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Assembly Bill 411 Seriously Undermines Fish and Game Enforcement

Assembly Bill 411 threatens the ability of Conservation Wardens to effectively enforce hunting, fishing and trapping regulations on the 80% of Wisconsin that is privately owned. Under current law any law enforcement officer including conservation wardens has the authority to enter open fields of private land to assure compliance with laws. They do not have authority to enter buildings or areas near buildings. Wardens need the authority to enter open fields to assure that individuals hunting, fishing or trapping have the appropriate licenses and stamps to hunt, fish and trap. They also need to assure that individuals on private land are complying with all hunting, fishing and trapping regulations.

Fish and wildlife are owned by the public and unless conserved, we lose them. There should be the same fish and game regulation enforcement on private lands as public lands.

Support your local Conservation Warden

Ask your State Senator and State Representative to Vote No on Assembly Bill 411.

Go to the legislative website first page to find out how to contact your legislators: www.legis.wisconsin.gov

Conservation Wardens Need Your Help!

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President’s Report

August 2017

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer we are having, and enjoying the mosquitoes. We had a chance to go to the cabin a while back and to my surprise the were no mosqui- tos around. But at other places we went around our home town you put your life in your own hands going outside. While we were at the cabin, I was glad to see all the new young critters. We were fortunate to see turkey, deer, fisher, raccoon and a really large showing of greese.

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We are working on organizing a shooting range seminar which will be held in March of 2018. We will have more information on the seminar in the near future.

George Meyer, WWF Executive Director, has been very busy with emails and phone calls regarding AB413 which takes away a lot of the authority of DNR wardens to enter private lands to check people for violations. There was a hearing on July 10th in Madison. We are urging all WWF members and clubs to continue to contact their legislators in opposition to this bill. Planning and organizing continuous times for the WWF Board of Director’s October meeting which will take place in October. We are looking into attending the Central Sands Regional the other day we were able to attend with many ground water and surface issues that are negatively impacting the region.

Finally, I would like to thank Jim Swanson for my monthly reminders to write my President’s notes. He is doing as the new editor of Wisconsin Conservation. Sell Calendars!!

Bill Toftlad, President

Third Year of Reintroduction Effort Provides 31 Kentucky Elk to Wisconsin’s Northwoods

WINTER, Wis. – After another successful winter trapping effort, 31 elk are now roaming their new home in northern Wisconsin after being released from their acclimation and quarantine pen.

This year’s class represents the third year of Wisconsin’s elk translocation efforts and the first year that elk have been released into the Clam Lake elk range in over 20 years. Following two years of translocation efforts in Jackson County, focus shifted back to the original northern herd that resides primarily in Sawyer County, which originated from 25 Michigan elk released in 1995. Twenty-eight elk arrived at the holding pen in late March, but numbers grew slightly as pregnant cows gave birth this summer.

“Overall it was another great year, with many key partners including the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Flambeau River State Forest, U.S. Forest Service, and others all coming together to make these efforts a success,” said Kevin Wallenfange, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources elk ecologist and elk reintroduction coordinator.

“We experienced some new challenges this year, but overall things went well and we are excited to release these elk into the wild.”

Project goals include the addition of up to 75 elk to the northern population in an effort to supplement herd growth and add new genetics. Currently, the northern elk population is estimated at approximately 165 animals spread throughout several hundred square miles.

“The northern herd has grown steadily, but slower than desired over the years,” said Wallenfange. “This current effort will give the herd a boost in overall numbers and hopefully provide a jump-start for herd growth – an inflex of new genetics will also benefit the herd moving forward.”

Upon arrival from Kentucky, the elk received 24-hour care and monitoring during the required 120-day quarantine period, which concluded in early June. Final health testing, general animal condition, and calving determined when the elk were released. Each animal, including newborn calves, were fitted with a tracking collar to provide extremely useful movement, habitat preferences, and survival data prior to release.

The public is being asked to avoid the general vicinity of the holding pen, and remain watchful when driving in the area to avoid vehicle collision with the elk.

“It’s been a great effort getting them here, and now we want to do everything in our power to ensure the herd’s success,” says Lou George, northern regional director for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. “We ask for these first several weeks that folks give them their space until they settle in.”

Elk in Jackson County adjusting well to life in Wisconsin

During the first two years of elk translocation efforts in eastern Jackson County, the Department of Natural Resources and a number of key partners released 73 elk.

The central Wisconsin herd is currently estimated at approximately 60 animals, with up to 20 calves expected to have been born this spring. Several have been confirmed and efforts are being made to confirm additional births through field searches, observations and trail cameras.

“You don’t expect to see a lot of herd growth during the first couple years, but they are doing quite well and beginning to show their reproductive capabilities,” said Wallenfange.

These elk are being observed and enjoyed by locals on a regular basis, and visitors from outside.
GLOBE HAD 2ND WARMEST YEAR TO DATE AND 3RD WARMEST JUNE ON RECORD

Arctic and Antarctic sea-ice coverage remains small

In terms of Earth’s seasonal change, June is a significant month. It marks the summer solstice for the Northern Hemisphere and the winter solstice for the Southern Hemisphere. It also means the calendar year is half-over, and it’s time for a climate check-up. Let’s dive deeper into our monthly analysis to see how the planet fared for the month and the year to date*.

Climate by the numbers: June

The average global temperature set in June 2017 was 1.48 degrees F above the 20th-century average of 59.9 degrees, according to scientists from NOAA’s National Centers for Environmental Information. This average temperature was the third highest for June in the 1880-2017 record, behind June 2015 (second) and a record-breaking June 2016. June 2017 marks the 41st consecutive June and the 390th consecutive month with temperatures at least nominally above the 20th-century average.

*Year to date | January through June 2017

The year-to-date average temperature was 1.64 degrees F above the 20th-century average of 56.3 degrees. This was the second-warmest for this period, 0.29 of a degree behind the record set in 2016.

Other notable climate events and facts around the world last month include:

- Northern Hemisphere and the winter season
- South America, its third (tied with 2005);
- Europe, its second (tied with 2007);
- Asia, its eighth; North America, its 10th;
- and Oceania, its 50th (tied with 1927).

Below-average sea ice at the poles continues

- The average Arctic sea ice extent (coverage) for June was 7.5 percent below the 1981-2010 average, the sixth smallest for the month since satellite records began in 1979. The average Antarctic sea ice extent was 6.3 percent below average, the second smallest on record for June 2002.

Warmer-than-average lands and oceans

- The globally averaged land-surface temperature (fourth warmest for the month of June) and the sea-surface temperature (third warmest) ranked second highest on record for the year to date.

Africa and Europe lead the continents in warmth rankings

- Africa had its warmest June on record.
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APPLICATION FOR WWF YOUTH IN THE OUTDOORS PROGRAM GRANT

FORWARD: The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has established an annual $25000 grant program to support local organizations in creating and/or operating local youth focused outdoor-skill events. The Federation will give grants of up to $250 to local organizations sponsoring such an event.

The Education Committee has the responsibility for reviewing and approving such grants. At least two components of these events must involve skills used in hunting, fishing, or trapping, but a wide range of other outdoor knowledge related programs are encouraged. If a program involves only one of the three primary skills, it could qualify if it is supported by an expanded program of instruction. This would include multiple experiences to support the primary skill. The applicant would be responsible for providing that information so the Education Committee can properly evaluate it. The Education Committee will give preference to WWF affiliated clubs in the issuing of grants.

Please complete this application form and submit it to:

Jim Huhn, WWF Educ. Com.
1607 Neenah Street
Watertown, WI 53094
huhn2@me.com
920.918.2378

Name of sponsoring group:

Date(s) when the event will take place:

Location where the event will take place:

Name of contact person:

Mailing address of contact person:

Phone number of contact person:

E-mail address of contact person:

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

1. Provide a brief description of the event’s activities including the two required components (or one plus extras) of hunting, fishing or trapping. (Brochure or poster would be helpful.)

2. How do you plan to use the grant of up to $250 in this endeavor?

What is the target date for receiving this grant?

Approved: ____________________

Date: ____________________

Authorized Signature

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

By entering my original work in the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation art contest I authorize The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation to reproduce this artwork, if it is the winning entry, as the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation’s 2018 Annual Print, and in any other fashion it may deem appropriate.

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For further information please contact us at: 608-635-0600 or 800-897-4161

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By signing this Entry Form, you are agreeing to all terms and contest rules listed on the previous page.

Signature ____________________________

August 2017
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:
An Invitation to Participate in the Wisconsin Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the Wisconsin Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council. This council provides valuable insights and recommendations in a sector of conservation important to both the department and the public.

Membership: The council will consist of up to 16 members.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the following qualifications:
1. At least 21 years of age.
2. Ability to attend meetings, which are held quarterly.
3. Willingness to support the goals of the council.

Application: Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be submitted by October 15, 2017.

For more information or to apply, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Bureau, 26 W. Madison St., Madison, WI 53707, or email: wildlife.rehab@wisconsin.gov.
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Testsify on Assembly Bill 411

The following testimony was presented to the Assembly Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee, on July 19, 2017. Ralph Frisch, a Board Member and Past President, and Executive Director George Meyer presented the testimony.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Chairman Kleisch and Committee Members, on behalf of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to Assembly Bill 411. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's conservation wardens from enforcement, fishing, hunting, and trapping operations in the state including, 22 county or regional groups and 154 Wisconsin local conservation wardens. We have included the list of these clubs for your reference.

Wisconsin Wolf Count

Chairman Kleisch and Committee Members, on behalf of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, I would like to report up Ralph Frisch's testimony by reviewing the regularly recommended authority of the Fourth Amendment, which states that even a qualified goose permit. However, hunters are still required to register their gosse online or by calling in within 48 hours of harvest.

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New Attempt to Muddy Clean Water Protections

Glenn Watkins | National Wildlife Federation

The Trump Administration has just begun a two-step plan to remove protections from waters that have been safeguarded by the Clean Water Act for more than 40 years. In a process set in motion by an executive order earlier this year, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt has taken the first step to repeal the widely-supported Clean Water Rule. The second step is replacing it with a new rule that dramatically rolls back the historic scope of the Clean Water Act.

This hasty process threatens critical fish and wildlife habitat as well as the drinking water sources for 1 in 3 Americans.

The 2015 Clean Water Rule restores protections to small streams and wetlands that flow downstream into our nation’s larger, iconic waters like Chesapeake Bay, Mississippi River, and the Great Lakes. These headwaters, rain-fed, and seasonally streams serve as spawning grounds, trout-streams, and safe habitats for the majority of North American wetland. These same waters are the source of drinking water of 117 million Americans.

Vernal pools from Maine to California are among the wetlands that could be at risk if the Clean Water Rule is rolled back. They are important habitat for frogs like our state’s “Old Baldy,” is the tallest sand dune in the state. A dune is one of the highest priority areas because of the dune’s steepness, which means that many communities rely on for flood protection to the coast. If these waters lose the protection afforded them by the Clean Water Act, it would have devastating impacts on fish, wildlife, and our robust outdoor recreation economy – not to mention the water quality of the streams that provide our drinking water.

The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers developed the Clean Water Rule after years of extensive public engagement and used the best available science and law to inform the final rule-making. During a seven month comment period, the EPA met with more than 400 stakeholders and received more than one million public comments on the rule, 87% of which were supportive. A wide range of stakeholders supported the rule – including 83% of hunters and anglers.

And now we have to do it all over again.

This is how, though, the Administration’s process intentionally provides very little opportunity for the many clean water stakeholders and affected communities to voice their support for a strong Clean Water Act to safeguard our drinking water and outdoor heritage. The public only has 30 days to provide input on this repeat.

February’s executive order directs the agencies to “consolidate” Justice Antonin Scalia’s opinion in a Supreme Court case when rewriting a rule that defines which waters are protected by the Clean Water Act. The majority of the Supreme Court – along with the Bush and Obama administrations and every federal court of appeals to consider the issue – rejected this opinion as inconsistent with the Clean Water Act.

This process contradicts the law and science that is the basis for the Clean Water Act successes of the past four decades, coupling state and federal clean water initiatives.

Rolling back the Clean Water Act in this manner could mean the loss of protections for nearly 60% of streams in the country that don’t flow year-round. It could threaten protections for the majority of the 110 million acres of wetlands in the United States. It could make things worse for low income communities and communities of color that already disproportionately lack access to clean drinking water. It is clear that many communities rely on for flood protection to the coast. If these waters lose the protection afforded them by the Clean Water Act, it would have devastating impacts on fish, wildlife, and our robust outdoor recreation economy – not to mention the water quality of the streams that provide our drinking water.

Whether for drinking, swimming, fishing, boating, or brewing, we all need clean water, and for clean water, we need strong federal Clean Water Act safeguards, not haphazard rules that disregard the science, contradict the law, and ignore public input. We need to move forward, not backwards.

Whitefish Dunes State Park Celebrates 50 Years

The Whitefish Dunes candlelight beach walk will be held on Saturday, August 19

SEURGEON BAY, Wis. – The public is invited to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Whitefish Dunes State Park on Friday, August 18.

Whitefish Dunes State Park protects the fragile dune environment on the eastern Door County Peninsula. The park preserves the largest and most significant Great Lakes dunes in Wisconsin. Whitefish Dunes is a day-use park; there is no camping.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration at the park will begin at 11 a.m. and includes music, food, a short program, artists, cake and bonfires on the Board Landing.

Events will take place under a tent in the second parking lot, rain or shine.

A daily annual park sticker is required.

Interested in preserving the area where the park now exists? It was identified in a study of locations for additional state purchases. Retained landscape architect and conservationist Jens Jensen recommended Whitefish Dunes as a state park in 1937. At the time, the Wisconsin Conservation Department, predecessor to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the State Planning Commission in 1944 recommended the location become a state park.

In 1959, the National Park Service cited the park as one of the most important areas on the Great Lakes, adding further basis to the significance of the area and recommending it as a state park site.

In 1961, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a long-range program of acquisition and improvement of state recreational facilities known as the Recreational Area Acquisition Program or ORAP. The program was established as a one-cent sales tax to acquire land and other facilities that prompted a wave of new park purchases, maintenance projects and the creation of state trails.

In a review of potential sites for using ORAP funds to purchase park property, the Wisconsin Legislature specifically named the Whitefish Dunes as one of the highest priority areas because of the quality of the beaches on Lake Michigan.

As a result, the park has some of the highest sand dunes in the state. A dune known as Old Baldy stands 90 feet above the lake and rises 95 feet above lake level. Historically, a preservationist group donated the park property for state acquisition and the county board approval for adding state park property in a county that already contained more than 4,500 acres of park land. Peninsula State Park, established in 1910 is more than 3,700 acres and a county acquisition.

The park also protects the playful whitefish, protected by the Wisconsin Fish and Wildlife Service.

“The WNS grants to states program is absolutely critical to our efforts to understand the scope of the disease across the country, and what steps need to be taken to stop the disease,” said Jeffrey Leonard, Northeast Bat Communities Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

High Lake Michigan water levels have made Whitefish Dunes State Park popular at the park’s sandy beaches, but currently High Lake Michigan water levels have reduced the available beach time at the park this summer. The park’s nature center, features a prominent and awe-inspiring display on the island’s history, and exhibits and displays on ecology, geology and human history.

Service Provides 1 Million Dollars to States to Combat Bat-Killing Fungal Disease

Funding Supports White-nose Syndrome Research, Prevention and Eradication Efforts

July 17, 2017

Today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced over $1 million in grants to 37 states and the District of Columbia to help combat white-nose syndrome (WNS), a fungal disease that has killed millions of North American bats in recent years. Funds will help states find ways to prevent the spread of WNS while increasing survival rates of afflicted species.

Whether for driving, swimming, fishing, boating, or brewing, we all need clean water, and for clean water, we need strong federal Clean Water Act safeguards, not haphazard rules that disregard the science, contradict the law, and ignore public input. We need to move forward, not backwards.

The grants bring the total funding to states for WNS response over the past eight years to $7 million. This financial support is part of a broader, cooperative international effort involving more than 100 state, federal, tribal, academic, non-profit and corporate partners.

“White-nose syndrome has ravaged bat populations across the U.S. and beyond, and we are grateful for the support of the Office of National Park Service. With funding from the Service, states have programs and staff dedicated to bat conservation. With the WNS grants, however, biologists have contributed to the national understanding of WNS through WNS grants. Without the Service, we simply would not have the capacity to do the work that we do the work that we do today,” said Jeffrey Leonard, Northeast Bat Communities Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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AB368—Requires at least 1 meter (3 feet) buffer zone between buildings and wetlands

AB394—Requires all firearms to be secured in a manner that prevents unauthorized access

Status: Hearing held in the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

AB105/SB76—Removes high capacity well permit renewal requirement

Status: Passed the Legislature, awaits the Governor’s signature

AB63—Exempts utility filling and dredging wetland permits in highway right of ways

Status: In Senate Energy and Utilities Committee

AB214/SB152—Prohibits filling or destroying lake beds through iron mining activities

Status: In Senate Energy and Utilities Committee

AB314/SB247—Bill authorizes hunting from a lift attached to a motor vehicle

Status: Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

AB323/SB249—Bill transfers the woodchuck from the protected to game species list

Status: In Assembly Agriculture Committee

AB350—Ban possession, transfer, transportation and possession of semiautomatic “assault weapons”

Status: In Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

AB359—Prohibits the use of pyrotechnics in fireworks

Status: In Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

AB374—Strengthens the fencing requirements for deer farms that have CWD

Status: In Senate Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee

AB385—Removes high capacity well permit renewal requirement

Status: Signed into law, Wisconsin Act 10

AB431—Directs DNR to issue 5 year quarrying special to Sturgeon for Tomorrow for rafts to support sturgeon research and management

Status: In Assembly Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee

Madison — In August, Department of Natural Resources staff will gather input at five public open houses to shape future planning regarding outdoor recreation opportunities in northern and northeastern Wisconsin.

In spring 2017, the DNR staff began the Recreation Opportunities Analysis process to collect information regarding existing outdoor-based recreation opportunities and identify future recreation needs in eight regions throughout Wisconsin. This process also identifies future opportunities for providing high-quality recreation experiences and the potential role of DNR properties in helping to meet those needs.

Gathering public input is an extremely important step in the ROA process, and meaningful in northern and northeastern Wisconsin will give anyone interested in outdoor recreation a great opportunity to provide feedback.

Each meeting will be held from 4-7 p.m. at five public open houses to shape future planning regarding outdoor recreation opportunities in northern and northeastern Wisconsin.

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To receive email updates regarding DNR topics, then follow the prompts to subscribe for updates to outdoor recreation.

The Parks Committee of the Wisconsin Assembly has been working hard on the ROA process. Community members urge everyone to attend the meetings because the ROA hearings are your opportunity to give input on existing and future outdoor-based recreation opportunities.

August Public Meetings will Gather Input for Recreation Opportunities Analysis Process

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### Pickled Mushrooms

**Ingredients:**
- ¼ c. vinegar
- ½ T. salt
- 1/3 c. sugar

Boil above for 1 minute. This batch of brine is enough for 2 pints. Clean mushrooms in kettle, cover with cold water – bring to boil and drain. 1 or 2 small peppers in jars (optional if you wish). Put mushrooms in pint jars and pour brine in jar. Process in hot water bath for 10 minutes. 6 lbs. of mushrooms makes 7 pints.

### Baked Ground Hog

**Ingredients:**
- Ground Hog
- Spicewood branches
- Bacon Grease or ½ c. shortening
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Dress and cut up the ground hog. Bring water to boil and then place the ground hog in boiling water. Break spicewood branches and put into the pot. Simmer until ground hog is tender. Remove ground hog from pot. Season with salt and pepper, and roll in flour and bacon grease. Bake in oven at 375° until tender.

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#### Balsamic-glazed Green Beans

**Ingredients:**
- 1 lb. fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1 T. brown sugar
- 1/3 c. dried cranberries
- 2 T. balsamic Vinaigrette dressing
- 2 tsp. butter
- ¼ c. sliced almonds
- ½ c. finely chopped sweet onions

Cook beans and cranberries in simmering water in skillet 4 to 5 minutes or until beans are crisp-tender. Drain, rinse with cold water to stop the cooking.

Melt butter in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add onions and sugar; cook and stir 5 min. Add bean mixture; cook and stir 5 min. or until heated through.

Stir in dressing, cook and stir 1 min. Top with nuts. If you want added crunch and flavor, toast the nuts before sprinkling them over the bean mixture. Heat oven to 350° spread onto the bottom of shallow pan and bake for 10-15 min. or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. You can toast the nuts several days before.

### July 2017 Calendar Winners

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