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New Poll Shows 71 Percent of Voters in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District Want Land and Water Conservation Fund Reauthorized, Funded

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 30, 2018) — A new poll conducted for the National Wildlife Federation in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District shows 71 percent of voters there want to see the permanent reauthorization and full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. National Wildlife Federation President . NWF CEO Collin O'Mara said the results show that Speaker of the House Paul Ryan's constituents want him to ensure this critical program continues to support outdoor recreation for families, hunters and anglers, and wildlife-watchers with the community parks, trails, public lands and outdoor spaces critical to our shared heritage:

NWF CEO Collin O'Mara stated "The Land and Water Conservation has connected Americans with wildlife and outdoor recreation for more than half a century. The poll highlights not only that Americans of all backgrounds are united in their support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, but also the immense public support for Congress taking long-overdue action to permanently reauthorize and fully fund this critical program. Failing to act in the face of this overwhelming support would be a massive missed opportunity for our wildlife and outdoor heritage."

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Executive Director George Meyer indicated "The Land and Water Conservation Fund has provided over \$230 million over its history to fund over 600 state, local s parks, forests, fish and wildlife areas, trails and outdoor spaces for families throughout Wisconsin. These polling results underscore why Wisconsin's Congressional delegation led by Speaker Ryan need to act before Congress calls it quits this year. Permanently reauthorizing and fully funding the Land and Water Conservation is an important down-payment on stewarding Wisconsin's outdoor-recreation economy and wildlife heritage for generations to come."

Key results include:

- 71 percent of voters in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District want the Land and Water Conservation Fund renewed and funded;
- 39 percent of voters in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District would feel more favorably about Speaker Ryan if he "voted to authorize renewal of the Land and Water Conservation Fund."
- 47 percent of voters in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District would feel less favorably about Speaker Ryan if he "voted to renew the Land and Water Conservation Fund but not fund it."

The telephone poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling on November 26-27, surveyed 500 voters in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which expired in September, uses fees from offshore oil and gas revenues — at no cost to taxpayers — to invest in urban parks, walking and biking trails, wildlife habitat, historic sites, national parks and other open spaces.

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