Federation Applauds Governor’s Initiative on CWD

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Columbus: The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the largest conservation organization in Wisconsin, applauds Governor Walker’s recent call for undertaking additional items to contain the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Wisconsin. Recent DNR monitoring indicates a significant increase in the numbers of deer infected with CWD in the Southern Wisconsin CWD Zone and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has reported several outbreaks of CWD in recent years in captive cervid farms in Central and Northern Wisconsin. These recent events support the Governor’s initiative to review DNR and improve DATCP CWD management programs.

The Wisconsin deer herd is critically important to Wisconsin’s 600,000 gun deer hunters and 225,000 archery and crossbow hunters in the state and is the basis for an estimated $1 billion annual economic impact for Wisconsin. In addition, through efforts of the DNR and sports groups there has been a major effort to import elk into the state of Wisconsin. Elk are also susceptible to being infected with CWD.

The Governor has called for public recommendations to update the DNR and DATCP CWD management efforts. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation today has submitted a letter to Governor Walker with the following recommendations to limit the spread of Chronic Waste Disease in Wisconsin’s wild deer and elk herds:

1. That the captive cervid farm fencing requirements be modified to require exterior double fencing for all captive cervid farms in the state.
2. That DNR or an independent inspection organization be required to conduct an annual inspection of all captive cervid farm exterior fences in the state.
3. That captive cervid farms be required to inspect their exterior fences at least monthly and immediately after any major wind storms in their locality.
4. That all captive cervid farms be required to install warning devices to detect open captive cervid exterior fence gates.
5. That Wisconsin conduct and independent third party scientific review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the current Wisconsin chronic wasting disease regulations administered by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and recommend improvements to the current regulations.
6. That if a captive cervid farm in Wisconsin becomes infected by CWD, that, unless double fenced, the entire cervid population on the property be depopulated within 30 days.
7. That if a captive cervid farm in Wisconsin becomes infected by CWD, that the exterior fences on that property be required to be maintained in a sound condition until such time as the property is found to be CWD prion free.
8. That captive cervid farms in the state be required to maintain liability insurance to cover any costs and damages to the state of Wisconsin including the wild deer herd resulting from any escape of cervids from the farm.
9. That the DNR be required to take whatever steps are necessary to substantially increase the CWD sampling in the state to increase the accuracy of the spread and intensity of occurrence of CWD throughout.
10. That the Legislature be requested to increase funding for the DNR and DATCP to adequately regulate chronic wasting disease in the state including increased inspection of captive cervid farms and the monitoring of CWD in the wild deer herd.
11. That the DNR and the DATCP substantially increase their transparency and distribution of information on chronic wasting disease including its spread in intensity in the wild deer herd, incidents of escapes from captive cervid farms, discovery of CWD in captive cervid farms and updated information on CWD research funding from across the country.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is Wisconsin’s largest conservation organization comprised of 195 hunting, fishing, and trapping clubs. A member of the National Wildlife Federation, the WWF’s Mission is supporting conservation education and the advancement of scientifically based professional management of natural resources.
Columbus The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the largest conserva- tion organization comprised of 195 hunting, fishing, and trapping groups, was shocked at the dramatic reduction in the total amount of penalties for environmental viola- tions obtained by the Wisconsin Department of Justice for calendar year 2015. The total of $306,834 is down 80% from the ten year aver- age of $2,187,401. Down 79% in 2014, and the lowest total amount of environmental penalties in any one year since 1986, 30 years ago. For specific major categories of violations are:

1. Animal waste violations are down 90% from the ten year average.
2. Air pollution violations are down 79% from the ten year average.
3. Waterway alteration and wetland violations are down 91 percent from the ten year average.
4. Hazardous waste pollution penal- ties are down 19% from the ten year average.
5. Waterway pollution violations are down 97% from the ten year average.
6. Public and private water supply pollution violations are down 90% from the ten year average.
7. 2015 Environmental repair and reme- diation violation penalties are down 52% from the ten year average.
8. Solid waste violation penalties are down 100% from the ten year average.
9. Stormwater pollution violations are down 67% from the ten year average.

“Effective investigation and prosecution of environmental violations is critically impor- tant to protect our land and water resources that comprise the fish and wildlife habitat that is very important to the hunters, anglers, and trappers that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation represents,” stated Jim Swanson, Chair of the Federation’s Environmental Committee. “The decline in the total environmental viola- tion penalties is a good sign and a positive indication of continued investigation,” continued Swanson. “The Federation does not know whether the dramatic decrease in environmental pen- alties is the result of lack of inspec- tions of regulated facilities by the Department of Natural Resources or worse, through discovered violations by that agency or lack of enforcement of the environmental violations by the Department of Justice but the general public perception,” indi- cated George Meyer, WWF Executive Direc- tor “What the Federation is not buying is an answer is that environmental violations have dropped 80% in the last ten years or 79% since 2014,” continued Meyer. Meyer served eight years as DNR Secretary and ten years as DNR’s Enforcement Division Administrator and in both positions had direct responsibil- ity for the investigation of environmental violations and enforcement of environmental violations to the Department of Justice for CWD.

Founded in 1949, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is a conservation organization comprised of 195 hunting, fishing, and trapping groups. A member of the National Wildlife Federation, the WWF's Mission is to preserve and protect the state’s wildlife habitat. Annual Conference is to be held on June 16. Those interested in participating or making a donation for the other wildlife conservation activities in the state, and majoring in Forestry or Wildlife. In addition, the student should be interest- ed in advanced studies in the field of wildlife management.
Rachel is from Sun City, currently maintains a 3.92 cumulative GPA. She is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in wildlife ecology research and management, a bachelor’s degree in communication with emphasis in media studies, and a minor in professional writing. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to enrich her knowledge. She will apply for internships with National Geographic and National Park Service. Her ultimate goal is to use her writing and filmmaking skills to help environmental awareness and scientists communicate effectively to the public. She is involved with the Wildlife Society, the Stevens Point TV, the Filmmakers Club, and the University Writers. Last summer she worked for a graduate student researching prairie chickens.

Andrew is from Darlington, WI, a junior majoring in Forest Recreation and minors in Environmental Law Enforcement. Current GPA is 3.95. His wish is to become a forester, ranger or game warden in the future. He wants to help protect our natural resources for future generations and wants to inform others about the importance of these resources. He is involved in the Society of American Foresters and the National Society of Leadership and Success at the UW-Stevens Point. In summer he plans to serve as a lookout at Tillotson Lake State Park for the WI Dept. of Natural Resources. He was recently hired by the City of Darlington Police Department as a law enforcement officer, and will be working there as soon as he completes the law enforcement academy.

Josh is from Viroqua, transferred to UWSP as a third year college student from UW-Richland where he received his Associate degree with a 3.97 cumulative GPA. At Richland he participated in Earth Club, and in a forestry internship where he worked with local foresters. From that internship he learned that Forestry was a field he wanted to pursue. He chose Forestry to Envision, Restoration and Management as a major. This summer after his freshman year he plans to go on a biology study abroad to Churchill, Manitoba studying the effects of global climate change on Arctics ecosystems and wildlife. He hopes to get a job through the National Parks Service or other federal agency that would allow him to work with the management and sustainable use of public forests.

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**Affiliate Activities**

**Friends of Sherwood Lake**

On April 8, 2016, Friends of Sherwood Lake held their final meeting at a packed Sherwood Town Hall in Clark County. F.O.S.L.’s fund with the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin of Stevens Point was closed December 31, 2015. The first week of January, 2016, we presented a check to Clark County for $86,870.03, the total amount of funds collected to go toward the dredging bill along with funds from other key contributors. After several weeks of dredging, and just as the weather was turning warm, habitat work was also finished with several large trees put in place. The entire project was completed the last week of February, by Opelt Sand & Gravel of Neillsville. With heavy rainfall, the dredged area filled up with water in a short time from the rising Hay Creek channel that flowed through the lake bed. The dredged area remains full today, offering a nice roosting place for geese, ducks, and trumpeter swans who’ve been frequenting the lake this spring.

Clark County has a grant in place to do repairs on the boat landing this summer and this was discussed at our meeting. We also talked about future stocking and have some great ideas for 2017. We’ll be applying for a grant from Minnesota this fall for funds to aid with fish stocking. The grant was brought to our attention by a F.O.S.L. member with a promising proposal for possible funding.

Friends of Sherwood Lake will be hosting a potluck picnic at the Sherwood Park on June 11th, 2016, at noon. The shelter house has been reserved for the day. We plan to dedicate a boulder with a bronze plaque at the park to honor our top donors of the restoration project including the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation! We’ll also be placing a poster in the shelter house listing all donor names. All supporters are welcome to come to our informal picnic. Please bring a dish to pass, your own utensils and seating too, as we are not sure how many will be attending. This will be a day to reflect on our past efforts and celebrate the return of Sherwood Lake soon! Our meeting concluded with many questions answered.

In more recent news, Clark County Forestry & Parks accepted bids for the dam repair project at Sherwood Lake and revealed the contractor that will complete this project at an April 28th, Clark County Forestry & Parks Committee meeting at Neillsville, choosing Terra Construction, of Madison, to do the work. The dam project is to be completed by October 31st, 2016. In addition to repairs to the right and left head walls of the dam, a hydraulic lift system will also be added to it. A berm will be built up along Dyer Road 30’ long, that leads into the park on the lake side, as the roadway is currently too low. The dike itself will be built up in its entirety, in some places up to 1 1/2’. Soil for the dike build-up will be removed from the lake bed if it is suitable. If so, this will remove more material - a positive! The auxiliary spillway wings will remain in place, with a berm placed over the old spillway. The engineering of Chippewa Falls will oversee the project.

Kay Schulte, F.O.S.L. Co-chair

**North Bristol Sportsman’s Club**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has finalized an agreement with the North Bristol Sportsman’s Club (NBSC) to open their Bill and Pistol Ranges to the public on Saturdays and Sundays.

The North Bristol ranges offer a welcoming and safe environment for new and experienced shooters. Both ranges are overseen by certified Range Safety Officers (RSOs) who provide information and guidance.

**American Legion #364 Giles Luce Post “Winneconne”**

BullsEye for Youth Events - “Planting Seeds for the Future by Supporting our Community Youth”

The 2016 WWF Club of the Year award was presented to the Post #364 volunteers at their regular monthly meeting May 2, 2016 which included a fis fry - the “Auxiliary” was in attendance. Presenting the award was Giles Luce Commander Jim Wolf (left) and WWF First Vice President Bill Tollard (right - front row). A salute to the many community volunteers beyond local #364 veterans...WWF Photo/DAG

**DNR External Partners Award**

Kids Urban Fishing Clinics

On April 14th the Kids Urban Fishing Clinics Awards were held at the Wildcat Creek Farm in New Berlin, hosted by Brenda and Paul Schaff. Brenda is the President of Kids Urban Fishing Southwestern Wisconsin. The Kids Urban fishing Clinics Southwestern Wisconsin Chapter is made up of 8 area counties, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, and Ozaukee counties. In February 2016 Annual Event #5 took place in 6 different parks, 8 WWF affiliate taught ice safety, knot tying, fishing regulations, ethics, fish identification equipment, cooking and cleaning stations. On April 5th, KUFC hosted their 32nd annual Spring Kids Fishing Clinics at 16 different locations which in addition to the ice activities, included casting and boating safety. Over 600 volunteers and 18 WWF affiliate participated.

WWF congratulations to the KUCA for their unselfish volunteer efforts and receiving this award.

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**Biologist, for his 30 years of assistance to the KUFC.**

**John Wagner, WWF Past President, awarding Theresa Siabo the Federation’s 2016 Educator of the Year Award.**

**Honor Matt Collard, retired DNR Fish Biologist, for his 30 years of assistance to the KUFC.**

**The open times are April through October Saturdays & Sundays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the exception of the second Saturday of each of the month. The fee is $10 per hour per shooter.**

**NBSC is a Shooting Sports Club located 17 miles north of Madison just off Hwy 151. (More information go to, www.shootatshur.com)**

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Anglers, Boaters Play Key Role in Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

MILWAUKEE—After stocking more than 2.6 million fish into the Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan in 2015, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anglers and boaters of the need to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

"We are grateful for these efforts and everyone who would like a direct drop to the printers and now the 2017 calendar is off the press," said Dave Giehtbrock, DNR fisherie culture supervisor.

"Rearing and stocking salmon and trout are among our most important management activities," Giehtbrock said. "We appreciate stakeholder interest in our propagation efforts as well as the public and private support we’ve received to improve our hatchery facilities."

For 2016, the department intends to stock 676,637 brown trout (820,954 in 2015), 460,094 Coho (539,129 in 2015) and 390,004 rainbow trout (432,665 in 2015). Additionally, some 12,500 Great Lakes spotted musky are being produced and 3,500 lake sturgeon are being reared as part of a reintroduction project in the Milwaukee and Kewaunee Rivers.

In 2016, the Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan should also receive about 800,000 lake trout produced by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Kids and the Outdoors

Unplug, relax and explore, together.
Want to do something for the family that is easy and fun for you too? Activities in nature are something the whole family can enjoy. Whether the whole family, a grandparent and a grandchild, a dad and a mom and a son or daughter, or otherwise groups of longtime outdoors, they may be changed in positive ways for ever.

In families, games, family activities, or camping, everyone can participate – leading to the stress of the day – relaxing and having some creative time to just be. And that time offers the kids real chance to really benefit from a parent’s advice, knowledge and support in a way many other activities don’t offer. This is that special time to share, and learn how to build real family togetherness.

Research indicates that children feel respected in nature are something the whole family can enjoy. Whether the whole family, a grandparent and a grandchild, a dad and a mom and a son or daughter, or otherwise groups of longtime outdoors, they may be changed in positive ways for ever.

Families are event planning their summer’s days with great adventures. You want to make your doll go the whatchado, so you really can enjoy and learn about the animals and plants. Everyone benefit – from individuals, to families, to whole communities.

Where to Take Your Family

Did you know there are over 70 National Wildlife Refuges, many in a 1-hour drive from your house? No matter where you live, there is a national area close by to visit, whether it is a community park, state park or your national wildlife refuge or hatchery. These areas often have trails, walk ways, campgrounds, gardens and events to enjoy. Pack up the family and get to the outdoors together. Go back out, so you really can enjoy and learn about what they have to offer. Check to see if they give tours, learn about their history, and make your own adventure. Make sure to bring a nature journal to record all the different types of wildlife you see. Wildlife is EVERYWHERE. For ideas, use the web sites below to explore online; explore trails, tips and answers – and through that you and your kids will like it.

Plan Some Outdoor Fun

Getting your family outdoors can be as simple as opening the door to the backyard or as exciting as going camping. And as your children grow bigger and more capable, adventures outdoors acom, and the complexity with them. One important thing is to begin when they are young – as soon as they can crawl – to let them experience the wonders of nature. The web sites below will give you ideas about outdoor family fun.

Conservation at Home

You are at your yard and see if there is anything you can do to make it a better habitat for animals. Animals require food, water, shelter and space. To provide water, consider adding a bird bath – you and the birds that use it will enjoy it! To help provide food for birds during the winter months, set up a bird feeder or two. You can even make a worm compost bin or a sponge garden. The National Wildlife Federation sponsors a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification program. And after all that do, you might be just hungry enough to make a snack–at-home. Find out other things YOU can do to help the environment. For those in our area, there is the Furn-

Warden Wire

Special FAQ Edition – Carcass Tags!

Source: WDNR Bureau of Law Enforcement, Wildlife Management and DNR Call Center

Overview:
For information regarding fur bearing (bobcat, fisher, otter), consult the 2016 Small Game and 2016 Trapping regulation pamphlets. For information regarding upland game birds and Upland game bird Searing regulation pamphlets. For California geese, there is no tagging requirement, however, there is the date of harvest notation on the harvest permit.

With the 2016 transition to the department’s new licensing system (Go WILDLIFE), the requirement to immediately attach a carcass tag has been modified to better accommodate the use of plain paper tags in the field

The purpose of these changes is to prevent accidental in-field tag destruction or loss, the legal requirement to immediately attach an animal and to register game with the department by 5 p.m. on the day after kill remains unchanged from prior years.

Under prior law, the validated carcass tag was required to be immediately attached to the carcass after harvest. Under the new law, a validated carcass tag must be attached only if you leave the carcass. There is no longer an automatic requirement to immediately attach a carcass tag. Instead, what determines when a tag needs to be attached to a carcass is whether you are leaving the carcass, and not keeping it with you.

Question 1: What is the change to the carcass ment requirements?

Answer: The department reorganized the requirement to immediately attach what is now a plain paper carcass tag likely would result in many tags being illegible, torn, destroyed or lost during field handling activities like dragging a carcass out of the woods. The law change gives many hunters the flexibility to keep the validated tag protected in their pocket while removing the carcass from the field.

Question 2: How will carcass tags be validated with the new plain paper tags?

Answer: Since the new plain paper carcass tags are less durable, hunters will validate their tag by writing the date and time of harvest and where it was provided on the tag. This is a change from prior years when carcass tags were tied or punched to validated tags. The department encourages hunters to make sure they have a writing utensil immediately available while hunting.

Question 3: What is considered leaving the carcass?

Answer: The department utilizes a common sense approach to interpretation of this phrase. If the carcass isn’t with you, then you have left it. A tag needs to be attached to it. If you leave it, tag it. Common examples where a carcass tag would be required include:

• Leaving the carcass afield while traveling back to a vehicle to retrieve supplies.
• Leaving the carcass in/on a vehicle while entering a business establishment.
• Leaving the carcass outside or in a garage when entering a cabin or home.
• Leaving the carcass with a meat processor or taxidermist.

Question 4: I’m not sure if I’m leaving the carcass. Am I allowed to attach the validated carcass tag before I leave it?

Answer: Yes. There is no restriction on attaching the validated carcass tag early. When in doubt, simply attach the carcass tag.

Question 5: Do I need to attach the tag before field dressing the animal or moving it?

Answer: No, the carcass tag only needs to be attached if you leave the carcass. However, you still are required to validate your carcass tag immediately upon harvesting the animal and before field dressing it or moving it.

Question 6: Am I required to attach the tag prior to field dressing the animal or moving it after registration?

Answer: No, the validated carcass tag only needs to be attached if you leave the carcass.

Question 7: Can I just attach the tag immediately after harvest, like I did last year?

Answer: Yes.

Question 8: What if I leave the carcass with a friend and I don’t give them the carcass tag?

Answer: No. The validated carcass tag needs to be attached. The legal requirement is based on whether you, as the party in possession of the validated tag, have left the animal. Leaving the carcass with another person does not change the requirement to attach a validated tag to your carcass and keep it with you. Remember that while allfield person may possess the carcass, the person who’s’ got the tag, even after it has been registered, unless accompanied by the person whose carcase it belongs to. Anytime anyone transports another person’s registered deer on a public road, it must Possess it at a residence, camp or business.

Question 9: What if I can still see the carcass but I’m a long distance away from it?

Answer: The validated carcass tag may be attached to your tag immediately upon it. In resting ample, it would be reasonable to say that you have brought the carcass along with you, meaning you have left it, and you were able to attach a tag even when not in possession of it.

Question 10: When in doubt, attach a carcass tag.

Question 11: Do I need to protect the tag?

Answer: You are required to keep the tag and the carcass tag intact and in good, legible condition for DNR staff to inspect.

Question 12: How am I supposed to protect and attach the tag?

Answer: There is no specific process required so long as the method you have chosen actually keep the validated tag protected and attached.

The department suggests placing the validated tag in a clear plastic sandwich bag and securing the tag to the carcass using string, plastic ties or wire.

Question 13: When can I remove the tag?

Answer: A validated carcass tag after harvest has been attached can only be removed from the carcass at the time of harvest. A validated carcass tag is not attached to a tag that is consumed.

While the in past, you still are required to show the validated tag to DNR staff upon their request.
May 2016 Calendar Winners

1 1480 An Ave/Sherwood Park/Tl Mercruiser engine Michael Schuessler, Sheboygan, WI 10849
2 Thompson Center Icon Rifl Pam Voelker, Marshfield, WI 7731
3 Gander Mountain Card $100 Butifl Ruskies, Frisco, CO 80443
4 $100 Cash Doh Stuckey, Wolworth, WI 54241
5 CR 10 78 Gauge V/A Gary Brouleyns, Green Bay, WI 4708
6 Gander Mountain Card $100 Kevin Fax, LaCrosse, WI 54641
7 1 2 day guided walleye fishin trip for 2 Phil Monahan, Oshkosh, WI 54961
8 Browning A Bolt Rifl John Early, Janesville, WI 7561
9 Gander Mountain Card $100 Mark Brewos, Big Bend, WI 53914
10 $100 Cash Mark Rasmussen, Keshota, WI 7624
11 Gander Mountain Card $100 George Burchett, Oakville, WI 4689
12 10 boards of 12 jerky at Critters - Winneconne Patti Jo Walz, Plymouth, WI 5011
13 Remington 770 22 mag w/bushnell scope Michelle Herman, Sparta, WI 6550
14 Gander Mountain Card $100 Ken Gannard, Germantown, WI 3329
15 $100 Cash Tom Rius, Keshota, WI 8453
16 Savage 587 Package Bill Eberle, Greenfield, WI 4718
17 Gander Mountain Card $100 Jim Sprouse, Bismark, ND 1010
18 $100 Cash Arly Knutson, Whitehall, WI 6603
19 Mossberg 100 Rifl Brian Kuzelowski, Two Rivers, WI 7515
20 Gander Mountain Card $100 Brent Nuttel, South Milwaukee, WI 6105
21 $100 Cash Evan Reimer, Richfield, WI 54241
22 Weatherby Upland Pump Shotgun Karl Broecker, South Milwaukee, WI 2717
23 Gander Mountain Card $100 Michael Lauer, Mosinee, WI 61755
24 $100 Cash Bruno Meyer, Calleido, WI 2500
25 Remington 770 Rifl, package DJ Brouleyns, Baraboo, WI 2690
26 Gander Mountain Card $100 Dan Drews, Larion, WI 8288
27 $100 Cash Bill Renner, Readstown, WI 10922
28 Roger American 22 Mag. Rifl Steve Sobieski, Muskego, WI 3629
29 Gander Mountain Card $100 Otto Olin, Reedsburg, WI 2513
30 $100 Cash Jerry Michals, Keshota, WI 7653
31 Steiger 12 gauge Pump 500 Jim Brusch, Muskego, WI 8668

WWF “Kitchen News”

Wilted Dandelion Greens – serves 3-4

Ingredients:

- 1 quart coarsely shredded dandelion greens
- ½ tsp. salt
- 4 strips bacon, diced
- Dash freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 T. mild vinegar
- Tough roots or stems should be removed from the greens before shredding them. Place the greens in a large bowl. Cook the bacon until crisp. Add the remaining ingredients to the bacon and fat and heat, stirring, until the sugar has dissolved. Pour the mixture over the dandelion greens and toss well.

Deep Fried Walleye Fillet – serves 6

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. of walleye fillet
- ¾ c. milk
- 4 oz. saltine crackers
- 3 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 fresh lemons (cut into wedges)
- Combine eggs and milk and beat until thoroughly mixed. Crush crackers in blender and place in separate dish. Dip fillet in egg mixture then add cracker crumbs and deep fry in peanut oil for approximately 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towel and place in warming dish. Serve hot with lemon wedges and potato pancakes with apple sauce. Yummy!

Butter Pecan Turtle Bars another one of my favorites

Ingredients:

- Crust:
  - ¾ c. soft butter or oil (I use butter)
  - 1 c. brown sugar
- Mix together and put into a 9 x 13 pan, sprinkle 1 c. whole pecans halves over the crust, then prepare caramel layer.
- Caramel layer:
  - 2/3 c. butter or oil
  - ½ c. brown sugar
- Put in sauce pan and cook over medium heat until mixture starts to bubble. Pour over crust and bake 18-22 min. Take out and sprinkle 1 c. chocolate chips over and bake 2-3 min. longer at 350 degrees.

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