

**WWF December 2007 Legislative Report**  
**2007-2009 Legislative Bills with WWF Position**  
**(Recent Legislative Action in Bold)**

**Assembly Bills**

AB 40---Prohibits the disposal of dredged materials containing PCBs in landfills

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Oppose---This bill will result in greater delays in cleaning up the PCBs in the Fox River

AB 42---Establishes Natural Resources Board approval of the DNR Secretary

**Hearing held by Assembly Natural Resources Committee**

Support----This bill reduces political interference in natural resource management

AB 45---Requires Personal Flotation Devices for youth 12 and under

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Public Hearing Held

Support---Will increase on-water safety for young anglers and boaters

AB 62----Increasing Number of Electrical Sites at State Parks

In Assembly Tourism, State Properties and Recreation Committee  
Public hearing held; Passed Committee; Referred to Joint Finance Committee

Support---Provides additional recreational opportunities to our members

AB 86----Creates Regulation of Ship Ballast Water Discharges Into the Great Lakes

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Support---This bill is critical to protect Great Lakes fisheries

AB 91----Restricts Voting on Conservation Congress Advisory Questions and Delegates to Wisconsin Residents

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held

Support----Assures that Congress proposals represent views of Wisconsin citizens

AB 93---Requires DNR to get Approval of the Joint Finance Committee Prior to Purchase of Development Rights Under the Stewardship Fund

In Assembly Property Rights Committee  
Public hearing held

Oppose----As written, this bill will delay land transactions that are important to hunters, anglers and trappers

AB 96---Regulating Possession and Transportation of Invasive Fish Species

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Passed by Committee**

Support----This bill is important to protecting Wisconsin's fisheries

AB 108---Free Access to State Parks and Trails for Certain Disabled Vets and POWs

In Assembly Tourism, State Properties and Recreation Committee  
**Passed Assembly Committee; Referred to Joint Finance Committee**

Support---Important to recognize those who have sacrificed for our rights

AB 130---Authorizing All Members of the Wisconsin National Guard to Obtain Resident Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Passed Assembly; Passed Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee; **Passed Senate; Signed into Law by the Governor—Act 23**

Support---Only reasonable for those serving our nation

AB 131---Easing Requirements for Hunting License Requirements for Armed Forces Members

Passed Assembly; Passed Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee; **Passed Senate; Signed into Law by the Governor---Act 24**

Support-----Only reasonable for those serving our nation

AB 157---Regulation of Greenhouse Gases

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Support---This bill is critically important to protect fish and wildlife and their habitat

AB 163---Exempting the Construction of a Road in a Wetland in the City of Tomahawk

**Passed Assembly; In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

Oppose---Will adversely affect wetlands; Alternatives need to be explored

AB 177---Creates Tax Exemption for Conservation Easements Donated to State and Counties

In Assembly Forestry Committee

Support, this increases the opportunity to protect fish and wildlife habitat

AB 187---Creating a One-day Fishing License

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Oppose, if it results in a decrease to the Fish and Wildlife account

AB 198---Allowing Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Wardens to Enforce State Conservation Laws

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held; Passed Committee

Support---This bill is critically important to protect fish and wildlife and their habitat

AB 228---Authorizes the Transfer of Approvals to Minors

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Passed Assembly, Passed Senate. Signed into Law by Governor---Act 27**

Support---Increase youth hunting opportunities

AB 284----Naming the State Trail System After Aldo Leopold

**Passed Assembly; Hearing held by Senate Environment and  
Natural Resources Committee  
Counterpart Bill---SB 161 Signed into law---Act 35**

Support---An appropriate recognition for Aldo Leopold

AB 296---Authorizing Former Resident Military to have Resident Licenses

**Passed Assembly; Public Hearing Held in Senate Environment  
and Natural Resources Committee**

AB 297----Regulation of Piers

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Support---The WWF supported this compromise last session

AB 304----Providing information on Stewardship Lands

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Public hearing held; Put into State Budget and Signed Into Law**

Support---Will provide better information on public land access

AB 334----Designating Feral Pigs as harmful wild animals

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
**Public Hearing Held; Passed Assembly Committee**

Support---This bill will help reduce habitat loss from feral pigs

AB 346----Repealing Pre-application Barriers for Construction of Nuclear Power Plants

In Assembly Energy and Utilities Committee

Support---Need to keep open all options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions  
This position does not reflect whether WWF supports any  
particular use of nuclear power

AB 371----Tax Credits for Electric Motor and Ethanol Vehicles

In Assembly Biofuels and Sustainable Energy Committee  
**Public Hearing Held**

Support---An aid to reducing greenhouse gas emissions

AB 378----Tax Credits for Alternative Energy and Energy Efficient Devices

In Assembly Biofuels and Sustainable Energy Committee  
**Public Hearing Held**

Support---An aid to reduce greenhouse gases

AJR 34---Constitutional Amendment Preventing Diversion of Hunting and Fishing Stamp Funds

In Assembly Ways and Means Committee  
**Passed Assembly Committee; Scheduled for Assembly Vote**

Support---Protecting Waterfowl, Inland Trout, Pheasant, Turkey and Great Lakes Salmon and Trout funds from being misappropriated

AB 396----Restrictions on the use of phosphorus in lawn fertilizer

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Support---This bill will reduce water pollution and damage to fish and wildlife habitat

AB 401----Eliminating 3-day Waiting Period to Bowhunt After License Purchase

In Assembly Natural Resources Committee; **Public Hearing Held**

Support---Will allow greater opportunity to hunt

AB 454----Allowing Federal Approvals to Be Purchased on State Automated License System

**Passed Assembly; Hearing held by Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

Support---Will make obtaining certain hunting approvals easier

AB 479----Admissibility into Evidence of the Existence of an Endangered Species

In Assembly Judiciary and Ethics Committee  
**Public hearing held; Passed Committee**

Oppose-----Endangered resources should be protected

## New Assembly Bills Since October Meeting

AB 504---Natural Resource Board Appointment of DNR Secretary

**In Assembly Natural Resources Committee; Public Hearing Held**

Support---This bill reduces political interference in natural resource Management

AB 543---County determination of Ordinary Highwater Marks

**In Assembly Natural Resources Committee**

Referred to WWF Fisheries Committee

AB 567---Sale and care of Dogs

**In Assembly Consumer Protections and Personal Privacy Committee**

Referred to WWF Wildlife Committee

AB 581---Use of Emergency Powers to Restrict Use of Firearms

**In Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee  
Public Hearing Held; Passed Committee**

In WWF State Affairs Committee

AB 588---Increasing Maximum Penalties for Littering

**In Assembly Natural Resources Committee**

AB 602---Authorizes Crossbows for Nonresidents over 65

**In Assembly Natural Resources Committee**

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## Senate Bills

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SB 15---Establishes Natural Resources Board approval of the DNR Secretary

Companion bill to AB 42  
Referred to Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held; **Passed Committee; Passed Senate 21-12**

Support----Reduces political interference in natural resource management

SB 16---Requires Personal Flotation Devices for youth 12 and under

Companion bill to AB 45  
Referred to the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Passed Committee; Passed Senate; In Assembly Tourism Committee

Support----Will increase on-water safety for young anglers and boaters

SB 49----Free Access to State Parks and Trails for Certain Disabled Vets and POWS

Companion bill to AB 108

In Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee  
Passed Committee; **Passed Senate; Passed Assembly Committee**

Support---Important to recognize those who have sacrificed for our rights

SB 81----Regulation of Greenhouse Gases

Companion Bill to AB 157

In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Public hearing held; Passed Committee; In Joint Finance Committee**

Support---This bill is critically important to protect fish and wildlife and their habitat

SB 97----Allowing Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Wardens To Enforce State Fish and Game Laws

Companion Bill to AB 198  
In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held; Passed Committee  
**Counterpart AB 198 signed into law by Governor---Act 27**

Support---This bill is important to assure greater protection of fish and wildlife

and wildlife habitat

SB 104---Requiring Background Checks on Sale of Firearms Between Private Citizens in Milwaukee County (Expanded to Whole State)

In Senate Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Committee  
Public hearing held

Oppose---An unreasonable restriction on Second Amendment Rights

SB 119---Creates Regulation of Ship Ballast Water Discharges into the Great Lakes

Companion Bill to AB 86  
In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held

SB 127---Places Additional Requirements on DNR to Remove Abandoned Dams

In Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee

Oppose----Reduces opportunities to protect fish habitat in streams

SB 161---Naming the State Trail System after Aldo Leopold

Companion bill to AB 284  
In Senate Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held; Passed Senate Committee; Passed Senate;  
Assembly Committee hearing held; Passed Assembly Committee  
**Passed Assembly; Signed into law by Governor---Act 35**

Support----An appropriate way to recognize this great conservation leader

SB 166---Easing Hunting License Requirements for Armed Forces Members

Companion Bill to AB 131  
In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Public hearing held: Passed Senate Committee

Support---Only reasonable for those serving our nation

**Counterpart AB 131---Signed into law by Governor---Act 24**

SB 169---Relating to Pier Regulations

Companion Bill to AB 297  
In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Support---The WWF supported this compromise bill last session

SB 197---Restrictions on the use of phosphorus in lawn fertilizer

In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Public hearing held; Passed Committee—3-2**

Support---This bill will reduce water pollution and damage to fish habitat

SB 198---Allows Immediate Use of Archery Deer License

In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Passed Senate Committee; Passed Senate; In Assembly Natural Resources Committee**

Support---Will provide greater opportunity to hunt

SB 230---Authorizing Group Bowhunting

In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Oppose---Contrary to historical well-accepted archery practices

SB 235---Bill Relating to Drainage Ditch Regulation

In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Referred to WWF Fisheries Committee

SJR 50---Recognition of Jeff Nania, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association

In Senate Organization Committee

Support---Recognizes Jeff Nania's excellent conservation work

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### **New Senate Bills Since June-----**

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SB 308---Regulating Sale and Care of Dogs

In Senate Consumer Protection Committee

Referred to WWF Wildlife Committee

**SB 346---Regulating Products Containing Mercury**

**In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

**Referred to WWF Environment Committee**