

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Legislative Summary
Final 2015-2017 State Legislative Session

March 2016

Assembly Bills

- AB 14-----Updating the State Raffle Regulations
Status: **Signed by the Governor----Act 6**
WWF Position---Support
- SB 8-----Counterpart Bill
Status: **Assembly Bill Signed into Law---Act 6**
WWF Position---Support
- AB 15-----Manufacture and sale of Products Containing Microbeads
Status: Counterpart Bill signed into law
WWF Position---Support
- SB 15-----Counterpart Bill
Status: **Signed into law as Act 43**
WWF Position---Support
- AB 44-----Transferring of Permits to the Disabled
Status: Public Hearing Held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position---Support
- SB 20-----Counter Part Bill
Status: **Signed into law as Act 98**
WWF Position---Support
- AB 49-----Ending Waiting Period for Handgun Purchases
Status: **Counterpart Bill Signed Into Law----Act 22**
WWF Position----Support
- SB 35-----Senate Counterpart
Status: Signed into Law---Act 22
WWF Position: WWF Supports
- AB 71-----Ends State Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Future DNR Purchases
Status: In the Committee on Mining and Rural Development
WWF Position----WWF Opposes

- AB 105----Improving the Groundwater Withdrawal Law
Status: In the Assembly Environment and Forestry Committee
WWF Position---WWF Supports
- SB 72-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee
WWF Position: WWF Supports
- AB 107----Reimbursing Counties for Car-Killed Turkeys for Food Programs
Status: **Signed into Law as Act 31**
WWF Position----WWF Supports
- SB 79-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Counterpart Bill passed both houses
WWF Position: Counterpart bill signed into law
- AB 112----Allowing Nurse Practitioners to Approve Hunting Disability Permits
Status---**Signed into Law as Act 97**
WWF Position----WWF Supports
- SB 88----- Counterpart Bill
Status: In Senate Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position: WWF Supports
- AB 157-----Exempting Liability for Buoy Placement
Status: Passed by Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position---Support with Amendments
- SB 110-----Counterpart Bill
Status: **Signed into Law as Act 91**
WWF Position---Support with Amendments
- AB 168-----Reducing Restrictions on Baiting and Feeding of Deer
Status: In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position-----Oppose
- AB 187----- Exempting Disabled Vets from Turkey Preference
Status: Passed Assembly; Hearing held in Senate Sporting Heritage
Committee
WWF: Support

SB 115-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Hearing held in Senate Sporting Heritage Committee
WWF: Support

AB 214-----Regulation of Hydro Flight Devices in Waterways
Status: In the Assembly Tourism Committee
WWF Position----In the WWF Fisheries Committee

AB 225-----Allowing Unattended Decoys in Waters in Specified Situations
Status----In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position-----Oppose

SB 147-----Counterpart Bill
Status----Passed Senate; In Assembly Rules Committee
WWF Position----Oppose

AB 243-----Restricting Group Deer Harvest Involving Youth Tag
Status: **Signed into Law as Act 100**
WWF Position---Support

SB 150-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In Senate Sporting Heritage Committee
WWF Position----Support

AB 247-----Background Checks on Firearm Transfers
Status: In the State Affairs and Government Operations Committee
WWF Position---In the WWF Shooting Range Committee

SB 159-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
WWF Position----In the WWF Shooting Range Committee

AB 291-----Authorizing Fluorescent Pink for hunting clothes
Status: **Signed into Law Act 131**
WWF Position---In WWF Wildlife Committee

AB 323-----Prohibiting Filling of Lake Beds while Iron Mining
Status: In the Senate Environment Committee
WWF Position----Support

AB 334-----Designating the Monarch as the State Butterfly
Status: In the Assembly State Affairs Committee
WWF Position----Support

AB 411-----Removing Age Limits for Hunting in Wisconsin
Status: Hearing held in Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Oppose

SB 301-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate Sporting Heritage Committee
WWF Position----Oppose

AB 415-----Removal of deer back tag requirements
Status: Passed Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Neutral

SB 289-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Assembly and Senate; **Awaiting Governor's Signature**
WWF Position----Neutral

AB 433-----Interfering with hunting, fishing and trapping
Status: Passed Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Support

SB 338-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Assembly and Senate; **Awaiting Governor's Signature**
WWF Position----Support

AB 434-----Streamlining DNR fish and wildlife approval process
Status: **Passed into Law---Act 89**
WWF Position: In the WWF Wildlife Committee

SB 347-----Counterpart Bill

AB 436-----Restoring Former Iron Mining Regulations
Status: In the Assembly Mining and Rural Development Committee
WWF Position: Support

AB 471-----Increased penalties for poaching trophy wildlife
Status: Passed Assembly; In Senate Sporting Heritage Committee
WWF Position---Support

AB 477-----Modifying High Capacity Wells and Groundwater laws
Status: In the Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position----Oppose

SB 291-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Hearing held in the Senate Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Oppose

AB 487-----Changes Laws Relating to Reclaiming Dogs
Status: Assembly Tabled
WWF Position: WWF Opposes

SB 450-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Substantially Amended and Passed Senate and Assembly
Awaiting Governor's Signature
WWF Position: WWF Opposes

AB 499-----Removes requirement that DNR sell 10,000 acres of land
Status: In the Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position----In the WWF Forestry and Parks Committee

SB 364-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In the Senate Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----In the WWF Forestry and Parks Committee

AB 526-----Starts Non-resident coon season with resident season
Status: Hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Oppose

AB 527-----Authorizing an adult to kill a deer wounded by a youth
Status: Passed Assembly and Senate; **Wisconsin Act 225**
WWF Position----Support

SB 444-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate Sporting Heritage Committee
WWF Position----Support

AB 544-----Establishes a Special Wild Turkey Program for Disabled Hunters
Status: In the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Support

SB 394-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In the Senate Sporting Heritage and Forestry Committee
WWF Position---Support

AB 559-----Allowing Leasing on MFL Closed Lands
Status: Hearing held in the Assembly Environment and Forestry
WWF Position---In the WWF Forestry and Parks Committee

AB 561-----Major Rewrite of the Managed Forest Law
Status: Passed Assembly Forestry Committee and Joint Finance
WWF Position----Support

SB 434-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate and Assembly; **Awaiting Governor's Signature**
WWF Position----Support

AB 579-----Exempts certain wild bird feathers from prohibition on sale
Status: Passed Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position----Support

SB 435-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate and Assembly; **Wisconsin Act 248**
WWF Position----Support

AB 600-----Substantially Reduces Wetland and Lake Habitat Protection
Status: Passed Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position----Opposed

SB 459-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Assembly; Amended and Passed in Senate;
Awaiting Governor's Signature
WWF Position----Opposed

AB 631-----Increases Height of Pole Traps to Ten Feet
Status: In Assembly Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position---Oppose

AB 637-----Protecting Groundwater In Areas of Karst Topography
Status: In Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position---Support

SB 469----- Counterpart Bill
Status: In Senate Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position---Support

AB 640-----Reducing Waterway Protection for Fish Farms
Status: Passed Assembly
WWF Position---WWF Oppose

SB 493-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate Sporting Heritage Committee
WWF Position---WWF Oppose

AB 653-----Reducing Waterway Protection in Drainage Districts
Status: In Assembly Agriculture Committee
WWF Position---In WWF Environment Committee

SB 572-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In Senate Agriculture Committee
WWF Position---In WWF Environment Committee

AB 700-----Changing the Opening Date of the Wolf Season
Status: Passed Assembly and Senate; **Awaiting Governor's Signature**
WWF Position---Support

SB 542----- Counterpart Bill
Status: Hearing Held in the Senate Sporting Heritage Comm.
WWF Position---Support

AB 719-----Use of flashlights for predator hunting
Status: Hearing held in Assembly Natural Resources Comm.
WWF Position---Support

SB 605-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate and Assembly; **Wisconsin Act 249**
WWF Position---Support

AB 735-----Updating Water Quality Laws to Meet Federal Standard
Status: Passed Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position---Support

SB 567-----Counterpart Bill
Status: Passed Senate and Assembly; **Wisconsin Act 205**
WWF Position----Support

AB 780-----Designating the Turkey as the Official State Game Bird
Status: In the Assembly State Affairs Committee
WWF Position: In the WWF Wildlife Committee

AB 823-----Reducing Habitat Protection for Dredging in Impoundments
Status: In the Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position: Oppose

SB 660-----Counterpart Bill
Status: In the Senate Natural Resources Committee
WWF Position: Oppose

AB 825-----Funding to Study Nutrient Loading in Wisconsin River
Status: In the Assembly Environment Committee
WWF Position: In the WWF Environment Committee

AB 849-----Eliminating State Preemption of Local Firearm Regulation
Status: In the Assembly State Affairs Committee
WWF Position: In the WWF Shooting Range Committee

AB 874-----Reduces Regulation of Groundwater Pumping Affecting Waterways

Status: Passed Assembly

WWF Position: Oppose

SB 239-----Counterpart Bill

Status: Hearing held in Senate Agriculture Committee

WWF Position: Oppose

AB 876-----Allowing Hunters, Anglers and Trappers to Cross RR Tracks

Status: Passed Assembly

WWF Position: Support

SB 734-----Counterpart Bill

Status: In Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

WWF Position: Support

Senate Bills Without Assembly Counterpart

SB 48-----Restoring NRB Approval of the DNR Secretary

Status: In the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

WWF Position----Support