

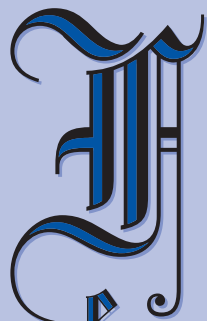
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All Boats Required to Operate at Slow-No-Wake Within 100 Feet of Shoreline

MADISON – A new boating rule in Wisconsin is designed to make lakes safer while protecting shorelines and improving water quality. The law prohibits boaters from operating their boats at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of lake shorelines.

The law applies to all lakes, including the lake areas of flowages.

“The law will make it safer for people wading, swimming or fishing near shore, and it should help reduce conflicts between near-shore recreationists and boaters,” said Scott Bowe, a Department of Natural Resources conservation warden in Chippewa County.

Moreover, boats operating in shallow waters often churn up sediment and chop up vegetation, decreasing water quality, and potentially spreading invasive aquatic species like Eurasian water-milfoil. Slowing these boats will reduce this problem. In addition, eliminating near shore wakes will reduce shoreline erosion.

This change is in addition to current law which already prohibits boaters on lakes from operating at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of docks, rafts, piers and buoyed restricted areas.

Personal watercraft (PWC) operators must also follow these laws in addition to speed restrictions that apply specifically to PWCs. PWC operators cannot operate at a speed greater than slow-no-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline of any lake. They also are required to cut back to slow-no-wake speed when passing within 100 feet of other boats, including other PWCs. This law applies to both rivers and lakes.

Slow-no-wake is defined as the minimum speed required to maintain steerage. Speed violations are the primary source of boating complaints in the summer. Speed is also a frequent cause of boat crashes, especially at night, Bowe said.

People operating boats at night need to slow down to avoid colliding with people, boats or structures lawfully on the water. Running lights are required from sunset to sunrise.

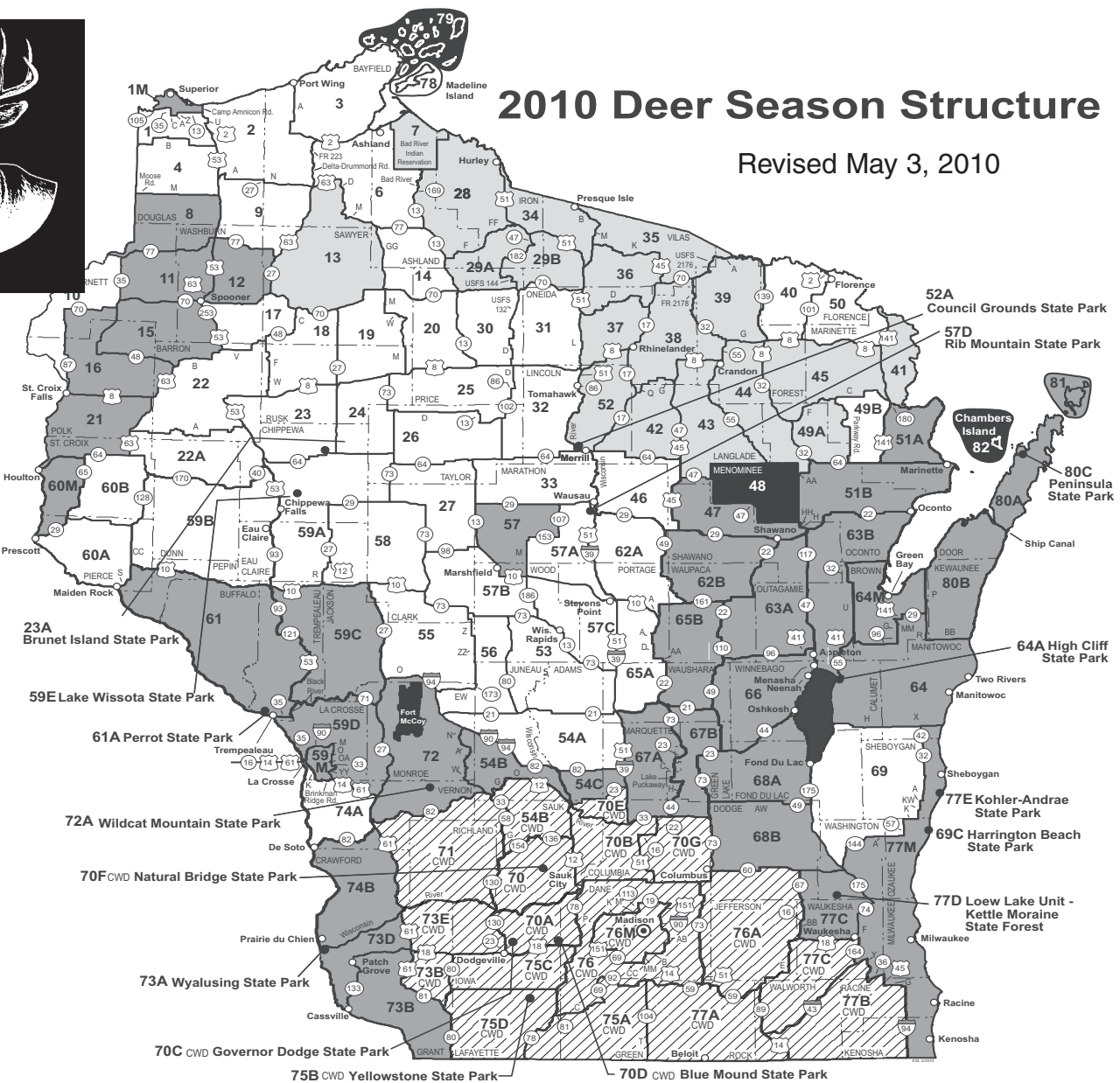
When on unfamiliar waters, boaters are responsible for knowing all the rules. This means checking at boat ramps for local ordinances that might further regulate boating on that body of water.

More information about boating safety and Wisconsin Boating Regulations are available on the DNR website.



2010 Deer Season Structure

Revised May 3, 2010



- Herd Control Unit
- ▨ CWD Unit - With Unlimited Earn-a-Buck Regulations
- Regular Unit - Limited Number of Antlerless Deer Tags Available
- Regular Unit - Bucks Only During Gun Season. See hunting regulations for exceptions.
- Non - Quota Area

- Oct. 14-17 Antlerless only gun hunt* in herd control and CWD units only
 - Dec. 9-12 Antlerless only gun hunt* in all units statewide, except non-quota areas
- * Antlerless only restrictions apply to both gun and archery hunters

President's Report

Vol. II Part II

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is proud to announce that it has accepted membership applications from seven clubs. The membership applications were presented at the Annual Meeting for review and all applications received unanimous votes for membership. We welcome the Brown County Sportsmen's Club, Izaak Walton Chapter of Southern Brown Conservation Club, Chaseburg Rod and Gun Club, Sauk County Sportsmen's Club, Hartford Conservation Club, Brill Area Sportsmen's Club, and the Johnsonville Rod and Gun Club.

As you know, recently there have been a number of attempts by some sporting groups and legislators to bypass the Conservation Congress Spring Hearing Process. A few weeks ago, I met with the Conservation Congress Chair, Ed Harvey, to discuss how the Federation could help the Congress strengthen that process. The Federation is committed to offering support to the Congress process, and we have a great appreciation of the hard work that they do for the sportsmen and women of this state. I look forward to our continual relationship with the Congress and I encourage all of you to contact your local Congress delegates

and get to know them. You can find them on the Wisconsin Conservation Congress web site. The single most important thing you as a sportsman can do is attend the Spring Hearings in the future.

The Federation has been extremely active this past year and included in this issue is a recent accomplishment insert. Please take this with you to your workplace, shooting range, sporting club or wherever you can share with fellow sportsmen everything the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is doing for the sportsmen and women of this state.

We are watching the partnership between the DNR and HSUS very closely and have asked the department to discontinue this practice. As of this article, I have not received a response to that request.

Also, on or about May 9th, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation filed our own petition with the USFWS to delist the Great Lake Grey Wolf. Other groups have since filed also. I will be happy to keep you up to date on this issue in future issues.

Have a Great Summer!

*Jack Nissen, President
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation*

President's Press Release

May 13, 2010

Secretary Matt Frank
Wisconsin DNR
Box 7921
Madison WI 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Frank:

The Department of Natural Resources has many diverse constituencies that it must work with to accomplish its broad responsibilities. However it was with the gravest of concerns that the Wildlife Federation noted yesterday the DNR press release reporting that the DNR had engaged in a partnership with the Humane Society of the United States to produce Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that will be broadcast on radio stations across the state.

It is not the subject matter of the PSAs that is causing Federation members such great concern, it is the fact that the Department of Natural Resources was engaging in an active partnership with the Humane Society of the United States to produce them.

The Humane Society of the United States is not just any constituent group. The HSUS actively takes position against hunting, trapping and animal agriculture across the United States. Their positions on these issues are directly opposed to one of the main mis-

sions of the Wisconsin DNR which to manage wildlife resources through methods including hunting, fishing and trapping. Just one example is that HSUS has spent a great deal of money opposing the efforts of the Wisconsin DNR and the USFWS to delist the gray wolf from the Federal Endangered Species Act and thereby preventing the wolf from being managed by the wolf management plan adopted by your agency.

Another part of DNR's mission is to work with farmers on a wide range of conservation and environmental issues. HSUS's position on animal agriculture is directly aimed against farm operations based on animal agriculture.

You cannot imagine the consternation of hunters and trappers in this state to see the Wisconsin DNR closely allying itself with this fringe group aimed at ending hunting and trapping in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. There should be little question that continued partnership efforts of this nature with the Humane Society of the United States will cause a lack of credibility and support of sportsmen and women for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely yours,
Jack Nissen, President
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Dog Federation of Wisconsin Award



George Meyer was presented with the "Outstanding Partnership Award for 2010" by Dog Federation of Wisconsin on April 20, 2010 at Dog Federation of Wisconsin's Rotunda Day (Education Day) at the Capitol. Pictured from left to right are: George Meyer, WWF Executive Director; Steve Boe, Legislative Assistant for State Representative Mark Radcliffe; Loretta Baughan, Merrill; Regina Kolbow, Legislative Representative for State Senator Glenn Grothman; and Joy Brand, Dog Federation of Wisconsin.
Melody Carranze Photography

Affiliate Clubs Do What They Do! Volunteer to HELP Others! "Successful Turkey Outing"



Don Johnson 85 years of Oshkosh harvested a 21lb "Tom" while participating in a Challenge the Outdoors sponsored turkey hunt along with nine other challenged hunters. Disabled veteran Don walks with two arm canes. The event took place in Clintonville utilizing the expertise mentoring of affiliate Shadows on the Wolf (Clintonville Chapter) volunteers. Smiling Don's "Tom" weighed 21 pounds with a 10" beard and 3/4" spurs on both legs. Assisting Don display his harvest is long time CTO mentor Tony Gehr. Congratulations Don & THANK YOU volunteers - WWF Editor.

Photo by CTO Director / photographer Judy Paluch.

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2010-2011 Revised Walleye Bag Limits

Walleye Bag Limits to Increase on 369 Northern Lakes

Inland waters not listed below have a total daily bag limit of 5, unless listed in the regulation pamphlet as a special regulation water. THESE BAG LIMITS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM MAY 21, 2010 TO MARCH 6, 2011 INCLUSIVE.

The total daily bag limit for walleyes is five. If the lake you are fishing has a bag limit less than five, you can fish other lakes to fill your daily bag limit. While fishing, you cannot possess fish in excess of that lake's daily bag limit. **Therefore, remember to remove all fish from your boat prior to fishing on a second lake that also has a restricted bag limit.**

<p>BARRON COUNTY BAG LIMIT</p> <p>Bear 2</p> <p>Beaver Dam 2</p> <p>Big Moon 3</p> <p>Duck 2</p> <p>Granite 3</p> <p>Horseshoe (115 ac; T36N-R14E-S3) . 3</p> <p>Lower Devils 3</p> <p>Lower Turtle 3</p> <p>Prairie 2</p> <p>Red Cedar 2</p> <p>Sand 3</p> <p>Silver 2</p> <p>Upper Turtle 2</p> <p>BAYFIELD COUNTY</p> <p>Atkins 3</p> <p>Bladder 3</p> <p>Diamond 3</p> <p>Long 2</p> <p>Middle Eau Claire 2</p> <p>Namekagon 2</p> <p>Owen 2</p> <p>Pike Chain (Buskey Bay, Hart, Millicent, & Twin Bear Lakes) . . 2</p> <p>Upper Eau Claire 2</p> <p>BURNETT COUNTY</p> <p>Big McKenzie 2</p> <p>Devils 2</p> <p>Dunham 3</p> <p>Lipsett 3</p> <p>Little Yellow 2</p> <p>Rooney 3</p> <p>Sand 2</p> <p>Yellow 3</p> <p>CHIPPEWA COUNTY</p> <p>Chain (Chippewa/Rusk Cos.) . . . 3</p> <p>Holcombe Flowage 3</p> <p>Long 2</p> <p>Sand (Chippewa/Rusk Cos.) . . . 3</p> <p>Wissota 3</p> <p>DOUGLAS COUNTY</p> <p>Amnicon 3</p> <p>Lower Eau Claire 2</p> <p>Minnesuing 3</p> <p>Nebagamon 2</p> <p>Upper St. Croix 2</p> <p>Whitefish 3</p> <p>DUNN COUNTY</p> <p>Tainter 3</p> <p>FLORENCE COUNTY</p> <p>Fay 3</p> <p>Halsey 3</p> <p>Keyes 3</p> <p>Patten 3</p> <p>FOREST COUNTY</p> <p>Butternut 2</p> <p>Crane 3</p> <p>Franklin 3</p> <p>Howell 3</p> <p>Jungle 2</p> <p>Lily 2</p>	<p>Lucerne 2</p> <p>Metonga 3</p> <p>Mole 3</p> <p>Pickerel (Forest/Langlade Cos.) . 3</p> <p>Pine 3</p> <p>Roberts 2</p> <p>Stevens 3</p> <p>IRON COUNTY</p> <p>Echo 3</p> <p>Gile Flowage 3</p> <p>Lake of the Falls 3</p> <p>Pine (312 ac; T44N-R3E-S29) . . 3</p> <p>Spider 2</p> <p>Trude 2</p> <p>Turtle-Flambeau Flowage 3</p> <p>LANGLADE COUNTY</p> <p>Enterprise 2</p> <p>Otter 2</p> <p>Pickerel (Forest/Langlade Cos.) . 3</p> <p>Rolling Stone 3</p> <p>Rose 2</p> <p>Sawyer 2</p> <p>Upper Post 3</p> <p>LINCOLN COUNTY</p> <p>Alice 3</p> <p>Mohawksin 3</p> <p>Rice/Nokomis Chain (includes Rice River Flowage, Nokomis and Bridge Lakes) 2</p> <p>Spirit River Flowage 3</p> <p>MARATHON COUNTY</p> <p>Big Eau Pleine Reservoir 3</p> <p>MARINETTE COUNTY</p> <p>Caldron Falls Reservoir 3</p> <p>High Falls Reservoir 3</p> <p>OCONTO COUNTY</p> <p>Archibald 3</p> <p>Bass 3</p> <p>Boot 2</p> <p>Maiden 3</p> <p>Wheeler 3</p> <p>ONEIDA COUNTY</p> <p>Bearskin 3</p> <p>Big Carr 3</p> <p>Big Fork 2</p> <p>Big 2</p> <p>Big Stone 3</p> <p>Blue 3</p> <p>Booth 3</p> <p>Bridge (Rice/Nokomis Chain) . . 2</p> <p>Buckskin 3</p> <p>Carrol 3</p> <p>Chain 3</p> <p>Clear (846 ac; T39N-R7E-S16) . . 3</p> <p>Crescent (612 ac; T36N-R8E-S21) . 2</p> <p>Dam 3</p> <p>Fifth 3</p> <p>Fourmile 3</p> <p>George 3</p> <p>Gilmore 3</p> <p>Hasbrook 3</p>	<p>Island 3</p> <p>Julia (401 ac; T38N-R11E-S1) . . 3</p> <p>Katherine 2</p> <p>Kawaguesaga 2</p> <p>Laurel 3</p> <p>Little Fork 2</p> <p>Long (620 ac; T39-R11E-S8) . . . 3</p> <p>Manson 3</p> <p>Medicine 3</p> <p>Minocqua 3</p> <p>Moen 3</p> <p>Muskellunge 3</p> <p>N Nokomis 3</p> <p>Pelican 2</p> <p>Pickerel (736 ac; T39N-R8E-S18) . 3</p> <p>Planting Ground 2</p> <p>Rainbow Flowage 3</p> <p>Rhineland Flowage 3</p> <p>Sand (540 ac; T39N-R9E-S20) . . 3</p> <p>Sevenmile 3</p> <p>Spirit 3</p> <p>Squash (392 ac; T36N-R7E-S24) . 3</p> <p>Squaw (Vilas/Oneida Cos.) . . . 3</p> <p>Squirrel 2</p> <p>Thompson 3</p> <p>Thunder (1768 ac; T38N R10E S3) . 3</p> <p>Tomahawk Lake Chain (includes Tomahawk and Little Tomahawk) . 3</p> <p>Two Sisters 2</p> <p>Virgin (276 ac; T38N-R11E-S14) . . 3</p> <p>Willow Flowage 3</p> <p>POLK COUNTY</p> <p>Balsam 2</p> <p>Big Butternut 2</p> <p>Big Round 2</p> <p>Half Moon 3</p> <p>N Pipe 3</p> <p>Pipe 3</p> <p>Wapogasset 2</p> <p>PRICE COUNTY</p> <p>Butternut 2</p> <p>Long (T37N R01W S14) 3</p> <p>Pike 3</p> <p>Round 3</p> <p>Solberg 3</p> <p>Turner 3</p> <p>Wilson 3</p> <p>RUSK COUNTY</p> <p>Chain (Chippewa/Rusk Cos.) . . . 3</p> <p>Dairyland Reservoir 3</p> <p>Island 3</p> <p>Potato 3</p> <p>Pulaski 3</p> <p>Sand (Chippewa/Rusk Cos.) . . . 3</p> <p>SAWYER COUNTY</p> <p>Barber 3</p> <p>Chetac 3</p> <p>Chippewa Flowage 2</p> <p>Connors 3</p> <p>Durphee 2</p> <p>Grindstone 2</p> <p>Lac Courte Oreilles 3</p> <p>Little Round 2</p> <p>Lost Land 3</p>	<p>Nelson 2</p> <p>Round 3</p> <p>Sand 3</p> <p>Sissabagama 2</p> <p>Spider 3</p> <p>Teal 2</p> <p>Tiger Cat Flowage 3</p> <p>Whitefish 3</p> <p>Windfall 3</p> <p>Windigo 2</p> <p>ST. CROIX COUNTY</p> <p>Cedar 2</p> <p>VILAS COUNTY</p> <p>Alder 3</p> <p>Annabelle 3</p> <p>Anvil 3</p> <p>Ballard 3</p> <p>Big Arbor Vitae 2</p> <p>Big (T42N R06E S04 - Hwy K) . . . 2</p> <p>Big (T43N R08E S24 - Cisco Chain) 2</p> <p>Big Gibson 3</p> <p>Big Muskellunge 2</p> <p>Big Portage 3</p> <p>Big Sand 2</p> <p>Big St. Germain 3</p> <p>Birch 3</p> <p>Black Oak 2</p> <p>Boulder 3</p> <p>Catfish 2</p> <p>Clear 3</p> <p>Crab 3</p> <p>Cranberry 2</p> <p>Dead Pike 3</p> <p>Eagle 3</p> <p>Fishtrap 3</p> <p>Forest 2</p> <p>Harris 2</p> <p>High 2</p> <p>Horsehead 3</p> <p>Island 3</p> <p>Jag 3</p> <p>Kentuck 2</p> <p>Lac Vieux Desert 2</p> <p>Laura 2</p> <p>Little Arbor Vitae 3</p> <p>Little Crooked 3</p> <p>Little John 3</p> <p>Little St. Germain 3</p> <p>Little Star 3</p> <p>Long 3</p> <p>Lower Buckatabon 3</p> <p>Lynx (339 ac; T43N-R7E-S18) . . . 3</p> <p>Mamie 2</p> <p>Manitowish 3</p> <p>N Turtle 3</p> <p>Oxbow 3</p> <p>Palmer 3</p> <p>Papoose 3</p> <p>Plum (1033 ac; T41N-R7E-S36) . . 2</p> <p>Presque Isle Chain (includes Averil, Presque Isle & Van Vliet Lakes) 2</p> <p>Razorback 3</p> <p>Rest 3</p> <p>Scattering Rice 3</p>	<p>Snipe 3</p> <p>S Turtle 2</p> <p>Spider 3</p> <p>Squaw (Vilas/Oneida Cos.) . . . 3</p> <p>Star 2</p> <p>Tenderfoot 2</p> <p>Trout 3</p> <p>Twin Lake Chain (includes North and South Twin Lakes) 2</p> <p>Upper Buckatabon 3</p> <p>White Sand (T42N R7E S27; Hwy K) . 3</p> <p>Wild Rice 3</p> <p>Wildcat 3</p> <p>WASHBURN COUNTY</p> <p>Balsam 3</p> <p>Bass (130 ac; T37N-R10W-S7) . . . 3</p> <p>Bass Patterson (188 ac; T40N-R10W-S1) 3</p> <p>Birch 2</p> <p>Dunn 3</p> <p>Long 2</p> <p>Middle McKenzie 2</p> <p>Minong Flowage 3</p> <p>Nancy 3</p> <p>Shell 2</p> <p>Slim 3</p> <p>Stone 3</p> <p>SPECIAL SIZE AND BAG LIMITS:</p> <p>WALLEYE IN LAC DU FLAMBEAU RESERVATION WATERS:</p> <p>There is a bag limit of three and a minimum length limit of 18" for walleye on the following waters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shishebogama Lake, Oneida County; 2. Big Crooked Lake, T41N R5E S22, Vilas County; 3. Gunlock Lake, Vilas County; 4. Lac du Flambeau Chain, including Big Crawling Stone, Little Crawling Stone, Little Sand, Fence, Flambeau, Long, Interlaken, Moss, North Placid, Pokegama, South Placid, To-To-Tom, White Sand (T41N R5E S27) and Whitefish Lakes and all connecting waters, Vilas County; 5. Little Trout Lake, Vilas County. <p>MUSKELLUNGE IN LAC DU FLAMBEAU RESERVATION WATERS:</p> <p>There is a minimum length limit for muskellunge of 40" on all waters that lie within the Lac du Flambeau reservation.</p>
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces \$4.9 Million for Neotropical Migratory Birds and Habitat Conservation – Wisconsin

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced more than \$4.9 million in grants for 37 projects that support neotropical migratory bird conservation throughout the Western Hemisphere. Matched by more than \$14.8 million in additional funds from partners, the projects will support habitat restoration, environmental education, population monitoring and other priority activities within the ranges of neotropical birds in the United States, Canada, Mexico and 27 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The grants are funded under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean that promote the long-term conservation of

neotropical migratory birds and their habitats.

“As we mark International Migratory Bird Day and celebrate the spring migration of millions of birds, we can look to the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act grants as a model for international conservation partnerships,” said Acting Director Rowan Gould. “The accomplishments of the more than 300 Act-funded projects — greatly leveraged by our partner’s typical four-to-one funding match — are a testament to the power of partnerships for neotropical bird conservation.”

More than 340 species of neotropical migratory birds breed in the United States and Canada and winter in Latin America, including plovers, terns, hawks, cranes, warblers and sparrows. The populations of many of these birds are presently in decline, and several species

are currently protected as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 2000 established a matching grants program to fund projects promoting the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean. Funds may be used to protect, research, monitor and manage bird populations and habitat, as well as to conduct law enforcement and community outreach and education. By law, at least 75 percent of the money goes to projects in Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, while the remaining 25 percent may go to projects in the United States.

Projects receiving grants include: Wisconsin: The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, Inc. will use a \$250,000

grant and \$750,000 in matching funds to acquire habitat to benefit grassland-dependent breeding neotropical migratory birds.

More information about all projects awarded grants is on the Web at: <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/2010.shtm>.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

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The "Fed" is Involved in Continuing Education

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – LES WOERPEL SCHOLARSHIP

"There is more to do than has already been done, and it needs to be done by cooperation, understanding and hard work. May the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation continue to grow and prosper so that these ends may be met." – Leslie "Les" Woerpel.

Les was involved in conservation on the national level through papers authored on pheasant management, pesticide use, water and water rights, and was an avid proponent of the Wilderness and Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Acts. On the state and local level, his efforts helped establish the Chequamegon and Nicolet Forests and the George W. Mead Wildlife Area as well as the reintroduction of the prairie chicken in the Buena Vista Marsh. Les was commended by Governors Nelson and Knowles and by President Nixon for his leadership.



Kimberly Cooley
Lancaster, WI

Kimberly's major is Wildlife Ecology – Information and Education, with a minor in Captive Wildlife Conservation Biology.

She has had two internships, one in Texas bottle raising whitetail fawns, and the other at Wildwood Wildlife Park in Minocqua, Wisconsin. After graduation she would like to join the Peace Corp and help foreign countries with environmental agricultural or wildlife issues.

Kimberly's hobbies are deer hunting, bow hunting, duck hunting, camping and fishing.

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – RICHARD HEMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given to a student meeting the basic criteria of good academic standing, a non anti-hunter, and majoring in Forestry or Wildlife. In addition the student should be interested in the field of outdoor journalism.



Danielle Berger
Marshfield, WI

Danielle's major is Wildlife Ecology – Research and Management.

She has conducted an independent research project on both Porcupines and Blandings Turtles. As Honors Wildlife Intern at UWSP, after graduation, she plans to attend Colorado State University to obtain a graduate degree, and find employment as a Field Biologist.

Danielle's hobbies are hiking, deer hunting, duck hunting, camping and fishing.

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – WILLIAM PETERBURS JR. SCHOLARSHIP

William "Bill" Peterburs, long-time Associate Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, died on November 30, 1995. Bill, an avid waterfowler and outdoorsman, was known throughout the state and nation for his work to ban the use of lead shot in waterfowl hunting. He led the fight for steel shot at a considerable cost of time and money to himself and his family. He had a cause to fight for and won.



Nathaniel Huck
Berlin, WI

Nathaniel's major is Wildlife Ecology – Research and Management.

He is a member of the fire crew and participated in control burns, worked with the Minnesota DNR in the shallow lake's program, has a strong passion for waterfowl and would like to pursue that in his career. With his degree Nathaniel hopes to work for a State or Federal Agency. He is an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoys the outdoors.

Nathaniel's hobbies are deer hunting, bow hunting, duck hunting, trapping and fishing.

Wisconservation A Message from

The WWF Scholarship Committee has awarded continuing education scholarships to six UWSP students for 2010. As indicated in the last month's issue, featuring charter school *River Crossing*, a primary focus of the Federation is to participate actively in the continued educational efforts addressing conservation and environmental issues.

As previously indicated, the WWF scholarships are funded through segregated investments utilizing only the profits gained for the scholarship awards. Applications are reviewed and selected by a standing committee – students are required to possess a 3.5 minimum grade point average. Congratulations to the 2010 recipients – good luck in future studies and research.

The MacKenzie Environmental Education Campus was highlighted by Lake Country Publications on March 7, 2010 in an article titled, "Tracking the Seasons." Writer Al

Don't Know Who

by Al Brown, Lake Country Publications

Back in 1970 when Joni Mitchell first penned the words to "Big Yellow Taxi," she couldn't possibly have known just how prophetic they would become.

"You don't know what you got 'til it's gone" seems to mean even more today as we watch farm fields turn into parking lots.

That brings us to saving for future generations, the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center (MEEC) at Poynette, Wis.

An educational treasure trove for youths and adults, MEEC is 25 miles north of Madison on Highway Q and CS between Highway 51 and 22.

Spread over 250 acres of beautiful state-owned real estate in Columbia County and run by the Department of Natural Resources, it was on the verge of being shut down by a sagging economy.

But thanks to the foresight and perseverance of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) in recognizing the value and importance of what might be lost forever, a unique partnership was formed in 2006 among the WWF, the DNR and the Friends of MacKenzie.

"The MacKenzie Center is once again alive and growing," said Jack Nissen of Dousman, president of WWF.

"The lodge and the dorms need some upgrading," Nissen said as we did a walk-through of the buildings recently with George Meyer, executive director of WWF and John Wagner of Oconomowoc, WWF District 8 director.

On that particular day, a contingent of visiting Boy Scouts and their leaders were busy themselves in the spacious main lodge, which also houses classrooms, staff offices and a large kitchen.

All manner of wildlife exhibits adorn the walls and hang from the ceilings, a testament to what the center is about.

Outside and well away from the buildings is the living zoo, where wildlife

- Scholarships
 - MacKenzie Environmental Education Facility
 - River Crossing Charter School
- Many WWF Districts fund local educational projects through banquet profits. Examples:
Outagamie Conservation Club Youth Trap League,
Gardner Dam Boy Scout Range Training Activity,
Eagle Scout Educational Projects.

Wildlife Federation Natural Resources Scholarships Continued Environmental Education!

Opinion Conversation from the Editor

Brown toured the 250-acre facility with President Jack Nissen, 2nd VP John Wagner and Executive Director George Meyer. Reprinted with permission, "Tracking the Seasons" is contained within.

Although participating in a one-day field trip or overnigher to MacKenzie is "out of bounds" for many Wisconsin school districts dealing with travel limitations.

However, MacKenzie is a 4 seasons facility on 250 acres. An abundance of hiking trails affording wildlife and bird encounters, wildlife exhibits both live and mounted. A main lodge/educational center filled with environmental educational information including non-stop bird feeding activity through a large glass enclosure.

How about including the MacKenzie Campus visit in your 2010 family summer vacation planning? The visit cost economically fits in everyone's budget, it's FREE!

...Dag

What You Got...

prowls in a natural setting for all to see. "We've still got about 6 1/2 years left on our 10-year agreement with the DNR to run this facility," Nissen told me, adding "There's a lot we want to do here yet. Hopefully we'll get a few strong donations before our agreement ends."

Much of the work at the center is done by volunteers like the Friends of MacKenzie, and some is provided by the DNR. The executive director, lead educator and educator/wildlife technician are paid employees of WWF. Besides the payroll, maintenance and operating costs are covered by WWF.

According to Nissen, the MEEC is known as a premier spot in south-central Wisconsin to experience the outdoors and environmental education programming. Attendance by both youth and adults, which was 6,300 in 2007, is expected to climb above 11,000 in 2010.

Programs at the center range from self-guided day trips to overnight or summer camp programs led by MEEC staff.

Because the center is not a park, there are no entry fees or day stickers required.

When in season, self-guided activities at the center include trail hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing on ungroomed trails, picnicking, touring the wildlife exhibits and visiting the museums and lodge.

According to Meyer, who is also a former DNR secretary, the WWF is an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, made up of hunters, anglers, trappers and others who are actively engaged in the outdoors.

As such, Meyer said the WWF has a dual mission to engage in conservation education and to advocate for sound conservation policy, which includes granting scholarships for future resource professionals at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as well as its current challenge of operating and up-grading some of the buildings at the Center.

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION - GORDON BUBOLZ SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship originated with seed money from Gordon Bubolz and was a continuation of his many efforts in conservation. Included among his conservation works is the Bubolz Conservation Center near his hometown. The Center and its buildings are used by a wide variety of conservation groups.



Sarah Fischer
Bowler, WI

Sarah's major is Forest Management, with a GPA of 3.75.

She is involved in the UWSP student chapter of Society of American Foresters through which she competed at the regional conclave and also went to the National SAF convention in Orlando, Florida where she expanded her knowledge of forestry.

This past summer Sarah worked in Lowman, Idaho as a forestry intern for the U.S. Forest Service. While there she fought fires, set mammal hair snares, collected cones for planting, looked for endangered species, and worked on a timber marking crew.

Her hobbies are deer hunting, camping, fishing and gardening.

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION - WILLIAM ABERG SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late William J.P. Aberg, a founder of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation, who was instrumental in the writing and passage of such basic conservation acts as the establishment of a citizens policy body to determine natural resource management policy, forestry protection and development through a state mill tax and forest-crop law, acquisition of Horicon Marsh, and acquisition of national forest areas in Wisconsin. He served with distinction for two terms on the former Wisconsin Conservation Commission, now the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

Ryan Moll
Niagara, WI

Ryan's major is Wildlife Ecology - Research and Management, with a minor in Soil Science.

Ryan has been an active officer for the Veteran's Club on Campus for two years. The club aids many veterans as they transition from a combat lifestyle to life in the classroom. As a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guards, Ryan traveled the country in beach restoration in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. His passion is to have a career in the outdoors and be a part of preserving wildlife habitat in Wisconsin and the United States. Following graduation he hopes to work with Ducks Unlimited or Whitetails Unlimited restoring and improving wildlife habitat.

His hobbies are deer hunting, bow hunting, duck hunting, trapping, camping, fishing and bird watching.

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION - J.L. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late J.L. Schneider. J.L. believed that you were never too old to learn, for no one man knew everything and we can all learn from each other. He was a dairy farmer who worked with the soil conservation department, a pioneer in strip and terrace farming. When he wasn't farming he was teaching hunter's safety for 35 years. He also taught 4-H nature study and worked at Poynette Game Farm, Marsh Haven, and Horicon Marsh on research projects and teaching about nature. J.L. firmly believed that education is a never ending experience and the earth was ours to protect and care for. J.L. was a man that people looked up to and admired.



Heather Heimann
Germantown, WI

Heather's major is Wildlife Ecology - Research and Management, with a minor in International Resource Management.

She hopes to gain knowledge at UWSP that will allow her to see the tasks she encounters at work and come up with innovative ways to problem solve them by incorporating different values of each person. She would like to be able to inform people about what they are seeing outdoors and give them a new way of looking at nature.

Heather's hobbies are hiking, deer hunting, duck hunting and camping.



L to R: Danielle Berger, Sarah Fischer, Nathaniel Huck, Kim Cooley and Heather Heimann.

'Universe in the Park' Sheds Light on Night Sky for State Park Visitors

Wisconsin state park visitors will have more opportunities to view and learn about the night sky by participating in the "Universe in the Park" outreach program conducted by the Department of Astronomy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

There will be 46 programs held at 24 different parks through the summer and early fall.

A typical session begins just after sunset, usually about 9 p.m., with a 20- to 30-minute talk and slide show about astronomy intended to present a broad overview of astronomy or recent astronomical news. After the talk, when the sky is dark, visitors have an opportunity to view whatever astronomical objects are available through telescopes.

Most of the question-and-answer period takes place around the telescopes. The sessions run as long as there are people interested in looking through the telescope, and the parks typically close before the interest has been sated. During the height of the summer, the sessions can attract audiences of 70 to 80 people.

Visitors can show up for the slide show and question-and-answer period even if it is cloudy and the sky cannot be viewed through the telescope. The sessions are held if it is raining only if there is a shelter available.

"Universe in the Park," which began in 1996, is predicated on the idea that the best environment in which to enjoy astronomy is outside under dark skies, according to Prof. Eric M. Wilcots, who coordinates the program.

Universe in the Park events themselves are free, but visitors to Wisconsin State Parks and Forests must have a daily or annual vehicle admission sticker.

Anyone interested in attending a session should always contact the park to make sure the program is on as scheduled, because the schedule occasionally changes.

2010 Universe in the Park Schedule

May 29 - Governor Dodge State Park
 May 30 - Lake Kegonsa State Park
 June 12 - Governor Dodge State Park
 June 19 - Kohler-Andrae State Park
 June 19 - Roche-A-Cri State Park
 June 24 - Devil's Lake State Park
 July 3 - Governor Dodge State Park
 July 4 - Lake Kegonsa State Park
 July 9 - Whitefish Dunes State Park
 July 10 - Mill Bluff State Park
 July 10 - New Glarus Woods State Park
 July 10 - Potawatomi State Park
 July 11 - Peninsula State Park
 July 16 - Merrick State Park
 July 17 - Perrot State Park
 July 17 - Wildcat Mountain State Park
 July 22 - Devil's Lake State Park
 July 24 - Hartman Creek State Park
 July 24 - Roche-A-Cri State Park
 July 30 - Amnicon Falls State Park
 July 31 - Pattison State Park
 August 1 - Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit
 August 6 - Merrick State Park
 August 7 - Buckhorn State Park
 August 7 - Perrot State Park
 August 12 - Newport State Park
 August 13 - Rock Island State Park
 August 13 - Willow River State Park
 August 14 - Interstate State Park
 August 14 - Kohler-Andrae State Park
 August 14 - Peninsula State Park
 August 19 - Devil's Lake State Park
 August 21 - Governor Dodge State Park
 August 21 - Mill Bluff State Park
 August 28 - Blue Mound State Park
 August 28 - Hartman Creek State Park
 Sept. 4 - Governor Dodge State Park
 Sept. 4 - New Glarus Woods State Park
 Sept. 5 - Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit
 Sept. 5 - Lake Kegonsa State Park
 Sept. 11 - Wildcat Mountain State Park
 Sept. 18 - Buckhorn State Park
 Sept. 25 - Devil's Lake State Park
 Oct. 2 - Peninsula State Park
 Oct. 9 - Governor Dodge State Park
 Oct. 9 - Kohler-Andrae State Park

New Materials Help Pier Owners Determine Whether They Need a Permit

Pier owners will find new materials online to help them more quickly and easily determine if their pier is large enough to require them to complete a free, one-time registration.

A 2008 law set size standards for piers, and created the registration process that grandfathered-in most existing piers larger than the size standards.

A factsheet, video and revamped registration form are among the materials available on the Department of Natural Resources website, "Waterway & Wetland Permits: Piers, Docks and Wharves."

"We've updated and improved the information and tools on our web page to make it easier for pier owners to know if they need to register their pier," says Martye Griffin, DNR waterway policy leader coordinating the pier registration

process. "The vast majority of pier owners won't need to register their pier. If their pier needs to be registered, we hope these improvements make the process quicker and easier."

Under the law, most existing piers meet the size standards and their owners won't have to do anything. Owners of piers that are larger than the standards have until April 1, 2011, to determine if they qualify to be grandfathered in, and to complete the registration process. A very small number of owners of extremely large existing piers will need to go through the individual permit and review process, but the normal fee permit will be waived.

Piers that are too big can shade out aquatic plants that are important to fish and can interfere with boaters, swimmers, and others enjoying Wisconsin lakes and rivers.

Grants Available for Forest and Wildland Fire Suppression

Local fire fighting agencies have until July 1 to apply for a Department of Natural Resources grant for suppressing forest and wildland fires. This program provides funds on a 50/50 cash match basis.

Local fire departments and county or area fire organizations are eligible to apply for Forest Fire Protection Grants, which were established in 1997 to strengthen local fire departments' and county or area fire organizations' capabilities to assist the DNR forestry staff in suppression of forest fires.

The grant program provides funds for

the purchase of forest fire suppression equipment and training, including: personal protective equipment (clothing must meet NFPA 1977 standards); forest fire training; forest fire prevention, forest fire tools and equipment; communication equipment; rural fire mapping and numbering; and off-road all-wheel drive initial-attack vehicles.

Applications were mailed recently to Wisconsin fire organizations statewide and are also available on the DNR Web site. FFP applications must be post-marked on or before July 1, 2010.

Executive Director Activity



Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Files Petition To Remove the Wolf From the Federal Endangered Species List

May 25, 2010

Poynette: Today the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the state's largest conservation group, announced that on **May 11, 2010**, the Federation filed a petition with Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to delist the gray wolf from the Federal Endangered Species list. The Federation is comprised of 168 hunting, fishing, trapping and forestry-related organizations dedicated to the sound and professional management of natural resources.

The WWF has been involved in the recovery efforts of the wolf in Wisconsin

for over twenty years and has been a strong supporter of past efforts to delist the animal from the Federal Endangered Species Act. Those efforts have been thwarted by federal lawsuits filed by organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States.

The Federation is joining in the wolf delisting petition of the State of Wisconsin because: (1) the population of the eastern timber wolf substantially exceeds the recovery goals for the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, (2) the population levels of the wolf in Wisconsin are causing excessive depredation of livestock and other privately owned animals in the state, (3) the State

of Wisconsin has developed a strong and comprehensive management plan for the wolf that will insure that there will be a long-term sustainable population of the wolf in the state without the need for the protections afforded by being listed on the Federal or State Endangered Species Act and (4) that the continued listing of the eastern timber wolf in Wisconsin is undermining the support of Wisconsin citizens to the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts in the state.

"It is time that the Department of the Interior and the Federal Courts recognize that the goals of the Federal listing of the wolf on the Endangered Species List have been achieved," stated

Federation President Jack Nissen (Dousman). "The State of Wisconsin has clearly established that it can manage the wolf population in the state in a sound and professional manner."

"It was very good to see other Wisconsin and national sporting organizations also joining the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation in filing petitions to delist the wolf," indicated Ralph Fritsch (Townsend), WWF Wildlife Committee Chair. "It is important that there be a united front of Wisconsin sportsmen and women in the delisting effort."

*George Meyer,
Executive Director*

More 2010 Annual Meeting News

- President Jack Nissen awarded a "Presidents Award" to Honorary Director Art Seidel for his many years of hard work and outstanding dedication to the RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS issues. Congratulations Art!

- 2010 NWF Annual Meeting (Houston, Texas 4/10) WWF Executive Director George Meyer was awarded the NWF "Charlie Shaw Award" given annually recognizing an outstanding individual within the NWF affiliate organization advancing the NWF/Affiliate partnership(s). Congratulations again George!

Environmental Enforcement

Wisconsin Dept. of Justice

DOJ Obtains Judgment Against Oliver E. Butterfield and Butterfield Trucking, Inc.

May 17, 2010

WAUKESHA – Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced that his office has obtained a judgment against Oliver E. Butterfield and Butterfield Trucking, Inc. in Waukesha County Circuit Court for violations of Wisconsin's air pollution laws and laws regulating the transportation of solid waste. The civil action, filed in Waukesha County Circuit Court on February 24, 2009, resulted in a judgment signed by Judge Michael O. Bohren, is against both Mr. Butterfield and his company, Butterfield Trucking, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.

The complaint states that Oliver E. Butterfield, who owns and operates Butterfield Trucking, Inc. in Waukesha, Wisconsin, illegally transported and open burned demolition waste from the Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ which was substantially destroyed in a fire in December 2005. The waste hauled and burned by Butterfield

contained floor tile that the Wisconsin Occupational Health Laboratory determined to contain asbestos material. In Wisconsin it is illegal to burn demolition waste in an open burning pit. Butterfield burned the waste in the Town of Genesee in Waukesha County on June 25, 2006. In Wisconsin it is further illegal to transport and dispose of material containing asbestos without conforming to specific regulations designed to ensure safety. In addition, Mr. Butterfield and his company were found to have transported solid waste without the appropriate state licenses.

Judgment was entered against Butterfield and his company as a result of the State successfully proving a motion for summary judgment, as well as an agreement with Mr. Butterfield that he and his company will pay a total of \$50,000 in forfeitures and penalties.

Assistant Attorney General Cynthia R. Hirsch prosecuted the case. The settlement was approved by Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Michael O. Bohren.

Department of Justice Settles Environmental Case Against Columbia County Firms

Monday, April 26, 2010

MADISON – Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced that his office has filed and settled an environmental enforcement action against two facilities operating in Columbia County. In separate agreements, Didion Milling, Inc. ("Didion Milling") and Didion Ethanol, LLC ("Didion Ethanol"), each agreed to pay \$525,000 in penalties and costs to the State of Wisconsin.

Didion Milling owns and operates a corn milling facility located in Cambria, Wisconsin. The civil complaint charges a series of air pollution permit violations at the Cambria facility. The violations included failure to obtain and comply with air pollution control construction or operation permits, failing to comply with air-related notification and testing requirements, operating a grain dryer outside of permitted hours, failing to conduct required air monitoring, operation in violation of particulate emission limits, failing to comply with its air permits for baghouse operations and recordkeeping, failing to timely demonstrate compliance and maintain records required by its air permit, failing to control fugitive dust at the facility, filing false certifications with the DNR and failing to notify the DNR of permit deviations or violations. The complaint also alleges that Didion Milling violated its Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Wastewater permit limits on effluent, additive, and floating solids, sampling, monitoring and testing requirements and discharged pollutants into the waters of the state without a permit.

Didion Ethanol owns and operates an

ethanol production facility located in the Town of Courtland, Columbia County, Wisconsin. The civil complaint charges a series of air pollution and wastewater permit violations at the Courtland facility. The violations included failing to conduct required air monitoring, operation in violation of particulate emission limits, failing to comply with its air permits for baghouse operations and recordkeeping, failing to timely demonstrate compliance and maintain records required by its air permit, failed to control fugitive dust at the facility, filing false certifications with the DNR and failing to notify the DNR of permit deviations or violations. The complaint also alleges that Didion Ethanol violated its WPDES Wastewater permit limits on effluent, additive, and floating solids, failed to meet sampling, monitoring and testing requirements and discharged pollutants into the waters of the state without a permit.

"I'm pleased that these companies have stepped forward to take responsibility for the violations that occurred. Although ethanol is an important industry for Wisconsin, we can't allow producers to take short cuts. Environmental enforcement protects the environment, but it also creates a level playing field for the majority of businesses who follow the law without the need for government intervention," said Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

The settlements between the parties were approved by the Honorable Judge Gregory J. Potter, on April 26, 2010.

The case was investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Assistant Attorney General Steven Tinker prosecuted the case.

Department of Justice Settles Environmental Case Against Barron County Businessman

Monday, April 26, 2010

MADISON – Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced that his office has filed and settled an environmental enforcement action against Bradley Sutton of Chetek, Wisconsin. Mr. Sutton is the owner of Kleen Air Disposal, a retail service and recycling facility located in Barron County, Wisconsin. The complaint states that his business accepted for recycling televisions and he buried at least 162 of them at his former property rather than recycling them. The complaint charges that Mr. Sutton's burial of the televisions sets, which remained on the site from the summer of 2007 until he removed them during the summer of 2009, constituted the operation of a solid waste disposal facility. Mr. Sutton was also charged with failing to determine if the televisions contained a hazardous waste.

Barron County Circuit Court Judge Babbitt approved the State's settlement with Mr. Sutton. The Court's Order calls for Mr. Sutton to pay \$12,000 in forfeitures and costs. Mr. Sutton had previously removed the television sets and cleaned up the burial area in response to a demand from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"Wisconsin law requires businesses to recycle discarded electronics. My office will continue to work with the DNR to encourage recycling and prosecute those businesses that unlawfully shortcut sound business and environmental practices to save money while gaining a competitive advantage over lawfully operated enterprises," said Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

The case was investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Assistant Attorney General Steven Tinker prosecuted the case.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Las Vegas Man Added to EPA's Fugitive List

WASHINGTON — Joseph DeMatteo of Clark County, Nevada has been added to the EPA fugitive Web site for failing to surrender to federal law enforcement authorities following his indictment for criminal violations of the Clean Air Act.

"EPA is serious about enforcing the nation's environmental laws and making sure that those who are charged with criminal violations are held accountable," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "The public can help EPA achieve its mission by reporting any information they have on the whereabouts of Mr. DeMatteo to EPA's fugitive Web site or local law enforcement."

DeMatteo was one of 10 Nevada-certified emissions testers indicted on Jan. 6 by a federal grand jury for one felony count for falsifying vehicle emissions test reports in Las Vegas between Nov. 2007 and May 2009. The maximum penalty for the felony violations contained in the indictment includes up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Las Vegas is required to perform emissions testing because currently it violates ozone and carbon monoxide standards. Ozone is linked to a number of serious health problems, ranging from aggravation of asthma to increased risk of premature death in people with heart or lung disease. Carbon monoxide can cause harmful health effects by reducing oxygen delivery to the body's organs.

All of the defendants, including DeMatteo, are alleged to have engaged in a practice known as "clean scanning" vehicles. The scheme involved entering the vehicle identifi-

cation number for a vehicle that would not pass the emissions test into the computerized system, then connecting a different vehicle the testers knew would pass the test. The allegedly falsified data was recorded on the vehicle inspection report, and an inspection report passing the vehicle was issued for anywhere from \$10 to \$100 more than the usual emissions testing fee. It is a crime to knowingly alter or conceal any record or other document required to be maintained by the Clean Air Act. An indictment is merely an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Launched December 2008, EPA's fugitive Web site contains information about individuals who have failed to turn themselves in after having been indicted and charged with or convicted of violating environmental laws. The site also shows the public how to contact EPA if they have information about where a fugitive may be found. To date, information from citizens or law enforcement organizations have assisted in the arrest or capture of three fugitives and the surrender of two other fugitives. Of those, four were sentenced and one was found not guilty.

Since some fugitives may be armed and dangerous, the public should not try to apprehend any of the individuals. The Web site contains a form that the public can use to report information related to their identity and/or current location. EPA reviews all reports submitted.

Citizens may also report the information to their local police or, if outside the United States, to the nearest U.S. Embassy.

Pep Boys Agree to Pay \$5 Million to Resolve Clean Air Act Violations Claims

WASHINGTON — The Pep Boys - Manny, Moe & Jack - have agreed to take corrective measures and pay \$5 million in civil penalties to settle claims that it violated the Clean Air Act by importing and selling motorcycles, recreational vehicles and generators manufactured in China that do not comply with environmental requirements, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Justice Department announced today. Baja, Inc., which supplied the non-compliant vehicles to Pep Boys, is also settling with the U.S.

"Equipment imported into the United States that does not meet our pollution control rules is bad for human health and the environment, and unfair to those companies that play by the rules," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "American consumers deserve products that meet standards and protect their health and environment."

"Importers of foreign made vehicles and engines must comply with the same Clean Air Act requirements that apply to those selling domestic products, and this settlement demonstrates that we will take strong action to ensure that importers comply with their obligations," said Ignacia S. Moreno, Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. "Under this settlement Pep Boys and Baja will not only pay a civil penalty, but will offset the excess emissions from the vehicles and engines already sold and take steps that go beyond what the law requires to ensure that their future imports and sales meet Clean Air Act standards."

This is the largest vehicle and engine importation case brought by the United States to date under the Clean Air Act, both in number of vehicles and engines imported and penalty paid. The complaint, filed simultaneously with the settlement in federal court in the District of Columbia, alleges that Pep Boys and Baja imported and sold at least 241,000 illegal vehicles and engines from 2004 through 2009.

The agreement requires Pep Boys to export or destroy over 1,300 non-compliant vehicles and engines, and to mitigate the adverse environmental effects of equipment already sold to consumers, estimated at 620 tons of excess hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide emissions, and more than 6,520 tons of excess carbon monoxide emissions. Under the settlement, Pep Boys will implement projects to offset the excess emissions including offering discounted push or electric lawn mowers in exchange for older, more polluting gas-powered mowers.

Motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and generators emit carbon monoxide, a gas that is poisonous at high levels in the air even to healthy people and is especially dangerous to people with heart disease. These machines also emit hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, or smog. Exposure to low levels of ozone can cause respiratory problems, and repeated exposure can aggravate pre-existing respiratory diseases.

The complaint alleges that at least 45 vehicle and generator models imported and sold by Pep Boys and Baja were not certified to meet federal emission standards. The complaint also alleges that Pep Boys failed to provide purchasers with the full emission-system warranty required by the Clean Air Act, and imported and sold vehicles and engines without the proper emission control information labels.

The vehicles and engines were built by more than 35 different manufacturers in China. EPA and U.S. Customs & Border Protection officials discovered the violations through inspections conducted at Pep Boys stores, at U.S. ports, and through a review of importation documents provided to EPA by the company.

The settlement also requires Pep Boys and Baja to offer a free extended emission warranty on certain vehicle and engine models, to reimburse consumers for emission-related repair expenses, and to implement rigorous corporate compliance plans. Baja also agreed to pay a penalty of \$25,000, an amount that was reduced substantially in light of Baja's current financial condition.

The settlement is part of an ongoing effort by EPA to ensure that all imported vehicles and engines comply with Clean Air Act requirements.

Pep Boys is a national automotive aftermarket and service chain with annual sales of \$1.9 billion. The company operates more than 580 stores in 35 states and Puerto Rico. In 2008, the company, based in Philadelphia, was the third largest importer of Chinese-made all terrain vehicles (ATVs) in the United States. In 2006 and 2007, Pep Boys was the fourth largest importer of generators.

Baja, based in Phoenix, contracts with Chinese manufacturers to supply ATVs and motorcycles to Pep Boys and others. Baja also manages all after-sale functions, including servicing warranty claims and providing replacement parts for these vehicles.

The settlement, lodged today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, is subject to a 30-day public comment period and approval by the federal court.

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Editor D. A. Gries

\$1 Million Earmarked for Lake Michigan Habitat Restoration Work

MADISON - Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank announced a grant totaling nearly \$1 million will be used for habitat restoration work along Lake Michigan in Wisconsin and Illinois. The \$998,557 grant will be used by the DNR and its partners to restore and improve 690 acres of coastal lake plain at Chiwaukee Prairie in Kenosha County, and in Lake County, Illinois at Spring Bluff Nature Preserve and Illinois Beach State Park.

"This project is a unique opportunity for the Wisconsin DNR to partner with agencies and municipalities from both states to address ecological issues within the Lake Michigan basin and across state lines," Frank said.

The Wisconsin DNR will work with the Illinois DNR, Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, Village of Pleasant Prairie, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Illinois State Geological Survey and the Lake County Illinois Forest Preserves, which submitted the grant proposal on behalf of all partners.

Chiwaukee Prairie is one of the largest prairie complexes in the state and the most intact coastal wetland in southeastern Wisconsin. The prairie has an exceptional diversity of plants and animals — more than 400 species of plants have been found here and the site

supports many species that have low or declining populations. Work that will be supported by the grant includes invasive species removal, controlled burns, and decommissioning roads that create a barrier for wildlife movement and plant dispersal.

"This grant is terrific news, not only for Chiwaukee Prairie and Lake Michigan but for the Great Lakes region, as well," said Frank.

He noted that the grant was awarded as part of the Sustain Our Great Lakes program, a public-private partnership coordinated by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. This year, additional grant funding was provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a \$475 million initiative to protect, restore and enhance the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Wisconsin also received a grant for \$277,433 awarded to the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership and partners to improve wildlife habitat and water quality by restoring 18 acres and 2,500 feet of stream bank along Centerville Creek in Manitowoc County.

A total of 25 projects were selected to receive \$7.6 million in funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sustain Our Great Lakes program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Dawn Hinebaugh, 608-266-5243

2010 WWF Print Now Available



"Training Day"
Scott Shearer

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Wisconsin Wildlife Federation 2010 Print of the Year

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Born in 1959 in Columbus, Wisconsin, Scott comes from a long line of artists and outdoorsmen. His father was an avid sportsman, taking Scott hunting whenever possible. Scott's mother was a fine artist, studying art at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. "As I grew older, I noticed, instead of shooting ducks I enjoyed photographing and sketching wildlife, as I sat in the blind with my Dad."

He spent his youth exploring the outdoors at his family's home which was surrounded by woods and wildlife. He spent weekends and summers at the family cottage on Lake Koshkonong near Edgerton.

Scott's high school art teacher encouraged him to pursue art and introduced him to one of her past students, local wildlife artist Terrill Knaack. "It was a great opportunity to receive his council and advice."

Scott went on to complete a BFA in Graphic Design from the University of Utah. Midway through his career in the graphic arts and printing industry, he decided to return to what he loved most, painting wildlife. He has studied with internationally known wildlife artists Terry Isaac and Lee Kromschroeder.

Today, Scott lives on the same family farm where he let his imagination wander as a child. This land is also where he finds inspiration for all his current paintings. "I enjoy catching those fleeting moments that you will never experience again."

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May 2010 Calendar Winners



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6	\$100 Cash	Ted Schoen, Sheboygan, WI	1
7	TC Encore rifle 300 win lam ss	Marie Zanter, Louisville, KY	5716
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9	\$100 Cash	Charles Sharpe, Hurley, WI	5222
10	Remington 700 SPS syn blu 270	Paula Peters, Rudolph, WI	3182
11	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Fred Baeseman, Edgar, WI	3750
12	\$100 Cash	Scott Aguldan, Wausau, WI	2339
13	Remington 870 Super Mag Turkey 12ga	Gary Wyman, Elderon, WI	446
14	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Len Davis, Racine, WI	7015
15	\$100 Cash	Brody Halopka, Dorchester, WI	2310
16	NEF A5 12ga walnut stock	Mike Connell, Frederick, MD	9953
17	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Tom Paitl, Suring, WI	5782
18	\$100 Cash	Corey Lundeen, East Bethel, MN	6081
19	Benelli Nova 12ga 3.5" syn	Rod Plenge, Bangor, WI	7411
20	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Scott Williams, West Allis, WI	7936
21	\$100 Cash	Marty Weber, Fort Atkinson, WI	2576
22	Marlin 917 VS 17 HMR ss lam	Tice Nichols, Okauchee, WI	8469
23	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Nicole Traczyk, Berlin, WI	9100
24	\$100 Cash	Charlie Moore, Wasilla, AK	5519
25	NEF Pardner Pump 12ga	Fred Halbach, Orfordville, WI	1786
26	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Todd Tuskowsk, Stevens Point, WI	3074
27	\$100 Cash	Karen Nolan, New Holstein, WI	3254
28	Marlin 917 M2 17m2	Leon Pamperin, Green Bay, WI	9202
29	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Kevin Klinker, Mauston, WI	8097
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