AD lad Winter conditions are considered mild if the station accumulates less than 50 points, moderate if between 51 and 80 points, severe if between 81 and 105, and very severe if over 100. “The index is not a perfect measurement of winter severity, but it gives us a pretty good gauge of what to expect,” says Wallenfang.

Wallenfang says that several stations in the far northwestern counties have already surpassed the severe category. Further south and east, many stations will likely hit the severe classifications later this winter.

As a result, Wallenfang anticipates either zero or extremely limited numbers of antlerless deer permits in many northern counties for the 2014 hunting season.

“Even if winter suddenly turned mild, we would still anticipate some buck-only areas in 2014,” Wallenfang added. “Deer numbers have declined in general across much of the north, and in some areas significantly in recent years. Low or zero quotas are an obvious step to help herds recover.”

“We’ll be monitoring the situation across not just the north, but the entire state through spring green-up because we did lose deer in the south last year, as well. We are asking the public to assist with monitoring and would appreciate their help in reporting any winter deer mortality they see to their local wildlife biologist,” Wallenfang says.

For more information search the DNR website for “baiting and feeding regulations.”
Art Nomination Reminder

W ell, it’s February and you still have until March 7th to submit your artwork for our annual award program. The guidelines and form which must accompany these entries are located in the paper.

We always can think of someone who deserves an award and now is the time to show them what you think of all the work they have done during the past year to promote, educate, or connect kids to nature.

So nominate that person or club and do it now! Don’t forget to fill out the nomination form located in the paper.

Sincerely yours in conservation, 
Lil Pippig, Award Chair

The Beagles return to the “Kiwanis Winter Family Outing”

T he Central Wisconsin Beagle Club “CWBC” of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin has been a willing partner of the Winter Kiwanis Family Outing and their Summer Youth Event for years. Our club dedicates this to be an outreach opportunity for our local community and in the process, it’s also great adventures for the spoils!

This year’s Winter Program attracted some 185 youth who brought their parents, grandparents and other family members to the party. The numbers were relatively flat from last year, but last year it was 45 degrees and sunny and this year it was “single digits.” Participants were invited to pick-up-bid-choose from a variety of winter activities, i.e. Snowshoeing, XI Fishing, Ice Fishing, Ice Broom Ball, Ice Shooting, Air Rifle Shooting, and Trapshooting. Helpers and experts were on hand to help. Some of the participants were the Wisconsin Trappers Association “WTA” with more than 25 pups as a hands-on display. The WTA booth was manned by Maggie McAuley and Tony Kitowski. Our Beagle Club knows the WTA well, as they have members who take care of their own pups, small, medium, and large.

At the WTA booth, participants had the opportunity to learn about the world of trapping and the conservation efforts that help preserve Wisconsin’s wildlife.

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Maggie McAuley may sneak this one home to show Dad.

that this winter’s pups are pretty small (only 2 weeks old), but will be just right at the Kiwanis Youth Outing. Jim Koir is our club photographer and has passed along the entire photo collection. Chad Westover is the popcorn king. We moved the commercial popcorn from the clubhouse to furnish free popcorn for all. Our booth included a backboard with some 20s pictures outlining the history and events behind the CWBC.

Miss Wisconsin Rapids, Morgan Van derhei circled around the grounds and stopped by to check out the pups. She grew up in a non-hunting/fishing family, but now says it all. Shell compels for the Miss Wisconsin Title in June.

The Kiwanis do a great job in hosting these events which include a neat food stand with lots of hot dogs and coca. Josh Schneekloth works long and hard as the program coordinator. For many folks in the area, this is CAB-IN-FEVER SEASON and what better way to get your spirits up than to experience Wisconsin’s Great Outdoors. The beagles never get so much attention.

Quite a Trio.

Morgan Vanderhei campaigning with a group of kids from the community and their parents who were taken by the enthusiasm of this group. The WTA will be highlighted at the event and the attendees learned about the importance of protecting the wildlife of Wisconsin and the conservation efforts that keep these resources thriving.

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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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 to the address below. Deadline for receiving nominations is March 7, 2014.

Name of Nominee ____________________ Phone ____________________
Address _____________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip _______________________________________________________

Award Nominated For ____________________

(Number and address of organization if an organization is nominated)

FOR PRESENTATION AT THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS!

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.
• To set an agenda for the WWF Board of Directors.

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?
• Typewritten 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 7, 2014.

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
Attn: Resolutions
1540 W. James Street, Suite 500
Columbus, WI 53925

Contact the office for additional information or for specific writing format guidelines. (800) 897-4161
My first wolf trapping experience came as a surprise to me. I got a call from my dad at the very end of the school day. He said that we had a wolf tag, but a couple weeks after the draw date we received a phone call from some friends of ours in Wisconsin. It was our的好朋友 Dan Carroll, asking if we had a wolf tag and if not there was a very generous opportunity for me to trap for a kid who was active in the trapping community to gift it to. That gentleman was George Meyer.

We met with George, filled out the necessary paperwork, and the rest was history. It was nothing but a great adventure after that.

We started scouting for areas to trap, contacting neighbors, friends of friends, friends of friends of friends, looking for anywhere wolves have been seen before. We had a lot of leads but no exact area to set out. One of my dad’s good friends has had a pack of wolves on his property for many years but we were third in line on a waiting list before we could be able to go there and trap.

The weekend before season opened my dad got a call from our good friend and fellow trapper Larry Brennwal. He called and asked to come over to his house to show me his trapping set, which was looking for someone…..ME! How lucky is that? Since Larry lives about 50 miles away, he and his family already had the invitation to stay at their house and he would take me out trapping on my line every day. They would come way back and forth from home every day and I could spend more time in the field each day since my mom and dad had to work besides. It also meant I was going to be getting a few days off school too, but boy was I excited!

I think that I was going to be a trapping partner and trapping alongside a Hall of Fame Trapper.

Due to the rainy start, I wasn’t able to get out on the first day of the season, but boy it was worth it. I was on my way to Larry’s for an adventure of a lifetime. The next morning we got up, breakfasted, and drove over to Larry’s. We had one trap for K-9’s before, but Larry wanted to show me how he made his sets. He showed me one sample set and I set out twenty-one sets after that just on the first day! I learned so many new ideas and techniques, which I remember half of them it will help me on my tramps in the future as well as helping others. The second day after checking all of our sets I was able to put out eight more.

After these days, badly I had to leave Larry and Sandy’s and come home and try to work. Larry would continue to check the sets for me each day.

The next week I got a call in school from my mom saying she was coming to get me to set out more traps as a new opportunity just popped up. That was no problem for me because I get to get out of school! She had gotten a call earlier in the day from a biologist, Ray Brockman saying there was a dep-reca-dent area about 15 miles from our house. It was looking for trypan and was on a field and started eating on the cow as it was giving birth. My mom went and talked with the landowner and APHIS personnel who were also trapping there to introduce ourselves and let them know we would be back before dark to set out traps. My dad also came home early from work so he could help me find some good areas to set. With not much daylight to spare I was able to get five sets out on that property only to get an email alert when I was making my last set saying: “Zone 2 will be closing tomorrow at 3PM.” That was the zone I was in. Dang it! Only one day to have sets out. No luck with a wolf, but I managed to get a nice coon.

The sets up north in Zone 4, by Larry weren’t producing any wolves for me, but were producing many coyotes for Larry. He was quite happy.

A couple of our neighbors had an idea I had a wolf tag and had seen wolves on their trail camera over the summer and offered up the opportunity to put sets out there too! I was able to get a few sets out after school but they kept getting set off by dogs.

Then we got a call from my dad’s friend, the one who was going to be a sitting for trap for the future. He could not join us. One of our neighbors had a couple traps in his land because one wolf had already been trapped there the previous year. We also had some neighbors down the road who had been seeing wolves on a regular basis on their land too and I really didn’t have too many sets.

So we went out on our own again, this time in Zone 6. We put out nine sets in the fields and an area near the school. The areas were checked each day and the other areas the landowner preferred to check each day. We even had our own traps so the first and second days they were out, oh my gosh! Wolf tracks were everywhere. So close. I really did want to go back.

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Then we finally went home to ski it out. I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do with it yet, get a full body mount or just a skin or a rug made. So I skinned it down to the feet and then my mom skinned the feet out until I decided for sure what I was going to do with it.

I decided that since the tag was gifted to me by George I was going to carry on the gift and give it to my mom and dad and their Trapper Ed Instructor group since they do get a deal on the first wolf out for their Youth Trapping Camps or other educational presentations they go to. It will be the first animal in the kit and I am sure way everyone will be able to see my wolf and I can brag a little about each it each time it comes out.

Wow! So that was it. That was my wolf trapping adventure. It was an exciting, pretty busy, non-stop few weeks. It was a lot of miles and a lot of zone jumping, but we got it done. Now I could finally sleep and get caught up on my homework.

This experience would not have been possible if it weren’t for the many good people who helped me out though. I want to especially thank George Meyer for gifting me his tag. Thank You! Thank You! Thanks to Scott McAuley and Dan Carroll for thinking of me when George was looking for a youth to give it to, Larry Boetcher for the bait he made and gave me. I’m not even sure what I had in my set that I caught the wolf in after putting out so many, but Larry’s sure does stalk! Thanks to Larry and Sandy Brockman all for letting me stay by them and putting up with me for a few days and to Larry for letting me use some of his bows, his trapline and teach me a thing or two about trapping.

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Natural Resources Board Approves Rules to Implement Deer Trustee Report for 2014 Season

MADISON – The Natural Resources Board approved rules implementing the Deer Trustee Report, which will provide up to $200,000 in grants to non-profit organizations with creative plans to attract and retain deer hunters in Wisconsin.

“This is a major milestone in the Deer Trustee Report implementation process and the future of deer management in Wisconsin,” said Department of Natural Resources Secretary Brad Ozersky. “Throughout the process, the DNR has been the voice of the hunters and the public and the people have been the voice. This has been no small feat, and many thanks go to the DNR staff who have continued to move implementation forward. We have embarked on a strong deer management foundation, and look forward to implementing the rules in cooperation with deer hunters, landowners, and other partners.”

The rules revise deer hunting season frameworks, management units, and revised hunter recruitment and re-attainment in Wisconsin, will provide up to $200,000 in grants to organizations with creative plans to attract and retain deer hunters in Wisconsin. The rules apply to the 2014 deer hunting season.

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DNR Tightens Firewood Rules to Slow Wood Pests Travel

MADISON – The Natural Resources Board approved today rules to strengthen firewood regulatory frameworks, management units, and revised hunter recruitment and re-attainment frameworks, management units, and will make a total of $200,000 in grants to organizations with creative plans to attract and retain deer hunters in Wisconsin. The rules apply to the 2014 deer hunting season.

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The changes supported by the board are:

- reduce the distance from which visitors may bring in firewood from the current 25 miles to 10 miles; and
- remove the prohibition on out-of-state wood as long as the wood was cut within 10 miles of the destination state property. These changes will take effect for the 2014 camping season.

Wood certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection as being treated to kill infesting organisms would continue to be accepted onto Wisconsin state property regardless of the distance of origin. "As this change is part of a gradual process increasing caution to meet an increasing risk, we anticipate that it will address the current inopportune timing of lumber and firewood vendors," says DNR Secretary Cathy Stump. "State campground managers expect to see increased consumer confidence in reasonably priced firewood are available at state campgrounds and state parks.

Homeowners, forest-landowners and others who value Wisconsin forests and the trees in their communities are encouraged to follow the prudent example of firefighters and stop using firewood locally or buy certified firewood to prevent accidental introduction of invasive pests and diseases to Wisconsin state lands at the trees in their communities are encouraged to follow the prudent example of firefighters and stop using firewood locally or buy certified firewood to prevent accidental introduction of invasive pests and diseases.

The implementation of the approved rules will involve public outreach to inform hunters, landowners and others about changes and opportunities prior to the deer season. From here, the department will develop and draft permanent rules with anticipated public review and Natural Resources Board action in 2014. For more information, please visit dnr.wi.gov and search keywords "deer trustee report."
W A R D E N W I R E

Frequently Asked Questions

Wisconsin Snowmobile Trail Passes Can Now Be Purchased Online

ADISON—Out-of-state snowmobilers can now purchase a Wisconsin trail pass can now do so online at http://dnr.wi.gov/trailpermits.html.

“We are excited to give our custom- ers the ability to purchase a snow- mobile trail pass online,” said Linda Oliver, Department of Natu- ral Resources administrative policy adviser for customer and outreach services. “This is a new service and we encourage buyers to plan and purchase passes ahead of time so that they can have them before they hit the trails,” explained Oliver. Trail passes purchased online are mailed within 2 business days.

The cost of the trail passes will re- main the same as in previous years and can be purchased by going online or visit- ing the DNR’s website dnr.wi.gov and clicking on “Winter Recreation & Snowmobile.”

The snowmobile trail pass is re- quired for anyone 16 or older who is not registered in the State of Wis- consin. Use of the public trails is included with a Wisconsin snowmobile registration.

Kansas Company Pays $372,750 For Destruction of Protected Bird Eggs and Nests During Bridge Repair Project

Employee Pleads Guilty to Misdeemander

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – A draft environmental assessment has been prepared for the 2014 Spring Turkey Over-The-Counter sales of leftover turkey tags.

Assuming tags were sold, they will go on sale Monday, March 17; Zone 2 on March 18; Zone 3 on March 19; Zone 4 on March 20; and, Zones 5, 6 and 7 on March 21. All sales begin at 10 a.m. on the day of sale over tags in that unit, first go on sale.

Question 3: I am a meat processor and I had a customer ask if I could process wild meat for him. What are the rules for a processor in this situation? Answer: Question 2: What do the leftover turkey tags go on sale? Answer: Date: have been selec- ted. These dates are: Zone 1 on March 14, 2014 Spring Turkey Over-The-Counter sales of leftover turkey tags. A customer would be pay- ing for the processing since the original person processers and giving the person the rest of the cost of the processing and other ingredi- ents used in the processing. The customer would be charg- ed to a person who brings in their own wild game for processing. A proces- sor would simply allow anyone to circum- vent the law which prohibits the sale of deer or certain other species of game.

Wisconsin DNR asks the public if they have any questions. Wisconsin DNR invites the public to visit www.wildlife.wi.gov for more information on ice fishing shelters used on the Wisconsin portion of the boundary wa- ter, fee fishing law and regulations, and how to obtain a wild game tag.

Question 4: Is a compound bow with a draw-lock on it considered a crossbow? Answer: A compound bow with a draw-lock may be used under the authority of a crossbow license.

A compound bow with full draw- lock are considered a cross- bow, and are generally legal to use under the authority of the archery license (need to have a license that authorizes cross- bow use). Bows that utilize a full draw- lock, since they are considered to be a crossbow, are subject to ad- ditional equipment requirements: they must have a working safety, and shall be used with bolts or arrows of not less than 14 inches in length with a broadhead, like any other crossbow. Compound bows with full draw-lock are exempt from the otherwise required crossbow registration.

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