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- Raccoon trapping and hunting seasons closes.*
- Red and gray fox gun and trapping seasons close.*

February 20
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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has done a walk through the main points of the project and the role of DNR lands in helping to meet these needs.

The ROA will rely on the same eight members from numerous sources.

The Federation was founded in 1949 primarily because many hunters were dissatisfied with Wisconsin’s deer hunting season regulations and wanted a voice at the table. I know of no other subject than deer hunting which routinely is published within Wisconsin. Surely deer hunting related issues remains a “hot” topic – hunting vs no hunting, CWD presence within the wild herd and the captive herd – doe/ buck county allotments. Enter, the new WWF Editor.

The best way to stay open Range Safety Range Protection Funding Sources Steward Operating Procedures and Signage Target Placement Target Distance Sound Load and Other Environmental Factors Club Finances Presenters: Jeff Naas, Naas Consultant, LLC and Keith Warmke, Wisconsin DNR

The Federation will hold a Shooting Range Seminar for Southern Wisconsin in 2018

Wisconsin waterfowl hunters are encouraged to attend the 15th annual Wisconsin Waterfowlers’ Conference which will be held on March 11 2017 at the Hotel Mead and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. The Conference is designed, developed, and managed by a committee of independent waterfowl hunters. It is supported by individuals, conservation organizations, private businesses and government agencies. Our focus is to keep this Conference in existence to preserve and enhance our waterfowl hunting heritage and how waterfowl hunting in Wisconsin can be improved. Attendance is open to anyone who wants to have a hand in determining the future needs of waterfowl management and waterfowl hunting opportunities. Help determine that direction! The Cost of the Conference is only $35.00 if you preregister and $40.00 at the door. The preregistration fee for students is only $15.00 ($20.00 at the door). Presentations generally last about 30 minutes long and speakers include professional waterfowl staff, agency representatives, legislators, update, and non professional speakers. We are striving for an active agenda that provides opportunities to learn and participate in waterfowling and waterfowl management.

The Key Note speaker, Dr Jacob Strauch, the Chair of the new Waterfowl Wetlands Endowment at UW-Stevens Point, will present information about this $2 million dollar endowment. We will also have a number of breakout sessions that will provide timely information on important waterfowl/wetland issues and offer participants the opportunity to provide input on important waterfowl/wetland issues. The Conference will host a Waterfowlers’ hospitality hour Friday evening for those arriving Friday. For more information about the Conference including how to preregister, lodging information, and the agenda, visit it our website at www.wiswaterfowlconference.org

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Broadly level while engaging stakeholders allows the department to better understand the current opportunities and existing conditions, and position itself to take advantage of more informed decisions regarding the gaps, demands and where to best place recreational opportunities currently available to the public, prior to Kenoshua – Fish Creek to Point du Chien. And on occasion, demonstrators expressing their positions in both silent and verbal protest – personal observation, some of those folks are definitely not rocket scientists. So at a move within our senior citizen years, the WWF and Wisconservation will serve the membership and affiliate clubs well.

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January 10, 2017
Governor Scott Walker
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Re: Proposal to Split the Department of Natural Resources into Five State Agencies

Dear Governor Walker:
The following six former DNR Secretaries serve as: Anthony S. Earl 1975-1980 Bruce Braun, Former Deputy Secretary February 2017

C.D. “Buzz” Besadny

1. There is a close interaction between rivers and water quality and water regulation functions. This is both at a policy level, an environmental permitting level and when specific problems arise, just a few examples are dealing with fish kills; setting lake and stream standards; alteration of streams, lakes and wetlands; and dealing with urban and non-urban runoff to name just a few. The strength of the Kellogg Commission Reorganization was the recognition that an agency should not reduce costs or promote more organizational effectiveness. Under the proposed agency split there will be law enforcement responsibilities in the Fish and Game agency for fish and wildlife; the Department of Labor, Trade, Culture, Trade and Consumer Protection for Forestry; the Department of Tourism for Parks and the new Environmental Agency for civil and criminal environmental violations. It should be noted that neither the DATCP nor Tourism currently has credentialed law enforcement experience. The law enforcement split would also be very confusing to citizens when they counter an environmental or conservation violation and wish to know which state agency is responsible. The unitary organizational structure of DNR was created under Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Government Experience, and an environmental agency. The Michigan split will double the size of that agency and the addition of the Parks program to Tourism will increase that agency tenfold. The expansions of those agencies will result in increased compensation for all of the above mentioned Office of the Secretary and administrative bureaus in both of those agencies.

A DNR split into five agencies will also lead to significant disruption to the functions of the current DNR as the split is planned and implemented, all at loss of services to Wisconsin’s citizens.

2. Lastly, the proponent of the DNR split into five agencies correctly indicates that several other states have divided their conservation and environmental functions into two or more agencies.

3. The current DNR Forestry program also deals with the Forestry program in the Wildlife Bureau in game management programs and the Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau in non-game endangered species is critical.

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Final Call Affiliate Clubs and Associate Membership

The Federation’s Awards Committee solicits/invites your participation to nominate person(s) and organizations for the 2017 W.W.F. Conservation Achievement Awards Program!

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR
For the outstanding overall conservation efforts and achievements 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 OF THE YEAR
For outstanding contributions to the conservation of natural resources by an organization in the state for an extended period of time. Statewide or local organizations including sportsmen’s clubs or civic organizations are eligible. The recipient should have demonstrated keen interest in projects and programs within the state which deal with significant natural resource or issues.

CONSERVATION LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR
For outstanding legislative accomplishment during their career which has made a significant contribution to the preservation and management of our state’s natural resources.

WILDLIFE OR FISHERIES CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR
For outstanding efforts and accomplishments in making a significant contribution to the management and/or restoration of wildlife resources in Wisconsin over the course of their career.

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
For outstanding efforts by an individual volunteer or organization over an extended period of time in the education of hunter safety. Also such efforts by an individual or organization that has developed an innovative and successful method of educating novice hunters in hunter safety.

CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR
For outstanding conservation efforts by a person, group, newspaper, magazine or radio or television station or a form of social media in the state. The recipient of this award may be any recognized communication medium within the state that has accomplished a high degree of public awareness of the importance of natural resource conservation.

CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
For outstanding efforts in conservation education over an extended period of time. The recipient may be an individual or organization that has demonstrated successful education techniques and accomplishments relating to the use and/or conservation of natural resources.

FOREST CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR
For outstanding effort in forest conservation and management over an extended period of time. Eligible areas of effort include tree planting, timber stand improvement, and other forest management practices with emphasis on the development of multiple use on forest lands. The recipient may be a landowner, public or private, individual or business or someone involved in the administration of forestry programs.

SOIL, AIR, AND WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR
(3 categories)
For outstanding contributions to the conservation of our soil, air or water. Recipient could be a landowner, administer, technician or organization involved with such things as watershed management, soil conservation measures, wetlands or estuarine conservation, wild rivers protection and protection of surface or groundwater water quality or quantity standards.

WARDEN OF THE YEAR
For outstanding efforts relating to environmental and conservation law enforcement, community outreach and educational programs over their career.

WYOUTH CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR
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.

Conservation Achievement Awards
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OFFICIAL NOMINATION APPLICATION
The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation invites you to nominate a person or group who has shown outstanding conservation effort and achievement in any of the categories listed. To make a nomination, send one copy of this form and a copy of a résumé. Attach all supporting documents and send to the above address. Deadline for receiving nominations is March 17, 2017.

Name of Nominee
Phone __________

Address _________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip _________________________________________________________________________

Award Nominated For: _________________________________________________________________________

(Nomination-Made-By Name)
Address _________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip _________________________________________________________________________

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

What is a resolution?
• A formal, written motion which follows a specific format.
• Why submit a resolution?
• To set a course of action for the WWF Board of Directors to follow.
• To set and express an opinion of the WWF.

Who can submit a resolution?
• Any affiliate organization of WWF, regardless of size.
• Any member of the WWF Board of Directors.

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

OFFICIAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS!
For presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

Final Call Final Call
2017 Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition to be held at UW-Stevens Point

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has selected the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as the site for its 2017 Federal Duck Stamp Art Competition. It is the first time this revered event will be held in Wisconsin.

The contest will be held Sept. 15-17, 2017. It typically attracts art from nationally recognized wildlife artists throughout the country.

Formally known as the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, the Federal Duck Stamps is a required purchase for waterfowl hunters age 16 and older. As the longest-running, single- theme U.S. postal stamp, it is valued as a collector’s item. Many birders and other outdoors enthusiasts also buy the stamps as a way to support wildlife conservation. Proceeds from the sale of duck stamps are used to acquire or lease wetlands and associated upland habitats for inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest is the only legislatively mandated federal art competition in the nation.

Thousands of wildlife artists have entered since the first open competition in 1949. A group of artists, waterfowl and philatelic authorities judge the art and selects the work for the next stamp. Judging will take place over a two-day period and is free and open to the public.

Outstanding wildlife art will be available for public viewing during the event. The stamp art will be for sale, with 80 percent of the federal duck stamp sale on July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

Various activities are being planned in Stevens Point before and during the contest, including:
• The first duck decoy carving contest and exhibition, hosted by the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association.
• A learn to hunt program offered by UW-Stevens Point’s Wisconsin Chapter of Wetlands, Becoming an Outdoors Woman, the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
• Phantom Gallery Party offered by CREATE Portage County, with a fantasy duck stamp league.

“We’re excited to host the duck stamp contest and pleased with the amount of interest and creative ideas being pursued by the arts community, conservation groups and Stevens Point leaders,” said Rhonda Sprague, interim dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, which is also a host.

“As a long-time Fish and Wildlife Service employee in the Midwest Region and as an alum of UW-Stevens Point, it’s an honor to host the Federal Duck Stamp Contest in the Midwest once again,” said Deputy Regional Director Charlie Woul- ey. “I also thank College of Natural Resources Dean Christine Thomas for her vision, determination and efforts to help bring the contest to Stevens Point.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has a rich history of waterfowl conservation. The Federal Duck Stamp, one of the world’s most successful conservation programs, is a testament to that success. Millions of dollars are raised annually for wetland conservation when hunters, bird watchers, other outdoor recreationists and art and stamp collectors buy Federal Duck Stamps.

In Wisconsin, the Horizon and Nece- dahl national wildlife refuges, as well as numerous waterfowl production areas, have benefited from duck stamp rev- enue.

These lands are open to birders and hunters for all species year-round and to hunt- ers in the fall. In spring, they serve as important nesting areas for waterfowl, shorebirds and other non-game birds, such as songbirds and cranes.

For more information about the Duck Stamp Program, to buy stamps, or to view images of previous winners, visit http://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php.

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Sea Grant Researchers Tackle Issues with Beach Water Quality Testing

The researchers’ study area encompassed eight beaches in Door County, Wis., and compared qPCR testing to the more traditional methods.

“The advantage of this molecular method is that it’s faster,” said Kleinheinz. “If there was a problem with the water quality, you could close the beach the same day, another test the next day, open it up the same day if the elevated bacteria reading was just from some short-term environmental factor.”

With more beach testing programs across the country, Kleinheinz wanted to ensure that the investment in the associated technology and infrastructure is worth it, especially for rural areas like Door County.

They found that about 60 percent of the time the results of the various test methods agreed with each other in terms of beach openings and closing. In par- ticular, the highest agreements were be- tween the qPCR test and the Enterococcus (known to beach managers as ColiNet).

“That was a really good thing,” Kleinheinz said. “The majority of the tests offered true negative or true positive results. The more tests, the more confident each beach behaves a little bit differently with these different testing methods. If you’re contemplating switching methods, it’s important to evaluate each location on its own to ensure how and why the change in methods may influence how a beach is managed,” Kleinheinz said.

Accuracy with beach closures is impor- tant, especially in an area like Door County, which receives more than 4 million visitors per year and has 30 beaches within a half-hour’s drive of each other. Kleinheinz said the beaches typically spend about $50 per person per day. “This can have a significant impact on the local economy because beaches often average hundreds of visitors throughout the day in summer, so we want to keep the close beaches unnecessarily, that’s im- portant for the local economy,” he said.

The Crossroads Lab research staff is made up of undergraduate and graduate students, mainly from UW-Oshkosh, who do not have extensive molecular biology training. Despite this, they were able to successfully perform the qPCR tests, which suggests the method can be used by minimally trained individuals in the field. “It’s going to be a really important tool,” said Kleinheinz. “It will be used in a lot of rural and remote communities.

“The beach work is exciting because it combines environmental, public health and economic and social benefits. Everyone in Wisconsin can go use the beach. Not everyone needs to go to work in a park. We need to ensure that we have healthy places that are accessible to all socioeco- nomics levels of people, and that’s the goal of the beach work we and other researchers are doing,” Kleinheinz said.

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Army Corps of Engineers Revises and Reviews Nationwide Permits

WASHINGTON (January 6, 2017) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced today revised and renewed nationwide permits (NWPs) necessary for work in streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The NWPs for nine existing permits go into effect on January 19, 2017, and replace the existing permits, which expire on March 18, 2017. ‘Our goal in developing these new nationwide permits is to update them, and provide clarity and certainty for the regulated public while protecting the aquatic environment. Our nationwide permits are an important tool in encouraging project proponents to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands, streams, and other aquatic resources,’ said Maj. Gen. Ed Jackson, USACE Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations.

The updated permits streamline the requirements of the Clean Water Act, and are informed by extensive feedback from the public and other key stakeholders. USACE is reissuing 50 permits and adding two new ones. These permits provide expedited review of projects that have minimal impact on the aquatic environment. Certain.NWPs may be covered under the NWPs include linear transportation projects, bank stabilization, wetland, and stream restoration, commercial and industrial developments, and activities that are consistent with other federal, state, tribal and local regulatory authorities. Incorporating these already authorized activities will reduce the number of NWPs that require review by individual USACE districts.

NWPs 46 – This new NWP covers the removal of low-head dams. The removal of these dams will restore rivers and streams, and will improve public safety by removing dams that pose hazards to swimmers and to users of small recreational craft.

NWPs 47 – This NWP specifies that the Corps does not authorize activities that require review by individual USACE districts.

NWPs 53 – This new NWP covers the construction and maintenance of living shorelines to control erosion hazards to swimmers and to users of small recreational craft.

Most of the nationwide permits announced today do not have major changes from 2014. This year, the last time these nationwide permits were authorized in accordance with this law. USACE division commanders may add, delete, or modify public review and consultation, regional conditions to nationwide permits in order to protect local aquatic ecosystems such as fish or shellfish. Other authorities. Incorporating these already authorized activities will reduce the number of NWPs that require review by individual USACE districts.

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## Wisconsin Wildlife Federation 2016 Print of the Year

**Mark L. Kanitz**

Mark grew up in Milwaukee, but has always enjoyed and been fascinated by nature and the outdoors. He wanted to learn more about it, so he earned a degree in Wildlife Management from UW-Stevens Point. Mark was inspired by other wildlife artists’ works which gave him the motivation to try painting himself. Recognition and compliments helped him continue with his artwork.

He found his niche as a wildlife artist when he combined his hobby of shed antler hunting with painting. It’s very fulfilling for Mark to search for and find a special antler and then use his much appreciated God given talent to create a unique piece of art by painting on the antler. Adding sculpture and replication have made the possibilities endless.

Mark feels very blessed by his talent and enjoys sharing it with others. He feels honored to have his painting chosen by the WWF as the 2016 Print of the Year.

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