Are you Tired of Congress Failing to Remove the Wolf from the Endangered Species List in Wisconsin?

If so, take action by calling the following Wisconsin Federal Legislators:

1. Representative Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives:
   202-225-3031 — The Speaker of the House has extraordinary authority over what legislation passes the Congress

2. Senator Ron Johnson — 202-224-5323


4. Representative Sean Duffy — 202-225-3365
   Rep. Duffy represents the District with the most wolves in Wisconsin

These individuals work for Wisconsin citizens. It is time to make sure that they are doing everything they can on your behalf to pass legislation removing the wolf from the Endangered Species list in Wisconsin

“The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value.”

~Teddy Roosevelt
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General Information on the Conservation Leadership Corps

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) is in the process of its fifth year as an exciting program to assist in the development of future conservation leaders in Wisconsin, known as the Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC). WWF has based the CLC on a highly successful and similar project developed by the Conservation Federation of Missouri, our counterpart organization.

The CLC is designed to provide expert training for seniors in high school along with college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to develop leadership skills and techniques to allow students the ability to analyze as well as develop conservation policies in his or her subject of interest. Students involved will also gain experience advocating their conservation resolutions at the Annual Meeting for WWF. Successfully written and presented conservation resolutions may be adopted by WWF to serve as official policy.

Training will be provided by current and former natural resource professionals in both public, non-profit as well as private sectors. Students will be presented with real-world experience and will receive feedback from professionals with the conservation policy process. Such interactions will be valuable to participants in relation to school success, future career aspirations, and involvement in organizations.

It is anticipated that the program will take place during the 2018-2019 academic year. Events will be scheduled for three weekends throughout the year. Conservation resolution presentations conducted by those involved would be made at the Annual Meeting of the Wildlife Federation in April 2019. Selected CLC candidates are encouraged to attend three of the four events. All expenses encountered while participating in the CLC program will be covered by WWF. At the successful completion of the year, each participant will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment for the training program, a letter of commendation for their resolve portfolio and a $250 scholarship to advance their continuing education.

Interested CLC candidates should fill out the application on this page and send it to the CLC Coordinator, at georgemeyer@tds.net with any questions to express your interest in the program.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Conservation Leadership Corps Application

The deadline date for applications is May 31, 2018.

Please answer the following questions and limit your response to TWO pages in length.

1. What is your personal and professional interest in conservation?
2. What would you say are the high points in your life related to conservation, either from an educational, personal, or organizational standpoint?
3. Why do you want to be a member of the Conservation Leadership Corps with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation? What would you like to get out of the experience?
4. Why is the concept of a Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps important?
5. What role do you see conservation organizations have in the future of conservation in Wisconsin?
6. Will you be willing and able to attend a majority of the training sessions?

Background and Contact Information- Please include this information as part of your application:

Name: ____________________________
Street Address: ____________________________
City, State and Zip Code: __________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________
Telephone Number: ______________________________________
Present School: ______________________________________

Year in School (please specify whether high school or college):

*Please include a name and contact information for a reference related to your conserved interest. The reference can be a parent, teacher or other adult that you have had contact with related to conservation. The reference is a very important part of the application.

Applications, preferably electronically, should be submitted to WWF Leadership Corps Coordinator, at clc.wwf.coordinator@gmail.com or sent through mail to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, 213 N Main Street, Suite 100, PO Box 460, Poynette, WI 53955-0460.

The deadline is May 31, 2018.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Shooting Range Seminar
Spring 2018

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018; 8:30am-4pm
Where: DNR FishBurg Office
3913 Hillside Rd
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Topics Covered Include but not limited to:
- Preventing challenges to range operation
- Best ways to stay open
- Range safety
- Range projection
- Fencing options
- Standard operation procedures and signage
- Range placement
- Security and safety
- Sound control
- Lead and other environmental factors
- Club finances
- WWF Conservation Grant Program

Registration: All participants must complete the enclosed instructor required registration form and send/below with fees to WWF, PO Box 460, Poynette, WI 53955-0460

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2018
Participation limited to the first 50 people registered.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation: www.wiwf.org

From the Calendar Committee

W ill we hold our first drawing on Monday, the 22nd for 2018. I spent the one day at the office filing calendar stubs and it was great. We received a lot of orders by phone as well as online. Not sure of the total as Ruth Ann was still receiving in stubs when I left. We hopefully had a great year.

FYI – there will be some new items for the 2019 calendar as we are busy planning for 2019 already. Please if any- one has any Wisconsin wildlife pictures that you feel free to submit them to the office. The pictures have to be from Wisconsin and no people in them. There are forms in the calendar to use and also should be online. If anyone is interested in donating to the calendar please let me know, either call me or email me at lpipping@wi.rr.com. The value has to be at least $100. Again thanks to everyone who purchased a calendar as well as those who sold them. We picked up some new sellers but still have areas where there is no one selling. We will work on that for 2019.

Thank you.

Lil Pipping – chair

From the Award Committee

If you have any questions please contact the officer. The more nominations the better. Deadline for entering nominations is no later than March 15th. Remember the event is April 21st. Also get your resolutions in as well.

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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.

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, radio, 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.

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

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR
(2 categories)
For outstanding contributions to the conservation of our land or water. Recipient could be a landowner, administrator, 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.

CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
For outstanding efforts in conservation and environmental education. 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.

YOUTH 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.

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 resume. Attach all supporting documents and send to the above address. Deadline for receiving nominations is March 15, 2018.

Name of Nominee ____________________________ Phone ____________________________
Address ____________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________
Award Nominated For __________________________
(For each nomination you must use a separate form. Please specify one of the categories for which the nomination is made.)
Nomination Made By (Name) ____________________________
Address __________________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________

OFFICIAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS!
For presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

What is a resolution?
• A formal, written motion which follows a specific format.

Why submit a resolution?
• To set and express an opinion of the WWF.
• To present and explain an issue to the WWF.
• To set and express an opinion of the WWF.

Who can submit a resolution?
• Any member of the WWF Board of Directors.
• Any affiliate organization of WWF, regardless of size.
• 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?
• Typed 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 15, 2018.

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
PO Box 460
Poyntette, WI 53955-0460

Contact the office for additional information or for specific writing format guidelines.
(800) 897-4161
Chairman Kleefisch and Members of the Assembly Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on Assembly Bill 712 which prohibits the Wisconsin DNR from conducting certain management activities in the state until wolves are removed from the Federal Endangered Species.

We are here today to strongly reaffirm the position of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation that wolves have to be removed from the list in the immediate future. The Federation has been one of the strongest groups investing its time and money over the last 10 years to obtain that delisting. We have worked heavily on all four rulemaking efforts by the Fish and Wildlife Service to delist the wolf. We have worked alone and in close concert with other conservation organizations, agricultural groups and landowners to make it happen. Our members have written hundreds of letters, emails and on-line comments and attended several hearings in front of our Federal legislators and the Department of the Interior to get it done. On three occasions we met with the Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service personally on wolf delisting. Our biggest effort was that during the last Federal delisting process, Federation staff and Board members went to every State and Tribal wolf range across the northern half of Wisconsin and obtained 36,537 signatures of northern Wisconsin citizens on a petition to remove the wolf from the Federal Endangered Species list. Then I and another Congressman Board member took those copies of our petitions and presented them to the Secretary of the Interior and each member of our Congressional delegation.

Today we would like to raise questions about whether this bill will help or actually hurt the delisting process and secondly present ideas on how the Legislature and the Governor and others here today can substantially raise the heat in Washington and get the delisting done in the very near future.

There are two ways, but the wolves can be delisted: 1. through the US Fish and Wildlife Service current rulemaking process or 2. through federal legislation. We have all seen through the past several years the delisting rules and in past Congressional debates that the anti-wolf delisting groups continually raise the argument that Wisconsin will not properly manage the wolf population if wolves are delisted. These arguments have been successfully battered down by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the DNR because of continued successful wolf management by the state in difficult circumstances. And because of that courts have upheld Wisconsin’s ability to properly manage wolves. Delisting was struck down the delisting for other reasons.

We raise the concern to you that this bill will likely go the anti-delisting groups Exhibit A illustrating that the state cannot be trusted to adequately protect wolves when they are delisted. They will most definitely use this bill in litigation and in the halls of Congress. Our bottom line on this bill is that this Legislation should not take action that will provide ammunition to the Hymenoptera (bees, wasps, ants) of the United States and other similar groups.

We have two suggestions to you as Legislators. One is that the Legislature immediately adopt a Joint Resolution to the US Congress pushing for swift passage of the bipartisan delisting legislation. Secondly, that you all individually present your ideas to the phone and email Capitol media asking them to call Speaker Ryan, Senator Johnson, Senator Baldwin and other Federal legislators and the Department of the Interior to get it done.

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**Madison** – The 2018 spring turkey harvest authorization drawing ended and 138,144 successful applicants will receive spring wild turkey harvest authorizations.

A total of 244,218 authorizations were available for the spring 2018 turkey season, which runs from April 18 through May 5, and includes the third Wednesday in April. The 2018 spring turkey hunting season will run from April 18 through May 13, with the third Wednesday in April.

Spring turkey permit sales locations are found within 2017 Small Game Hunting authorizations, on deer hunting zones following a 2014 rule change. While these have been eliminated, state parks will remain open for spring turkey hunting periods. Permits can have been absorbed into surrounding turkey management zones. For more information, contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Services Division, 701 N. Webster Ave., Madison, WI 53703. (608) 266-7602.

*More information about hunting season dates can be found on the DNR website.*

Spring hunting regulations can be found within 2017 Small Game Hunting Regulations and licenses may be purchased online at GoWild.WI.gov, in person at any license agent or DNR Service Centers, beginning in March at the start of the license year.

Leftover spring turkey harvest authorizations go on sale March 19

The leftover harvest authorizations for the 2018 spring turkey hunting season will be on sale for a first-time, first-served basis beginning Monday, March 19 at 10 a.m. Leftover harvest authorizations will be first issued for sale to Zone 1, on a first-come, first-served basis. Leftover harvest authorizations can be purchased online at GoWild.WI.gov or in person at any of more than 1,000 Go Wild license sales locations.

Leftover spring turkey harvest authorizations are available for the spring 2018 turkey season for all zones and for all time-periods and zones for which their authorization was not used during the remainder of the spring hunting season. These authorizations can be purchased online at GoWild.WI.gov or in person at any license agent or DNR Service Centers, beginning in March at the start of the license year.

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P.O. Box 564, Chetek, WI 54728

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    - $100 in Cash
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