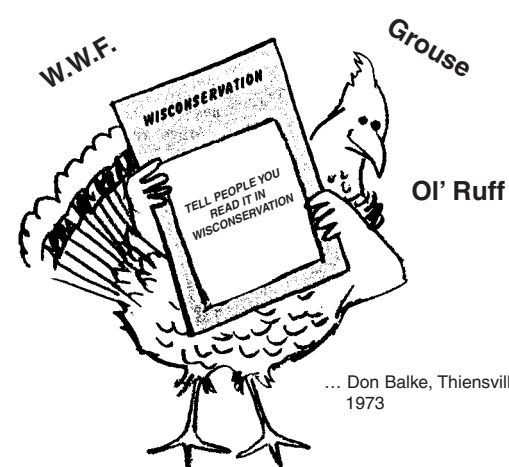
"The main changes were expanding the maximum width from 48 inches to 50 inches and the removal of any rim size restrictions," said Gary Eddy, ATV

administrator for the state Department of Natural Resources. "ATVs such as the Polaris Sportsman XP, can now be legally registered."

Along with changes to the tire and width restrictions, the law changes also includes making it illegal to modify an ATV so that it is wider than 50 inches and to operate an ATV equipped with other than low pressure tires.

"This law change does not apply to utility-type vehicles or side by sides as these vehicles are not equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator," Eddy said.

New ATV registration application forms won't be available for a couple months; however, the online application on the DNR Web site has been updated. Customers may begin using the online registration form immediately. More information on ATV operation in Wisconsin is available on the ATV Safety Education pages of the DNR Web site.



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## Lakes' Removal from Impaired Waters List a Success Story

The state wants to make official what the crowds at Bass Lake in Marinette County and Silver Lake in Manitowoc County already know: these lakes are back after long, expensive efforts to reclaim them from pollution.

The Department of Natural Resources is proposing to remove them from its 2010 list of waters that are not meeting water quality goals. States are required to submit their so-called "Impaired Waters Lists" every two years to meet requirements under the federal Clean Water Act.

"Anglers fill the parking lot on weekends at both lakes and people are even swimming in Silver Lake for the first time in many years," says Todd Ambs, DNR's top water official. "Those are fantastic signs that the lakes are back, and so are prospects of removing these waters from Wisconsin's impaired waters list."

Ambs says the proposed "delistings" are possible because of the hard work and commitment by local governments and DNR, farmers and citizens to address the lakes' water quality problems. At the same time, these cases highlight how important it is to protect lakes in the first place from getting degraded.

"These are success stories, and the people behind them deserve a lot of credit," Ambs says. "But they are cautionary tales as well. These projects took a lot of time, a lot of people and a lot of money."

### Bass Lake in Marinette County

The Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Department led efforts to restore Bass Lake, and officials are happy to see it proposed for removal from the Impaired Waters List.

"It feels pretty good," says Greg Cleereman, Marinette County Conservationist. "It's nice to get closure on a project when you can actually say you got a victory. Most of the time we have to take it on faith. But here, we can see the results. We've done extensive follow up monitoring to document the improvement."

The lake was part of a state priority watershed project in the late 1980s to address runoff pollution from agricultural operations that led to excessive phosphorus in the lake. The phosphorus fueled heavy algae blooms in the summer and low dissolved oxygen levels in the winter that contributed to fish kills when ice covered the lake.

More work needed to be done, so the county worked with two livestock operations that were identified as the major sources of excessive phosphorus entering the lake. County staff secured DNR Targeted Runoff Management grants and worked with the farmers to install state-of-the-art runoff control practices that significantly reduced phosphorus

entering the lake. They tapped state Stewardship funds to place 2,000 feet of Bass Lake shoreline and 55 acres of cropland under permanent easement, and then turned to DNR Lakes Protection Grants to help pay for treating the lake with alum in 1999 to prevent the phosphorus buried in lakebed sediments from being resuspended and causing water quality problems. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service helped install sediment basins and restored wetland areas to help filter out pollutants.

The combined impact of these efforts reduced the average phosphorus concentrations by 99 percent, from 490 g/L to 10 g/L. Without the high concentration of phosphorus to feed on, heavy blue-green algae blooms no longer cover the lake, water clarity continues to improve, and no fish kills have been noted since the alum treatment. Project costs are estimated at \$696,100.

### Silver Lake in Manitowoc County

Formerly a carp-infested, algae-clogged water, Silver Lake near Manitowoc has been put on the road to recovery – and now delisting – through teamwork. The 69-acre lake was the subject of a \$750,000 restoration effort to improve water clarity, restore the lake's ecological balance and revive panfish and game fish populations. Read "A Team Effort On Silver Lake," in the June 2005 Issue of *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine.

DNR led the restoration project, in partnership with the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department, Holy Family Convent, the Manitowoc County Lakes Association, and the Silver Lake District.

During the first phase, an earthen berm was constructed to separate Silver Creek from Silver Lake to reduce the phosphorus and sediment entering the lake. The lake was treated with Rotenone to eradicate carp and bullheads, which contributed to poor water quality and a poor quality fishery.

The lake was treated with alum (aluminum sulfate) in 2004 to control the internal recycling of the nutrient phosphorus – a built up legacy from years of pollution. The final phase restocked fish from 2004 to 2009.

Concurrent with the work was natural re-vegetation of the shoreline and restoration of Silver Lake Park for public use including a new boat ramp and expanded parking lot.

"The Silver Lake project is an excellent example of the good work that can be done when many people and agencies work together," says Mary Gansberg, DNR water resources biologist. "It's too early to claim total victory, but the crowds we see using the lake and this proposed delisting of the lake show the lake is headed in the right direction."

## Chemical Treatment Appears to Have Eliminated Invasive Crayfish

GERMANTOWN – A chemical treatment appears to have knocked down populations of a new destructive crayfish found for the first time in Wisconsin earlier this year in a subdivision pond here.



Red swamp crayfish

No crayfish have been found in traps set in the pond since the Nov. 12, 2009, treatment, according to Randy Schumacher, the Department of Natural Resources fisheries supervisor leading the project to rid the invasive crayfish from the pond.

"The chlorine bleach killed the vast majority; and perhaps even all, of the red swamp crayfish," Schumacher says.

"We won't know for sure until next

spring, but if we refill the pond, stock the living daylights out of it with large-mouth bass and, come about May, we have not trapped any red swamp crayfish, then I will say they are all dead."

The treatment followed several months of trapping the crayfish that removed more than 2,000 from the pond but left many more behind and the prospect of more to come: red swamp crayfish are extremely prolific, with the females reproducing up to four times a summer instead of once as native crayfish do.

Schumacher says that at this time, he sees no need for a second treatment with a pesticide next spring, given that the results of the Nov. 12 seem so positive. This week, drawdown of the pond will begin to freeze out any crayfish buried deep in burrows at the shoreline.

An online video available on the Invasive Species page of the DNR Web site released earlier this month, "Taking on the Invader," shows the treatment and details why fish biologists are so concerned that the crayfish not gain a toehold in Wisconsin.

More information is available in a red swamp crayfish fact sheet on the DNR Web site.

## Shoreland Management Rules Updated to Better Protect Lakes and Rivers

MADISON – More than forty years after they were first adopted, state shoreland development rules have been updated to better protect Wisconsin's lakes and rivers.

Lawmakers last week approved revisions to rules the state Natural Resources Board adopted Nov. 13, 2009. Enactment of the updated rules is the culmination of seven years of discussion on the topic, tens of thousands of public comments and dozens of public meetings and hearings.

Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank said the revised rules represent "a significant step forward in improving the protection of the lakes and rivers that belong to all Wisconsin citizens, while providing for flexibility for shoreland property owners." Frank said, "As Wisconsin grows in the decades to come, these new modernized shoreland protections will help safeguard Wisconsin's beautiful lakes and rivers, improve fish and wildlife habitat, enhance water quality, and promote sustainable development."

Frank noted beneficial changes in the rules include: Improving vegetation standards and prohibiting clear-cutting; ensuring management decisions are made based on land and water conditions, rather than an arbitrary 50 percent valuation of a building; giving homeowners flexibility to improve their properties without requiring the time-consuming process of getting a county variance – also saving counties time; and implementing for the first time an impervious surface standard to protect both habitat and water quality from runoff pollution. He noted that the rules also allow homeowners the flexibility of employing mitigation tools when developing properties to minimize increased run-off pollution.

County governments will now begin the process of updating their shoreland development rules to be consistent with or exceed the state's rules, and will have two years to do so once the rules are officially published in early 2010.

When the rules are enacted locally, owners of existing homes and buildings

will not have to do anything different unless they propose a major change on their property, like remodeling or expanding their home. Then they may have to take steps to offset the potential impacts from their project: increased water runoff, loss of plants to filter runoff and provide wildlife habitat, and impacts on their neighbors' and lake and river users' scenic views. The statewide rules require the counties to determine what such "mitigation" requirements and options will be.

"We're happy to finally bring these rules into the twenty-first century," says Frank. "A lot of people worked hard to make this happen: DNR staff, the Natural Resources Board, the River Alliance, the Wisconsin Realtors Association, the Wisconsin Builders Association, and the Wisconsin Lakes Association, county staff, and thousands of citizens who provided comments." Frank also thanked the legislature and particularly legislative committee Chairs Representative Spencer Black, Senator Jim Holperin and Senator Mark Miller for their input and review prior to adoption of the final rule.

Frank stressed that the rules were just one tool Wisconsin uses to protect lake and river shorelands. Lake classification efforts, financial incentives to encourage property owners to restore shorelands, state, local and private efforts to buy sensitive shorelands to protect them, and technical assistance and education for landowners to help them maintain natural shorelands or restore them are among those tools.

Wisconsin's shoreland protection laws were first adopted in 1966 and the standards were set in 1968 and gave counties two years to adopt them. The standards largely apply to unincorporated areas – those outside city and village boundaries.

Key statewide minimum rules can now be found online. Counties may adopt more protective standards, so the final rules that property owners must meet depend on what happens at their county level, says Gregg Breese, DNR shoreland program manager.

### WAUKESHA COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

## 49th Annual Dinner

Friday, February 5, 2010  
7:00 PM

Olympia Resort and Hotel  
1350 Royale Mile Road (Oconomowoc, WI)

Doors Open at 5:30 PM for Social Hour/Cash Bar  
And Early Money Raffle  
Dinner at 7:00 pm

Please contact one of our delegates listed below:

Ken Zettmeier  
(262) 547-2802  
Information

Syd Herman  
(262) 542-3684  
TICKETS

Don Camplin  
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Information

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The VHS virus is most active in water temperatures below 60 degrees, and the disease can spread fish to fish, or through water contaminated with VHS.

"In the winter, it's primarily about the water and the fish," Stacey says. "We need to stop people from moving both of them around." Specifically:

- Don't move live fish away from the water. Keep the fish you want to take home on the ice until you leave at the end of the day, or carry them away in a dry bucket.
- Drain all water from your equipment. That includes all buckets and containers of fish. When you're leaving the ice, you may carry up to 2 gallons of water in which to keep your minnows.
- Follow bait rules. Buy the bait from Wisconsin bait dealers. If you take minnows home after a day fishing and you've added lake water to their container, you can return with them only to that water body the next day.

- Preserve bait correctly if you catch your own. If you use smelt or other dead bait, preserve it in a way that does not require freezing or refrigeration. Watch the video *Preserving Your Bait* on the DNR Web site for more information.

Following these rules will protect Wisconsin lakes and rivers and anglers' pocketbooks: a citation for carrying live fish away from a water runs \$343.50, while the penalty for failing to drain the water from fishing equipment is \$243, Stacey says.

"VHS is still found in Wisconsin waters, so we need everybody to keep up the good work," Stacey says. "Together, we can keep the disease from spreading and can continue to keep our lakes and rivers healthy."

## December 2009 Calendar Winners



1	\$1000 Cash	Mike Haupt, Sheboygan, WI	131
2	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Jim Kraft, LaCrosse, WI	6116
3	Beretta 391 Optima 12ga	Phil Koehler, River Falls, WI	2910
4	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Jim Slocum, Fort Atkinson, WI	5029
5	\$100 Cash	Dan Kasuboski, Omro, WI	4237
6	Ruger 77/22 mag wood	Doug Michalski, Mukwonago, WI	385
7	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Greg Kusiak, Mosinee, WI	6861
8	Benelli Super Nova 12ga 3.5	Mike Miller, Hortonville, WI	2302
9	\$100 Cash	Chris Wels, Marshfield, WI	6919
10	Remington 552 BDL 22lr	Luis Quintana, Milwaukee, WI	7559
11	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Wendy Kudek, Fredonia, WI	5908
12	\$100 Cash	Joe & Deb Feeney, Menomonie, WI	7030
13	Browning BPS Stalker 12ga	Michael E. Konter, Milwaukee, WI	3505
14	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	James Wanta, Rudolph, WI	6678
15	NEF A5 12ga walnut stock	Tim Ries, Hartland, WI	9853
16	\$100 Cash	Gary Dillinger, Kaukauna, WI	201
17	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Fred Fendt, Watertown, WI	4651
18	\$100 Cash	Don Rafko, Jackson, WI	2
19	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Ron Colson, Steuben, WI	3610
20	Weatherby Vanguard Deluxe 30.06	Dan Birenbaum, Belgium, WI	5828
21	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Dayna Krytkowski, Greenfield, WI	7592
22	\$100 Cash	Dale Hansen, Random Lake, WI	5724
23	Mossberg Silver Reserve 28ga	Al Kittelson, East Troy, WI	964
24	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Terri Meyer, Chilton, WI	8625
25	\$900 Cash	Tim Patchin & Erica Burie, Gilman, WI	1970
26	Marlin 917 VS 17 HMR ss lam	Jerome Schara, Marathon, WI	6068
27	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Lucas Telfer, Fremont, WI	5755
28	\$100 Cash	Lee Mack, Campbellsport, WI	1298
29	Savage 22 mag/syn/blu heavy bbl	Kevin Ullrich, Eagle, WI	4726
30	\$100 Cash	Roger Sandberg, Grantsburg, WI	9041
31	\$100 Cash	Jeff Troullier, Whitelaw, WI	4957

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## Kids' Ice Fishing Clinics

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- **Free ice fishing instruction** including ice safety, knot tying, proper equipment and techniques.
- For children 15 years and younger; small children must be accompanied by an adult
- Taught by members of local fishing clubs
- Clinics will begin every hour starting at 9 a.m., with the last session starting at 2 p.m.
- All fishing equipment provided
- **No pre-registration required**, for more information, or groups of 20 or more, call 414-263-8614



**Dress warmly and meet at one of the following park lagoons:**

### Waukesha County

**Menomonee Park/Lannon Quarry**, Townline Rd. (1/2 mile north of Good

○ Hope Rd., Menomonee Falls (hosted by **Badger Fishermen's League**)

### Milwaukee County

○ **Humboldt Park**, 3000 S. Howell Ave.

(hosted by Great Lakes Sport Fishermen & Milwaukee Casting Club)

○ **McCarty Park**, 8214 W. Cleveland - wheelchair accessible

(hosted by Southside Sportsmen)

○ **McGovern Park**, 5400 N. 51st St. - wheelchair accessible

(hosted by Okauchee Fishing Club)

○ **Scout Lake**, 5902 W. Loomis Rd. - wheelchair accessible

(hosted by Walleyes Unlimited)

○ **Wilson Park**, 1601 W. Howard Ave.

(hosted by Wisconsin Fishing Club)

*Sponsored in cooperation with the Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organizations, Milwaukee County Parks, Milwaukee County House of Correction Fish Hatchery, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.*

## Outagamie Conservation Club "39th Annual" Sno-Mo/ATV Races

**12:00 Noon - Saturday, January 30, 2010**

1/3 Mile Iced Track

Food/Refreshments on Grounds! (No Carry-Ins Please!)

Non-Sanctioned-All Classes + PEE WEE & Powderpuff

Dance 5PM to 9PM

N3502 Mayflower Rd. Hortonville, WI

Info: Bruce 920-757-6253 or Dan 920-739-4681

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## WWF BANQUET CALENDAR

DISTRICT	CONTACT	DATE	LOCATION
Dist 3 Rice Lake	Jack Nissen 262-370-8154 David Lorentz 715-931-8707	March 20, 2010	Rice Lake Elks Club Rice Lake, WI
Dist 3 North	Brian Hobbs 715-294-3854	Jan. 23, 2010	Crickets Bar & Grill Amery, WI
Dist 4 Central WI	Laura Huber 715-569-4061 Jerry Knuth 715-344-0017	Feb. 27, 2010	Shooters Plover, WI
Dist 4 West (Neillsville)	Tom Dahlen	April 3, 2010	TBA
Dist 5 Fox Valley	Doug Gries Jerry Lingnofski 920-722-5484	March 25, 2010	Darboy Supper Club  Darboy, WI
Dist 6 North Black River Falls	Ruby 715-333-2843	March 6, 2010	Club 95 Hixton, WI
Dist 6 West La Crosse	Greg Kloss 608-788-0070	February 6, 2010	Baus Haus La Crosse, WI
Dist 7	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dist 8 West (Waukesha)	Tom Nissen 262-719-5295	March 26, 2010	Olympia Resort Oconomowoc, WI
Dist 9 Milwaukee	Jeff Chojnacki 414-764-6638 call after 3:30pm	March 26, 2010	Klemmer's Inn
State Wide Conservation Banquet	Wayne Thayer 608-754-4965 Marge Spencer 608-752-9946	Jan. 30, 2010	Ho-Chunk Casino Wisconsin
Mackenzie Banquet	Office	Oct. 9, 2010	Mackenzie Residence Lodge