National Wildlife Federation Calls on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to Step Down For Breaching Public Trust, Pruitt Must Go

In our 82 year history, the National Wildlife Federation has only twice called for the resignation of a cabinet official.

Today, the Federation calls upon President Donald Trump to dismiss Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt.

The last time the Federation called for such an action was 35 years ago, when we requested that President Ronald Reagan remove James Watt as the Secretary of the Interior and Anne Gorsuch as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. As a bipartisan, science-based, and collaborative organization that represents more than six million hunters, anglers, birders, campers, and gardeners, including millions of Republi- cans and millions of Democrats, this is not a decision that we come to lightly.

Since President Nixon established the En- vironmental Protection Agency in 1970, we have had plenty of policy disagreements with political appointees of both parties. We have worked with Republicans and Democrats to achieve great victories for America’s wildlife and natural resources and we’ve also lost our share of battles.

Over the past year, we have disagreed with Mr. Pruitt on numerous policy items: the Clean Water Rule, the Clean Power Plan, clean air standards, methane rules, toxic chemicals standards, ethanol mandates, and most recently the fuel economy standards. We have opposed the silencing of scientists and the public from decision-making processes and advocated for greater transparency. We have proudly stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the hard working women and men at the Agency to defend against draconian bud- get cuts proposed by the administration.

And while we may not like many of Mr. Pruitt’s policy decisions, we also understand that he was appointed to enact the President’s environmental policy. That is not why we believe it is time for his removal.

Mr. Pruitt’s repeated ethical lapses in judgement undermine the credibility of the EPA and have rendered him unfit to serve. His displays of poor financial judgement are well-documented. lavish raises for political appointees, unprecedented security require- ments, first-class flights, secret service booth, hiring individuals without relevant experience, etc.

And it is the pay-to-play culture with long- time lobbyist donors that most egregiously violates the public’s trust. The astounding act of accepting subsidized housing from lobby- ists who have matters pending before the Agency is unac- ceptable. Making an international trip at sig- nificant taxpayer expense to lobby a foreign government for policy changes that would only benefit one private industry is a breach of his public duty. Granting campaign donors undue access, influence, and favors rep- resents the very worst of the swamp against which the President campaigned.

The EPA’s mission is to protect human health and the environment. Mr. Pruitt’s fi- nancial entanglements with lobbyists and his repeated indiscretions have disqualified him from being able to fulfill the Agency’s mission. The American people simply cannot have confidence that he will act in the best interest of the nation.

We respectfully request that Environment- al Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt resign or be removed from office.

Collin O’Mara is the president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation.

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I want to mention to everyone who has children that need to take Hunter’s Safe- ty, enroll them as soon as possible. I just enrolled my granddaughter and the only open class was on September 14 and 15. All the other classes were already filled.

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Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has pitched in to help me and the WWF in the past year. We’ve accomplished a lot in my first year as President, and we could not have done it without your help. I have a hard time believing that I am completing my first year as President. All of you have made the experience a real pleasure for me. I can truthfully say it felt great to know everyone had my back the past year. All of you have made the WWF what it is today. A BIG THANK YOU to all.

Bill Tollard,
President
Scholarships for 2018-2019

Recipients are as follows:

WILLIAM ABERG – MITCHEL J. BLOCK from McDonell WI – Majoring in Wildlife ecology

GORDON BUBOLZ – McKENNA J. HAMMINS from Clear Lake WI – Majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Management, with Minor in Conservation Biology

LESS WORRPHEL – ADAM J. RIDER from Prairie Du Chien WI – Majoring in Forest Management with a GIS (Geographical Information Systems) and Spatial Analysis Certificate.

WILLIAM PETERHUIS – AUSTIN R. HEADLER from New Richmond WI – Majoring in Soil and Land Management with a Certificate in Wetlands and GIS (Geographical Information Systems)


JIM WAREING – HALEY WHITEHOUSE from Weston WI – Majoring in Wildlife.

CAROL KUBE – DARCY E. LILLA from Edgerton WI – Majoring in Environmental Education and Interpretation.

AL KUBE – KALI RUSH from Stevens Point WI – Working on a Master’s of Science Degree, with Thesis work on estimating various breeding seasons vital rates for Wood Ducks.

DOCTOR TOM AND ANN JOHNSON – JACOB E. HEWITT from Deerfield WI – Majoring in Wildlife Ecology

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – CORBIN L. CZYSCON from Ladysmith WI – Majoring in Forest Management, minor in GIS (Geographical Information Systems)

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – ASHLEY A. PHILLIPS from Richfield WI – Majoring in Forest recreation

DICK HEMP – COLIN J. WELCH from Green Bay WI – Majoring in Resource Management (Law Enforcement) with a Minor in Forestry and Criminal Justice

PAULAPPLEBEE – ANDREW M. SELLA from Cedarburg WI – Double Majoring in Forestry Recreation and Forestry Ecosystem Restoration and Management

Betty Borchert, Scholarship Committee Chair, Past President George Borchert, Drs. Tom and Ann Johnson with the 2018 WWF Scholarship recipients. Drs. Tom and Ann Johnson sponsored a scholarship for the third consecutive year and announced they will sponsor a second scholarship in Honor of Executive Director George Meyer next year.

“Perhaps no one but a hunter can understand how intense an affection a boy can feel for a piece of marsh…. I came home one Christmas to find that land promoters, with the help of the Corps of Engineers had dyked and drained my boyhood hunting grounds on the Mississippi river bottoms…. My hometown thought the community enriched by this change. I thought it impoverished.”

~Aldo Leopold
2018 Wildlife Conservationist of the Year...Dick Baudhuin

Dick Baudhuin grew up on the west side of Sturgeon Bay working on his father’s boat yard where he learned the ropes of hunting, fishing and trapping in the abundant resources of Door County along with strong work ethic love for land and natural resources. That deep love of land and the natural resources prompted Dick and his family to acquire land with the sole purpose of managing land to pursue hunting, fishing, trapping and timber production. The family land acquisition grew to some 3000 acres in Door County and Northern WI – which included 300 acres on Chambers Island.

With a strong desire to protect the land and resources he loved, 500 acres were sold to the Bad River Indian Tribe with the caveat that the land would be managed for timber rather than be subdivided. Door County land was sold to the Door County Land Trust, which was then turned over to the DNR for managed timber, public hunting, trapping and fishing rights would be preserved. Dick worked closely with neighbors on Chambers Island to develop a 1000 acre preserve in cooperation with the Door County Trust.

Dick has been an instrumental & outspoken advocate for sound Land & Water management for resource preservation. Dick is a longtime member of the WI Conservation Congress, WI Woodland Owners Assn., WWF, and various Conservation organizations in Door County. Dick Baudhuin is an exemplary steward of the land and water he loves.

2018 Conservation Legislator of the Year...Nick Milroy

Representative Milroy has been in office since 2009 representing the northwestern portion of the state which includes Douglas, Washburn and Burnett counties. Representative has a biology degree from UW-Superior. As an educator, Rep. Milroy teaches biology at the UW- Eau Claire. Rep. Milroy has also worked as a biologist for State, Federal and tribal agencies.

Rep. Milroy has been the other voice in the current ever-changing political climate. He has worked hard to protect the state’s natural resources. He knows the difference with various bills affecting state hunting, fishing and trapping issues in WI. While representing WI Wildlife Federation, Rep. Milroy continues to listen and support the federation and vital bills that could affect our precious natural resources and rights.

2018 Youth Conservationist of the Year...Sawyer Boldt

Sawyer has been involved in conservation for many years. He worked closely with the Sheboygan County Conservation Association Fundraising banquet as part of the Youth involved. Meeting Sawyer you will be impressed with his enthusiasm and love of the outdoors. He possesses a superior work ethic, outstanding customer services skills.

Sawyer is a member of the Conservation Leadership Corp through WWF – for which he serves as Treasurer and an Associate Director for the WWF. Sawyer’s leadership skills continue to shine through his commitment to conservation efforts.

2018 W.W.F. Achiever

2018 Forest Conservationist of the Year...Chuck Pogorelcnik

Chuck was a civil engineer by trade for many years, when he retired he realized that the woodlands that he owned or was a steward of had an economic value and could be maintained and improved for timber and wildlife on a sustainable and sound ecological basis. Thus, started his second career – managing his woodlands for timber, wildlife and associated conservation values.

Chuck works with industrial foresters to manage the woodlands. He coordinates timber harvesting access for the adjoining landowners. Chuck salvages wind and storm damage wood and has used some of the lumber not only in constructing buildings on his property, but also to make and distribute picnic tables, bat houses and wood duck houses.

Chuck, always striving to better educate himself, is the member of several Woodland and Forest Owner Associations. He is always willing to share what he has learned with others, gaining recognition as an educational leader.

2018 Wildlife Conservationist of the Year...Dan Renzelman

Dan is very involved in the Pheasant program not only in Sheboygan County, but statewide. In 1996 Dan introduced to Sheboygan County a new strain of bird – a cross between game farm and the wilder Jilin pheasants. 500 birds were stocked the first year and the birds have thrived in the county.

Dan contributes his time and talents to the Sheboygan County Awards program (22 years) and Pheasants Forever banquet. He is a member of the Johnsville Rod & Gun Club. Dan has served on the Board of Directors for the Sheboygan County Conservation Association.

Dan has given of his time and talents to improve the habitat for the pheasants by working closely with area farmers to provide the birds food, a place to hide from the elements and to raise their young. In the past 25 years Dan has helped work and raises funds to protect & maintain Lake & Land Habitats in Sheboygan County. He has helped raise and release some 50,000 pheasants in Sheboygan County.

Presenting the awards are WWF Executive Director George Meyer and WWF President George Borchert.
2018 Conservation Organization of the Year...Bill Cook Chapter

The Bill Cook Chapter has a history spanning some 35 years working to improve wildlife and trout stream habitat on the Little Plover River through the Save our Streams program. They have worked closely with the DNR to conduct annual stream improvement projects on area trout streams such as the Tomorrow River and Emmons Creek.

The Chapter has sponsored some 67 Hunter Safety Classes and certified 2365 students. They also hold a Bow Hunter Safety class and organized a “Purple Heart Bear Hunt” which included a wounded veteran who was successful in harvesting a nice bear on his first ever bear hunt.

This Chapter has been a coalition partner on a variety of conservation issues, including groundwater legislation. The Chapter has an on-going connection with the students at UWSP including a Student Chapter.

2018 Professional of the Year...Nathan Roberts

Nathan Roberts holds a PhD in Fisheries and Wildlife Management from Cornell. His research as a DNR Large Carnivore and Furbearer Research Scientist has revolutionized furbearing management and revealed volumes of new information about furbearing behavior.

When Nathan joined the WI DNR he was already a national expert in carnivore and furbearer populations. Today, he is the most highly regarded expert in the nation. Probably the most extensive contribution to the wildlife science Nathan has made is his bobcat population dynamics research for the WI DNR. Nathan’s study has revealed any new acts about bobcat biology.

While working on bobcats, Nathan is also conducting cutting edge work on improving fisher, otter, and beaver estimates, expanding and improving methods to estimate bear and wolf populations in WI.

2018 Fishery Conservationist of the Year...Justin and Lynn Isherwood

Justin has worked closely with the DNR to take on a conservation cause without local support and against great odds to establish a viable trout habitat on his property via a drainage ditch known as Isherwood Lateral that is a navigable stream under DNR jurisdiction. The stream emanated from what was the Buena Vista “swamp” passing through his property.

With many years of hard work and determination, Isherwood Lateral has become a pristine spawning area for brook trout, which one of the most sensitive of fish as far as the purity of water.

To quote Justin “Nothing endorses our land practices better than when we can say we have brook trout, native brook trout, in the streams that line our fields.”

2018 Warden of the Year...Mark Schraunagel

Mark Schraunagel has been described as “exactly what you want all wardens on the force to be. In fact, he exemplifies in both his professional and personal life the words on the Warden Challenge Coin - “Doing The Right Thing, At The Right Time, In The Right Way, For The Right Reason”.

Mark excels in all areas of the Warden Profession requirements earning the respect of the public, other law enforcement agencies and DNR staff. Because of his skills and professionalism, Mark has routinely been selected to be a Training Warden for new warden recruits teaching them the responsibilities of being a Wisconsin Conservation Warden. Humble in nature, Mark Schraunagel exemplifies the best of what a Wisconsin Conservation Warden should be and is highly deserving of being the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation’s “Conservation Warden of the Year”.

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2018 Conservation Educator of the Year...Renee Wahlen

Renee has served as Director of Marsh Haven Nature Center at Horicon Marsh since October 2011.

Renee and her dedicated volunteers have put in countless hours to upgrade many of the museum displays and exhibits, established the Liliana Griffith Nature Nook, a popular hands-on Exploratorium for kids of all ages. Renee and her dedicated volunteers have also begun an “Animal Ambassador” program for local schools and have designed and built a 76-foot-long bridge over wetland organizations to perform John Denver Memorial Concerts and the list goes on.

It is easy to see that Renee is very deserving of this award given imagination, leadership, energy and overwhelming commitment to conservation education to make Marsh Haven a jewel in the Horicon Marsh.

2018 Professional of the Year...Franklin Dunsamo

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Since joining the Department of Natural Resources in February of 2003, Jim Warren has been serving as a Section Chief within the Division of Forestry. Jim oversees the administration and implementation of programs dealing with State Forests, County Forests, National Forests, Forest Certification, Private Forestry and Conservation Easements.

Jim has been providing invaluable service to the Wildlife Federation as the Forestry Division’s liaison to the Federation’s Forestry, Parks and Recreation Committees. In that role Jim helps set the agenda and attends all committee meetings. Jim provides detailed information on the wide range of DNR forestry programs and keeps the Federation up-to-date on important legislation, budgetary and staffing issues. His efforts have been especially important this year because of the internal reorganization of the DNR and the legislative direction to relocate the Forestry Division Headquarters to Northern Wisconsin.

As part of his liaison responsibilities to the Federation, Jim has also coordinated information from the DNR’s Parks Bureau and the Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau, assuring that there is strong information flow between the WWF and those important DNR programs.

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Funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

Congress just approved another $300 million in Fiscal Year 2018 for the GLRI. This is a highly bipartisan plan in the US Congress and this funding level has continued at this level for the last ten years.

How much money has been provided under the GLRI for Great Lakes restoration?

GLRI received approximately $2.56 billion from FY 2010 to FY 2017. Note that the 2018 budget adds another $300 million dollars, so that the total amount since 2010 is almost $3 billion.

How does the money fund restoration projects?

EPA and its partner agencies agree on program and project priorities to implement the GLRI Action Plan. The money is appropriated to EPA. EPA provides funding to other federal government agencies. In turn, those agencies (and EPA, too) use that money to fund restoration projects. Since the start of GLRI, EPA has provided more than half of the funds appropriated to its partner federal agencies.

Agencies undertake projects themselves; they also fund projects performed by other entities such as:

- states
- tribes
- local governments
- universities
- nongovernmental organizations
- Agencies that receive GLRI funds use several kinds of funding mechanisms, including:
  - interagency agreements
  - fund transfers
  - competitive grants
  - capacity-building grants
- Agencies provide notice of funding opportunities in accordance with their regular practices, such as posting competitive announcements through grants.gov.

See projects funded under GLRI

What kind of projects have been funded?

All projects must support one of the GLRI focus areas:

1. Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern—36%
2. Invasive Species—20%
3. Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health (formerly Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution FY2010-2014)—17%
4. Habitat and Species (formerly Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration FY2010-2014)—17%

Separation of Surf/Wake Boats From Shorelines and Watercraft

Whereas, the nearshore area of a lake known as the littoral zone extends from the shore to a depth of about 15 feet and is critically important to the ecology of the lake; and

Whereas, the shallow water, abundant light, and nutrient-rich sediment in the littoral zone provide ideal conditions for aquatic plant growth, which in turn, provides food and habitat for many animals such as fish, frogs, birds, muskrats, turtles, insects, and snails; and

Whereas, protecting the littoral zone is important for the health of fish and wildlife populations; and

Whereas, wake boats are also causing danger to other watercraft on Wisconsin lakes; and

Whereas, the large waves created by surf/wake boats are also causing danger to other watercraft on Wisconsin lakes including injuries to occupants of other boats.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on April 20 and 21, 2018 strongly supports:

- the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on April 20 and 21, 2018 strongly supports the creation of a 200 foot separation distance between surf/wake boats operating above slow-no-wake speed and shorelines and other watercraft; and

Now Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation seek the support of the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Legislative and Wisconsin Lakes (Association of Wisconsin Lake Districts) to adopt legislation creating a 200 foot separation distance for surf/wake boats and shorelines and other watercraft.

Resolution Requesting Audit of Bobcat Harvest Research Monies

Whereas, in 2005 the Department of Natural Resources set the bobcat application fee at $300, which was and is still in existence. Now, the legislature has increased the fees to $300.00, and Whereas, the State Legislature estimated for the next biennial budget that the total amount that would be generated for research would be $30,000.00; and

Whereas, for every subsequent budget the legislature has used the same $30,000 figure for bobcat research; and

Whereas, in subsequent years there has been a significant increase in bobcat harvest applications.

2018 CLC Participants

Starting at Top Left: Marco Mascitti, Katie Hauer, Hunter Nickolai, Hannah Holzschuh, Maddie Konopinski, Lauren Soergel, Jessyakah Anderson, Kyle Lichtenberg, Quen- tin Tyra, Tessa Stephens, Monae Taylor, Lil Pipping, George Meyer, Kailey Kraus, Annni Nakayama, Sam Johnson, Lexi Allworden, Halley Fell, Justin Mueller

Resolution to Extend Pheasant Hunting Season Closing Dates

Whereas the majority of the pheasants harvested in Wisconsin are penned on game farms and released into the wild.

Whereas the funding for the raising of these pheasants comes from sportsmen and women.

Whereas a number of these released pheasants remain unharvested at the end of current pheasant season.

Whereas most counties in Wisconsin have very little natural reproduction of pheasants.

Whereas an extended pheasant season would provide more hunting opportunities for pheasant hunters without harming the resource.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on April 20 and 21 2018 requests that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in those counties where there is very little natural pheasant reproduction, extend the closing date of the pheasant season to February 28th.
Successful WWF Shooting Range Seminar

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is dedicated to supporting its over 2000 members. A majority of the Federation’s affiliate clubs maintain and operate shooting ranges. The Federation periodically holds shooting range seminars to assist our affiliate clubs and other local shooting clubs maintain safe and environmentally sound facilities to assure their continued use long into the future.

This year’s shooting range seminar was held at the Dunn’s Southern Region Office in Fitchburg on Saturday, March 24th. Thirty-six individuals from sixteen different clubs participated in the seminar. The instructors for the seminar were Jeff Nass from Nass Consulting LLC and Keith Warmke, who heads up the Dunn’s shooting range program.

A wide range of topics were presented including range protection, being an asset to the community, standard operating procedures, signage, club premises, security, sound and lead management, insurance, club finances, second amendment rights, DNREC shooting range grants, trap range design, rifle and pistol range design, backstops, target placement, backstop maintenance, side bars, No Blue Sky positioning, use of steel, covered firing lines, target frames and shooting benches.

As has been the case with all previous WWF shooting range seminars, the feedback from the seminar participants has been very strong. The Federation’s Shooting Range Committee will be putting us to sponsor shooting range seminars in the future. A special thanks to the Department of Natural Resources for its funding for the event and to Jeff Nass for his excellent instruction.

Wheelchair Whitetails - A Unique Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities: by Keith A. Pamperin

Last year during the first week of November I along with two friends from Challenge the Outdoors Inc. were invited to participate in the final bow hunt at Steve Nooyen’s, Wheelchair Whitetails in Florence County, WI... and what a fun experience it was. Tommy Namore and I, Keith Pamperin left Green Bay Thursday morning November 9th full of anticipation. Jeff Pagels and his wife Jane were to meet us in camp later that evening. The further north we traveled the snow increased making traveling and the north country beauty more interesting. The Wheelchair Whitetails property is very secluded with a long meandering entry road through stands of mature maple trees, bordered by thousands of acres of Marinette and Florence County public land.

Steve says, “Having been extraordinarily blessed by God, my wife Kristi and I have chosen to steward our God-given resources for the benefit of wheelchair-bound individuals through a program called Wheelchair Whitetails, LLC.” In summary, Wheelchair Whitetails offers a three-day guided deer hunting experience to wheelchair-bound hunters at no cost.

The hunts are crossbow only and occur from mid-September to mid-November on the Nooyen’s 520-acre private property located at 90 minutes north of Green Bay in Florence County, WI. These are fair chase hunts with no fences. Hunts are conducted from wheelchair accommodating ground blinds, and transportation is provided to and from the blinds. All equipment, meals, and accommodations are provided for selected hunters and a companion at no cost.

In 2017, the inaugural year for Wheelchair Whitetails, Steve & Kristi hosted 17 hunters plus companions. Hunters arrived in camp Thursday morning and after orientation, lunch, and some practice with the crossbows they were off to the woods. Hunters departed camp by noon on Saturday. Every hunter saw plenty of deer, and several were successful harvesting deer at the end of the season. Shots were limited to 40 yards or less to minimize non-lethal hits, and “shoottable” deer are determined from year to year to maintain a healthy deer population.

After getting settled in the very comfortable accommodations, followed by an orientation to the land via aerial maps and a few practice shots with cross bows at varying distances we were off for the evening hunt. Steve took us out to the blinds with a cool and brisk UTJ ride. Tommy and I decided we would hold out for a nice buck until the final morning of the hunt. We were amazed at the number of deer we saw.

That evening Jeff and Jane Pagels joined us in camp. Jeff stated he would be thrilled to take the first good doe, saying “I don’t eat antlers.” Jeff did just that, taking a nice doe Friday morning.

Jeff reports “A high point of the weekend was when Steve dragged in a deer I killed to where I could touch it and we bowed our heads and gave thanks for the bounty just delivered.”

After a sleepless night of deer, Friday including a few smallerbucks, Tommy and I agreed Saturday morning was “fill a tag time”. We woke to a steady snow, with Steve taking Tommy to his blind, and Jeff and I to my blind. Jeff was going to be my camera man. Sure enough after about an hour in the blind, a nice doe appeared on the trail in front of me. After waking up my camera man, I took the shot. The deer made a giant leap and disappeared. After texting Steve, he came to look for the deer. Steve tracked the deer through the thick brush and heavy snow, and determined it was not vitally wounded. He said Tommy had also shot a doe, so he picked up Tommy and took the three of us back to camp. We changed into lighter clothes to track the two deer.

After about four hours, a very wet and exhausted Steve returned with Tommy’s doe and determined that I need to spend a little more time measuring distances with a crossbow.

Tommy Namore stated “I had a great time at Wheelchair Whitetails. I was really impressed with the amount of deer we saw. Steve and Kristi put on a 5-star deer hunt. We could not have asked for better accommodations even with two wheelchairs and a mobility scooter, everything was accessible. You can really tell Steve put a lot of thought into the blinds, designing something that anyone can use no matter their individual challenge. I personally learned a lot from the hunt, and even though it was a bow hunt, it kind of felt more like a crossbow.

We are truly blessed to have people like Steve and Kristi Nooyen, that choose to inspire persons with disabilities to dream more, do more, and learn more in our great God-given world. I agree we could not have asked for more.

Applications for fall hunts open March 1 of each year. For more information, or to apply for a hunt, please check out our website: www.wheelchairwhitetails.org

2018 Migratory Bird Seasons

Early Migratory Bird Season

Early Teal Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 7 (3 bird/day)
Early Geese Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 15 (5 bird/day)

Mourning Dove Season: See Sept. 1 – Sept. 15 (3 bird/day)

Woodcock Season: Sept. 22 – Nov. 5 (3 bird/day)

Duck Season

60 Day Season – 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards (only 1 may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scap, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback. 5 mergansers, not more than 2 hooded. Cost daily bag of 15.

Shooting hours begin at ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Duck Season Dates

Youth Hunt: Sept. 15 and 16
North Zone: Sept. 29 – Nov. 27
South Zone: Sept. 29 – Oct. 7 & Oct. 13 – Dec. 2 (5-day split)

Close dates: Monday Oct. 8 through Friday Oct. 12 and reopens on a Saturday

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Honey Fried Walleye Fillets

Ingredients
- 8 Large walleye fillets
- ¼ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
- 2 cups snack type crackers, crushed

Directions
Dry fillets on paper towel. Heat oil in 10 inch cast iron skillet. Mix honey and egg together. Combine cracker crumbs, flour, salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Dip fillets in egg mix and then coat with cracker mix. Fry until golden brown on both sides (about 3 minutes per side).

Northern with Vegetable Stuffing

Ingredients
- 1 4 to 8 lbs. northern
- 6 slices bacon
- 1 medium onion, cut three or four thin slices and finely chop rest
- 1 tomato finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 rib celery finely chopped
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
- Parsley sprigs

Directions
Scale, decapitate, and eviscerate the fish. Finely chop two pieces of bacon and mix with green pepper, tomatoes, celery, mushrooms and chopped onion. Place mixture into fish and add a couple of dots of butter. Skewer fish shut with toothpick. Rub with butter and wrap with remaining bacon, place onion slices on top. Bake at 350° for 12 minutes per pound or until fish flakes easily. Be careful not to over bake. Remove fish to platter and garnish with parsley.

Fish Camp Spam

Ingredients
- 1 can of spam sliced and diced
- 1 can of mushrooms
- ½ cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 cup sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
Sauté onion in butter, stir in mushroom soup and milk until well mixed. Add spam, dry mustard, mushrooms, salt, and pepper, and sour cream. Simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve over egg noodles.