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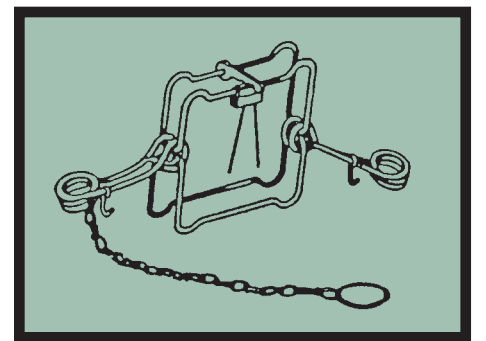
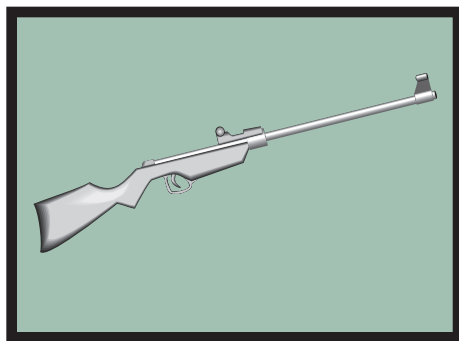


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2010 Annual Spring Hearings

**Exercise the Wisconsin privilege
to speak to-on hunting ~ fishing ~
trapping issues.**



**Attend the
2010 Spring Hearings
April 12, 2010**

—WWF Editor D.A. Gries

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President's Report

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Spring is right around the corner and with it comes some exciting times for Wisconsin sportsmen. The Conservation Congress Spring Hearings will be held April 12th this year in every county across the state and I encourage all sportsmen and women to attend. This is a great opportunity for sportsmen and women to help shape the future of hunting and fishing in the State.

Also spring is a time to visit the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sport Show. This year the show will once again be held at the State Fair Park grounds in Milwaukee. It will run from March 10th thru March 14th. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the Wisconsin Camo Coalition will be sharing a booth this year and I hope you all stop in and say hello!

Spring is a very busy time for the WWF, it's banquet season all across the state. It is that time of the year for the Wisconsin Wildlife Federations Annual Meeting as well as the National Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting. It's the time of year when the sap from the maple

trees at the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center is turned into maple syrup. Maple Festival at the Center this year is Saturday April 3rd from 8:00 am-2:00 pm.

A pancake breakfast will be available from 8:00 am till noon. It's a great time to come out and see the Center and learn about the maple syrup making process. The MacKenzie Center is located two miles east of Poynette on County Road CS & Q. For more information call 608-635-8105.

It's a time for spring walleye runs and turkey talk, a time to start making plans for the fall big game hunting seasons, but most important it's time to get out and go to the spring hearings and spend the evening with fellow sportsman and women.

I have had the privilege of writing this report for almost a year now and I have loved every minute of it. Thanks and please remember to stop by at the Sport Show and say hello!!

Jack Nissen
President

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Executive Director Activity



Governor Doyle, 38 State Representatives Reject Wisconsin Sportsmen and Women on DNR Secretary Appointment Bill

February 24, 2010

Poynette: Yesterday, Governor James Doyle and thirty-eight Wisconsin state representatives rejected the request of 270 hunting, fishing, trapping, forestry and other conservation and environmental groups to restore the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary back to the Natural Resources Board.

While the State Assembly voted by an overwhelming 58 to 38 margin to override Governor James Doyle's veto of AB 138, the bill that would have restored the appointment authority to the NRB, a two-thirds majority was required because of Doyle's reversal of his fourteen year support for the Board appointment. Doyle had repeatedly indicated such support to sports groups and individuals when he ran for elections. When the change was made to a Governor's appointed system, then Attorney General Doyle called it a "wholesale attack on the way we protect the environment."

In the last week before the vote, big business interests, such as the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, the Wisconsin Builders Association, the Wisconsin Realtors and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau lobbied state representatives heavily and the two-thirds majority to override the veto was lost. These groups and others opposed to the override contribute heavily to Doyle and the thirty-eight representatives that voted against Wisconsin sportsmen and women. As an example, it has been reported that these interests contributed \$4.14 million to Doyle since 2003. Doyle's aides including a DNR employee were actively lobbying against the override in the State Capitol yesterday.

Approximately two hundred blaze orange clad hunters, anglers trappers and other conservationists were at the Capitol to show their strong support for the veto override.

The following thirty-eight state representatives actually looked those sportsmen and women in the eye and voted no on the veto override.

Republicans Voting Against the Override: Ballweg, Brooks, Davis, Fitzgerald, Friske, Gottlieb, Gunderson, Gundrum, Honadel, Huebsch, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, LeMahieu, Lothian, Montgomery, Murtha, Nass, Newcomer, Nygren, Al Ott, Jim Ott, Petersen, Petrowski, Pridemore, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota, Townsend, Vos, Vukmir and Zipperer.

Democrats Voting Against the Override: Steinbrink, Young and Zepnick.

Independent Voting Against the Override: Wood

Democrat Paired Against the Override: Kessler

A special thank you to the following 58 representatives who resisted the heavy lobbying by the business interests and the Governor and voted to support Wisconsin sportsmen and women:

Republicans Voting for the Override: Bies, Kaufert, Meyer, Mursau, Nerison, Ripp, Roth, Spanbauer, Tauchen, Van Roy, and Mary Williams.

Democrats Voting for the Override: Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Black, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Dexter, Fields, Garthwaite, Grigsby, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jorgensen, Krusick, Mason, Milroy, Molepske, Nelson, Parisi, Pasch, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Radcliffe, Richards, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Toles, Turner, Van Akkeren, Vruwink, Ziegelbauer and Zigmunt.

Democrats Paired for the Override: Annette Williams

Republican Scott Suder, a cosponsor and a strong supporter of the bill did not vote due to his active duty deployment in Afghanistan. We greatly appreciate his service and support.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is the state's largest conservation organization representing 168 hunting, fishing, trapping and forestry-related groups. The Federation is dedicated to conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies.

George Meyer, Executive Director

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Info: 1-800-897-4161

New On-Line System to Make Asbestos Removal Notifications Easier

A new on-line system will make it easier for building owners and contractors to make the required notification of demolition projects that involve the removal of asbestos.

The Department of Natural Resources is rolling the Asbestos Renovation and Demolition Notification (ARDN) system (click on the link to "Switchboard" to register) that makes it easier for building owners and contractors to submit and make changes to their required notices. Notification to DNR is required for most building demolition and asbestos removal 10 business days prior to beginning any work.

"We are using new technology to improve customer service, reduce paper and assure an effective asbestos pro-

gram," said DNR Secretary Matt Frank.

The ARDN system was developed in coordination with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and accepts notifications for both agencies, avoiding duplication and reducing processing time. The applicant enters the project information and the system notifies both agencies, generating an invoice from the appropriate agency.

"This new on-line system is easy to use and simplifies the notification process for two state agencies to keep projects on schedule and better protect the public and the environment from asbestos releases," noted John Melby, Director of the DNR Bureau of Air Management.

Exposure to asbestos fibers can occur during renovations and demolitions and

may cause serious health problems. Asbestos is carcinogenic and can cause significant respiratory problems including asbestosis, mesothelioma and lung cancer.

Asbestos has been used in more than 3,000 products, primarily building and automobile products, for more than a century. Common uses are thermal pipe and boiler insulation, spray-applied fire proofing and sound proofing, floor coverings, ceiling tiles, roofing materials, "transite" pipe and sheeting, caulking and window glazing.

Melby said it is a common misconception that all asbestos-containing building materials were banned by the EPA in 1989. The EPA did ban many asbestos products in 1989, but most of the ban was overturned in 1991. Asbestos is still allowed for use in construction and automobile materials including cement, corrugated and flat sheeting, fire proof clothing, pipeline wrap, roofing felt, vinyl floor tile, cement shingles, millboard, cement pipe, automatic transmission components, clutch facings, friction materials, disc brake pads, drum brake linings, brake blocks, gaskets, non-roofing and roofing coatings.

However, many corporations have made voluntary substitutions in their products out of concern for public health and consumer demand. Canada still mines asbestos and adds it to many building products that are imported to the United States. This is the reason there is no cut-off date for asbestos inspection requirements prior to demolition and renovation projects.

In general, DNR regulations require that buildings scheduled for demolition or renovation must have a thorough asbestos inspection prior to beginning

any work. Notification must be made to DNR for most demolition projects. Determining whether a notice is required for renovation projects can be a case-by-case situation, depending on the historical and current use of the building and asbestos quantities. More detailed information on the demolition and renovation requirements is available on the DNR Asbestos Program Web page.

ARDN is accessible 24 hours a day, every day. First-time users must register through the program "Switchboard" and wait one to two days to be added as a user. Once registered and added, log into the Switchboard and choose "Asbestos Notification" to submit a notice. The applicant enters data directly into the system which prompts them for more information, if needed. Once the notice is completed and submitted, the system creates the notice and invoice and starts the 10 business day clock.

"This improvement will help us better identify significant asbestos removal and demolition projects while providing contractors and building owners with an easy way to submit information, make changes and review their notifications," said Amy Walden, Asbestos Coordinator, Bureau of Air Management.

More information on the health effects, sources and control of asbestos, and worker safety can be found on the following Web sites:

- Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/asbestos/]
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [www.epa.gov/asbestos]
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration [www.osha.gov/SLTC/asbestos/]

Pruning Trees in Winter Can Help Reduce the Spread of Oak Wilt

Winter is a good time for tree pruning, according to state forestry specialists, who say winter pruning greatly reduces the likelihood of spreading oak wilt and other tree diseases, and it also minimizes pruning stress on trees.

"The best time to prune trees in Wisconsin is during winter when a tree is dormant," according to Don Kissinger, an urban forester with the Department of Natural Resources. "Insects and diseases that could attack an open wound on pruned tree aren't active in winter. And without leaves, broken, cracked or hanging limbs and branch structure are easy to see and prune."

Timing is especially critical for pruning oak trees in order to limit the spread of oak wilt, a devastating fungal disease of oaks that has been present in the state for probably a century or longer. Oak wilt fungus spreads from tree to tree by "hitchhiking" on sap-feeding beetles that are attracted to freshly pruned or injured trees and root grafts between neighboring trees.

"Oak wilt causes the water- and nutrient-conducting channels in the tree to plug up and fail," explains Kyoko Scanlon, DNR forest health specialist. "Once a tree is infected, water and stored nutrients can't move upward from the root system, and that causes the tree's leaves to wilt and fall. The tree dies shortly afterward in some species of oak."

"Red oaks, which include red, pin, and black oak, are particularly vulnerable to oak wilt. Once wilting symptoms appear, trees in the red oak group die very quickly, often within a month."

Oak wilt is found mainly in the southern two-thirds of Wisconsin. It has also been found in Barron, Burnett, Florence, Langlade, Marinette, and Polk Counties.

Both Kissinger and Scanlon said prevention is the best defense against this disease. The only other treatment options are costly fungicide applications or trenching between healthy and infected trees in order to sever connected roots.

DNR foresters recommend people stop pruning, wounding, or cutting oak trees in urban settings from April through July. A more cautious approach limits pruning in urban areas until October 1.

"The most critical time for oak wilt infection being spread by insects is the spring and early summer," Scanlon said. "In some years, spring comes much earlier than we expect. If daytime tempera-

tures begin to reach the 50-degree Fahrenheit mark, stop pruning oaks at that time, even if it's still the middle of March."

Communities where oak wilt disease is a problem include Adams, Baraboo, Black River Falls, Durand, Eau Claire, Fort McCoy, Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Menomonie, Mosinee, Onalaska, Richland Center, Shawano, Stevens Point, and Waupaca.

Additional information on oak wilt can be found on the forestry pages of the DNR Web site.

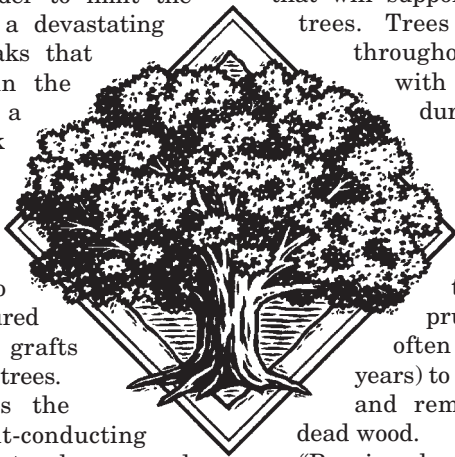
Pruning can be beneficial for trees

Before planning any tree pruning, owners should consider some guidelines that will support the health of their trees. Trees should be pruned throughout their entire life, with more attention paid during the first 10 years (every other or every third year) to foster strong structural or "scaffold" limbs. Once proper structure is established, pruning can occur less often (about every five years) to maintain the structure and remove larger pieces of dead wood.

"Pruning should not take more than 25 percent of the live crown of a tree while the lower third of established trunks of deciduous trees should be free of limbs," Kissinger said.

Kissinger offered these tips for pruning shade or deciduous trees and encourages folks to review the DNR pruning brochure.

- Remove limbs growing toward the ground.
- Remove limbs that are crossing, rubbing, or growing parallel to one another, competing for the same space in the tree crown.
- Remove limbs growing vertically or toward the interior of the tree.
- Remove broken, cracked, diseased, or dead limbs.
- Maintain one central trunk or "leader" for as long as possible.
- Never remove so many interior branches that leaves are only present at the outside edge of the tree.
- Never prune a branch flush to the trunk as the large wound reduces the tree's natural decay barrier. The cut should begin just outside the branch bark ridge and continue at a slight outward angle.
- Never "top" trees. This makes the tree vulnerable to decay, it sucks energy from the tree, and it could lead to an early tree death.



One Youth to Win Bear Hunting Opportunity

Poynette, WI – The *Wisconsin Wildlife Federation*, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources will reward one talented youth with an opportunity to participate in a chance of a lifetime bear hunt!

To enter, any individual, age 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 must submit an original typed, double-spaced essay, 500 words or fewer, addressing this question:

"What is the importance of youth hunting today?"

Applicants must be 10 years of age or older with less than two years of hunting experience of any kind.

Entries must be postmarked by or e-mailed by May 1 to:

**Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
c/o Bear Hunting Essay Contest
W7303 Cty Rd CS & Q
Poynette, WI 53955-9690
Email: Jennifer@wiwf.org
Phone: 608-635-2742**

Entries must include the contestant's name, address, e-mail address, birth date and phone number(s) on each page of the essay – and a completed, Learn to Hunt Bear Program application available at; dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/bear/lth.htm

The top-scoring essay will be chosen from each age category. The grand prize winner will be chosen by a random lottery of the top essays. The winner will be notified by telephone.

Scoring criteria are available at www.wiwf.org.

2010 Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Congress Statewide Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Rule Hearings - April 12, 2010

Editor's Note: The questions identified within are taken out of context from the 72-page 2010 hearing booklet. ...Dag

Department of Natural Resources Proposed Management Rule Changes

Q. Do you support allowing 16 and 17 year olds who are accompanied by an adult to participate in the youth turkey hunting season?

Q. Do you support allowing the use of telescopic sights during the muzzleloader-only deer season that follows the traditional firearm deer season?

Q. To reduce confusion over what constitutes a "normal agricultural or gardening practice" do you favor establishing that feed material which has been collected or harvested is considered to be bait when it is re-deposited on the land in a manner that it is accessible to deer, bear, elk or turkeys? Under this proposal, placing feed for livestock which are present on enclosed lands would not be considered bait.

Q. Do you favor eliminating the Rock Prairie goose management subzone so that it would become part of the Exterior Canada Goose Management Zone?

Wolf River trout regulations

Q. Do you favor making the trout regulations during the regular season (first Saturday in May through September 30) on the Wolf River in Langlade County the following: daily bag limit of 3 trout under 12", artificial lures only? The October 1-November 15 catch-and-release season will be retained for the entire length of the Wolf River in Langlade County.

Lake Metonga walleye regulations

Q. Do you favor reducing the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 to 3 fish and increasing the minimum size restrictions from 15 to 18" in Lake Metonga in Forest County?

Oconto River night fishing prohibition

Q. Do you support prohibiting fishing from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour after sunrise on the Oconto River upstream of the Highway 141 bridge to the Oconto Dam in Oconto County, between September 15 and the first Saturday in May?

Three Lakes Chain Walleye Regulations

Q. Do you favor replacing the current "no minimum length limit and 14 to 18" protected slot" with "no minimum length limit but only one walleye over 14" allowed" and increasing the daily bag limit from 3 to 5 walleye in total on the Three Lakes Chain, Oneida County?

Little St. Germain Lake musky regulation

Q. Do you favor making permanent the current 45-inch minimum size restriction on muskellunge in Little St. Germain Lake in Vilas County?

Waupaca River trout regulations

Q. Do you favor decreasing the minimum size restrictions on all trout to 7", and increasing the daily bag limit to 5 fish from 3 fish on the Waupaca River below River Road (Waupaca County)?

Conservation Congress Proposals

Lead reduction in fishing tackle

Q. Would you support efforts by the state to phase out the use of lead fishing tackle less than one inch in length and less than one ounce in weight for use in Wisconsin waters?

Create a free weekend to be able to train hounds on bear without a Class B bear license

Q. Would you support establishing one weekend in August when a Class B license would not be required to participate in bear hunting or hound training?

Backup shooter

Q. Would you be in favor of allowing the use of a backup shooter while bear hunting?

Allow group bow hunting for antlerless deer in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Zone

Q. Would you favor allowing group bow hunting for antlerless deer in the CWD zone?

No change to deer management units (DMUs)

Q. Would you support leaving DMUs at the current (2009) configuration?

Legalize rifles for deer hunting in Waupaca County

Q. Would you support allowing the use of rifles in Waupaca County during the gun deer season?

Requiring secondary gates on cervid farms

Q. Would you support a change to state statute that would require a double gate mechanism on all captive cervid farms in Wisconsin?

Legalize .41 caliber, .44 caliber and .357 caliber pistol rounds in long guns in deer hunting shotgun zones

Q. Would you support allowing the use of .41 caliber, .44 caliber and .357 caliber pistol rounds in long guns in deer hunting shotgun zones?

Allow the hunting of fox and coyote over bait

Q. Would you support a rule change to allow the hunting of fox and coyote over bait from December 1 until the close of the fox harvest season (February 15)?

Lower crossbow eligibility age to 55

Q. Would you support a statutory change that would allow hunters 55 years of age or older to use a crossbow for hunting without the need to obtain medical proof of a disability?

Lower bag limit on crappies north of Hwy. 8

Q. Would you support the DNR managing crappies as separate species, so that lower bag limits could be set on lakes and rivers north of Hwy 8?

2010 Spring Hearing Locations

Adams – Adams County Courthouse, County Board Room, 402 Main Street, Friendship, WI 53934
Ashland – Ashland Senior High School, 1900 Beaser, Ashland, WI 54806
Barron – Old County Courthouse, Auditorium, 330 E. LaSalle Ave., Barron, WI 54812
Bayfield – Bayfield County Courthouse, County Board Room, 117 E. 5th St, Washburn, WI 54891
Brown – Southwest High School, School Auditorium, 1331 Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI 54304
Buffalo – Alma High School, Gymnasium, S1618 STH 35, Alma, WI 54610
Burnett – Burnett County Government Center, 7410 County Road K, Siren, WI 54872
Calumet – Calumet County Courthouse, 206 Court Street, Rm. B025, Chilton, WI 53014
Chippewa – Chippewa Falls Middle School Auditorium, 750 Tropicana Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Clark – Greenwood High School, Cafeteria, 306 W. Central Ave., Greenwood, WI 54437
Columbia – Portage Junior High School, 2505 New Pinery Rd., Portage, WI 53901
Crawford – Crawford Co. Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom, 220 N. Beaumont Rd., Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Dane – Schwan Performing Arts Center, Monona Grove High School, 4400 Monona Dr., Monona, WI 53716
Dodge – Horicon City Hall, 404 E. Lake St., Horicon, WI 53032
Door – Sturgeon Bay High School, Auditorium, 1230 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Douglas – Superior Senior High School, Cafeteria, 2600 Catlin Ave., Superior, WI 54880
Dunn – Dunn County Fish and Game Club, 1900 Pioneer Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751
Eau Claire – South Middle School, Auditorium, 2115 Mitscher Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54729
Florence – Florence Natural Resource Center, 5631 Forestry Dr., Florence, WI 54121
Fond du Lac – Theisen Middle School, 525 E Pioneer Rd., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935
Forest – Crandon Area School District, 9750 US HWY 8 West, Crandon, WI 54520
Grant – Lancaster High School, Hillary Auditorium, 806 East Elm St., Lancaster, WI 53813
Green – Monroe Middle School, 1220 16th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
Green Lake – Green Lake High School, Small Gym, 612 Mill St., Green Lake, WI 54941
Iowa – Dodgeville High School, Gymnasium, 912 Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533
Iron – Mercer Community Center, 2648 W Margaret Street, Mercer, WI 54547
Jackson – Black River Falls Middle School, LGI Room, 1202 Pierce Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Jefferson – Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center, 503 N. Jackson, Jefferson, WI 52549
Juneau – Olson Middle School, Auditorium, 508 Grayside Avenue, Mauston, WI 53948
Kenosha – Bristol Elementary School, 20121 83rd Street, Bristol, WI 53104
Kewaunee – Kewaunee High School, Auditorium, 911 Third Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216
La Crosse – Onalaska High School, 700 Hilltopper Pl., Onalaska, WI 54650
Lafayette – Darlington High School, Auditorium, 11838 Center Hill Road, Darlington, WI 53530
Langlade – Antigo High School, 1900 10th Ave., Antigo, WI 54409
Lincoln – Tomahawk Elementary School, 1048 East King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Manitowoc – UW-Manitowoc, Theatre/Auditorium, 705 Viebahn Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Marathon – D.C. Everest Middle School, Auditorium, 9302 Schofield Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476
Marinette – Crivitz High School, Auditorium, 400 South Avenue, Crivitz, WI 54114
Marquette – Montello High School, Community Room, 222 Forest Lane, Montello, WI 53949
Menominee – Menominee County Courthouse, Courthouse Lane, Keshena, WI 54135
Milwaukee – Nathan Hale High School, 11601 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227
Monroe – Sparta Meadowview School, A103 Cafeteria, 1225 North Water St., Sparta, WI 54656
Oconto – Suring High School, Cafeteria, 411 E Algoma St., Suring, WI 54174
Oneida – James Williams Middle School, Auditorium, 915 Acacia Lane, Rhinelander, WI 54501
Outagamie – Riverview Middle School, Auditorium, 101 Oak St., Kaukauna, WI 54130
Ozaukee – Webster Middle School, Commons, W75 N624 Wauwatosa Road, Cedarburg, WI 53012
Pepin – Pepin County Government Center, County Board Room, 740 7th Ave. West, Durand, WI 54736
Pierce – Ellsworth Senior High School, Auditorium, 323 Hillcrest, Ellsworth, WI 54011
Polk – Unity High School, 1908 150th St., Balsam Lake, WI 54810
Portage – Ben Franklin Junior High School, Auditorium - Room 1208, 2000 Polk St., Stevens Point, WI 54481
Price – Price County Courthouse, 126 Cherry St., Phillips, WI 54555
Racine – Union Grove High School, 3433 S. Colony Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182
Richland – Richland County Courthouse, Courtroom, 181 West Seminary, Richland Center, WI 53581
Rock – Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N Pontiac Dr., Janesville, WI 53545
Rusk – Ladysmith High School, 1700 Edgewood, Ladysmith, WI 54848
Saint Croix – St Croix Central High School, Commons, 1751 Broadway St., Hammond, WI 54015
Sauk – UW Baraboo Campus, A4 Lecture Hall, 1006 Connie Road, Baraboo, WI 53913
Sawyer – Winter High School Cafeteria, 6585W Grove Street, Winter, WI 54552
Shawano – Shawano Middle School, LGI Room, 1050 S. Union St., Shawano, WI 54166
Sheboygan – Sheboygan Falls High School, Auditorium, 220 Amherst Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Taylor – Fair Grounds, Multi purpose building, Hwy 64/ Hwy 13, Medford, WI 54451
Trempealeau – City Center Gym, 36245 Park St., Whitehall, WI 54773
Vernon – Viroqua High School, Commons, 100 Blackhawk Drive, Viroqua, WI 54665
Vilas – Saint Germain Elementary School, 8234 Hwy 70, Saint Germain, WI 54558
Walworth – Delavan-Darien High School, 150 Cummings St., Delavan, WI 53115
Washburn – Spooner Ag Research Station, W6646 Highway 70, Spooner, WI 54801
Washington – Washington County Fairgrounds, 3000 Cty Hwy PV, West Bend, WI 53090
Waukesha – Waukesha Expo Center, North Hall, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha, WI 53188
Waupaca – Waupaca High School, Auditorium, E 2325 King Rd., Waupaca, WI 54981
Waushara – Waushara County Court House, 2nd Floor Old Court Rm., 209 S. St. Marie St., Wautoma, WI 54982
Winnebago – Webster Stanley Middle School, Auditorium, 915 Hazel Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Wood – Pittsville High School, Auditorium, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Pittsville, WI 54466

Environmental Enforcement

Wisconsin Department of Justice

State Settles Water Pollution Control Case Against The Village of Clyman

February 9, 2010

Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced that his office has resolved a civil case it has brought against the Village of Clyman, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) investigated the matter and then asked the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) to prosecute the Dodge County Village for various water pollution control violations. The complaint filed in the case alleged that although the Village had known for some years that its wastewater collection and conveyance system, specifically including an 8,000-foot-long buried force main sewer leading to several treatment lagoons, was badly deteriorated and leaking due to age and neglect, the Village had failed to make all of the repairs necessary for proper operation. The force main sewer was allegedly prone to breakages which resulted in the sudden discharge of large quantities of untreated sewage onto the surface of private lands and into adjacent wetlands. The complaint also alleged that the Village's treatment system often exceeded regulatory limits on the strength of pollutants it discharged into an unnamed tributary to Dead Creek, which in turn is a tributary of Lake Sinissippi.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement which has been approved by

Dodge County Circuit Court Judge Brian A. Pfitzinger, the Village of Clyman has agreed:

- To complete the construction of a new, \$3 million wastewater treatment plant, to be served by a new force main sewer, by July 1, 2011;
- To implement a DNR-approved, ten-year program of repairs and improvements to its sewage collection system;
- To impose and enforce a moratorium on new sanitary sewer extensions and connections, to remain in effect until the Village's new wastewater treatment plant becomes operational;
- To properly abandon the Village's existing wastewater treatment lagoons which will not be used after the Village's new wastewater treatment plant becomes operational; and
- To pay penalties, costs and fees totaling \$5,000.00.

"To its credit," Van Hollen said, "during economic conditions that are difficult for all our municipalities, the Village of Clyman has committed to take those steps necessary to fund infrastructure repairs and improvements to eliminate the pollution problems its failing wastewater treatment system had created." "The Wisconsin Department of Justice will continue to work with DNR to ensure that these laws are followed."

Assistant Attorney General Thomas L. Dosch represented the State.

Adams County Man to Pay \$5,000 Fine For Improper Water Pump Work

February 12, 2010

The Department of Justice has settled a lawsuit against Herbert E. Zoellick of Wisconsin Dells, d/b/a Hezpaz Enterprises, for violations of state laws regulating pump installing and well drilling operations.

According to the complaint, filed at the request of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Zoellick is a licensed pump installer who failed to collect water samples from 12 residences in a timely manner and installed a well pump without a permit. Zoellick, who cooperated with the DNR and subsequently corrected the violations, has

agreed to pay penalties, fees, and costs totaling \$5,000 for the violations. Zoellick has also agreed to notify DNR before doing any pump work during the next 30 months, and to timely submit all water samples to a DHSS-certified laboratory.

"We will continue to work with the DNR to make sure that Wisconsin's environmental laws maintaining safe drinking water are followed," said Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

Assistant Attorney General Mary Batt prosecuted the case. The settlement was approved by Dane County Circuit Court Judge Moeser on February 11, 2010.

Curtis and Renee Christensen to Pay \$10,000 for Violations of Animal Health Regulations

February 2, 2010

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN - The Wisconsin Department of Justice has settled a lawsuit against Crawford County residents Curtis and Renee Christensen for violations of state regulations related to the keeping and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing of farm-raised deer, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced.

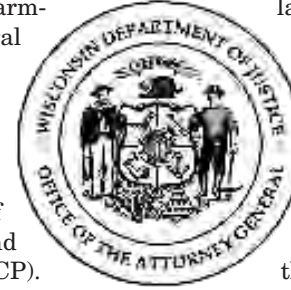
The Department of Justice filed suit against the Christensens at the request of the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). DATCP had quarantined then condemned Christensens' herd after a deer in that herd tested positive for CWD. The Christensens denied that their deer had CWD, and filed legal and administrative challenges to CWD testing protocols and to DATCP orders. DATCP revised its condemnation order after a second deer tested positive for CWD, and while administrative appeals were pending, Mr. Christensen killed and buried the remainder of his herd. The State filed suit seeking a court order requiring that the deer be exhumed so that they could be tested for CWD. By the time the deer

were dug up, they were too decomposed to provide any useful information to DATCP. By killing and burying his deer, Mr. Christensen foreclosed the possibility of obtaining federal and state indemnity payments for the deer.

At a hearing in November 2009, the Crawford County Circuit Court found that Christensens had violated the law by failing to have 23 deer tested for CWD. The Court also found that they had violated state registration and recordkeeping requirements. The parties agreed to settle the case just before the hearing where the Court was going to set forfeitures for these violations.

In addition to the \$10,000, and as part of the parties' settlement, Christensens also agreed to clean and disinfect the pens where they kept deer, to arrange for tissue samples from their herd to be destroyed, and to dismiss two administrative proceedings challenging DATCP orders still pending before DATCP.

Grant County Circuit Court Judge Craig R. Day approved the parties' settlement agreement. Assistant Attorney General Diane Milligan represented the State.



WI DOJ Reaches Multi-State Settlement With Glass Manufacturer

January 22, 2010

Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen's Office and nine states announced that they had reached a settlement with a national glass manufacturer doing business in Burlington, Wisconsin, resolving allegations that the company illegally refurbished and extended the lives of its many glass furnaces without obtaining required permits and without installing state of the art air pollution controls required under the federal Clean Air Act.

Under the terms of the settlement, Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc., must pay a \$1.15 million civil penalty to the United States, and \$1.1 million in civil penalties to the intervening states and agencies. Wisconsin will receive \$100,000 as its share of the civil penalty to the states.

In addition, Saint-Gobain is expected to install pollution control equipment at an estimated cost of \$112 million to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and particulate matter (PM) by approximately 6,000 tons per year at its 15 plants in 12 states.

The settlement requires Saint-Gobain to reduce its SO2 emissions from its fleet of furnaces by approximately 59 percent; its emissions of NOx emissions by approximately 41 percent; and its PM emissions by 28 percent by installing emissions controls it failed to install when they were required.

The state and federal complaints, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, allege repeated violations by Saint-Gobain of the federal New Source Review (NSR) program under the federal Clean Air Act, and of state laws and regulations in each of the facility host states. The federal government and the ten state and two local governments alleged that the company constructed new glass furnaces or modified existing ones over the course of two decades without first obtaining pre-construction permits and installing required pollution control equipment.

The Wisconsin complaint filed in the Washington court alleges that St. Gobain, without first obtaining the required construction permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), made capacity and dimension modifications at the Burlington plant that could increase emissions of SO2. Those changes included converting two of its furnaces to oxy-fuel furnaces.

The settlement also requires the company, including its Burlington plant, to meet more stringent sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emission limits during different levels of operation and to provide for continuous monitoring of emissions immediately.

A Consent Decree has been lodged by the United States Department of Justice (representing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and the participating states in the court in Washington. The Consent Decree is now available for public comment for a 30-day period, after which the court is expected to enter the Consent Decree so that its terms may be fully implemented.

Exposure to excessive amounts of SO2 can aggravate asthma, cause respiratory difficulties, and result in emergency room visits and hospitalization. People with asthma, children, and the elderly are especially vulnerable to SO2's effects. Exposure to particulate matter is also linked to respiratory problems like asthma and other adverse health effects.

The other states and agencies participating in the settlement with Wisconsin are Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, Washington, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Assistant Attorneys General Thomas Dosch and Thomas Dawson handled the case for the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office. The WDNR assisted the Wisconsin Department of Justice by providing information on violations and advising on needed remedies at the Burlington facility.

Waste Hauler Sentenced to 30 Days in Jail

February 19, 2010

Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced that his office has successfully prosecuted Randy M. Soper of Gillett, Wisconsin for illegal disposal of sanitary waste. Mr. Soper was convicted of three counts of illegally disposing of sanitary sludge from a treatment work without obtaining a permit and willfully discharging a pollutant into a water of the state, the Oconto River.

Shawano County Judge Thomas G. Grover sentenced Soper to serve 30 days in jail, and will pay over \$30,000 in fines and penalties, and completely remediate the wooded site that he contaminated with his illegal operation. Specifically, for three years, 2006, 2007, and 2008, Mr. Soper and his company, R.T. Sanitation,

LLC, created a homemade treatment work hidden in a wooded area at which they dumped hundreds of truckloads of sanitary waste from customers' septic systems.

Department of Natural Resources Warden Stephan Fabian, who investigated the case, testified in court describing the observations he made of the woods covered with sanitation waste. He further observed discharges into an unnamed creek that discharges into the Oconto River.

Soper at times dumped waste directly into the woods and at times dumped waste into his homemade treatment plant which was unknown and unlicensed by the Department of Natural Resources prior to this investigation. Assistant Attorney General Cynthia R. Hirsch prosecuted the case.

Wisconsin Seeks Federal Funding Under Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Wisconsin is making the most of a historic opportunity to tap into \$475 million in federal funding set aside for President Obama's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in 2010.

An estimated 400 applications were submitted by Wisconsin governments and groups to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to meet the Jan. 29, 2010, deadline for the first big chunk of money the EPA will award.

EPA has \$120 million to award in this first round, and is expected to issue another call for competitive grant applications this spring for another \$100 million. Other federal agencies will be seeking grant applications from states as well for their portion of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding.

"We have an incredible opportunity to get some great work done on the Great Lakes," says Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank. "We're really proud of the collaboration between DNR, local governments, tribes and others that makes Wisconsin's strong application package."

The DNR submitted applications for 40 different projects, and staff in the agency's Office of Great Lakes estimate that Native American tribes, universities, local governments and conservation groups submitted 350 or so, according to Steve Galarneau, working in the DNR Office of the Great Lakes.

Potential applicants voluntarily shared their proposals with DNR. Galarneau and other DNR Great Lakes staff reviewed scores of the applications that groups and governments were planning to submit. The idea was to facilitate the process to avoid duplication and improve coordination of projects, to make sure the grant applications were as strong as possible, and to align projects with the 2009 Wisconsin Great Lakes Strategy finalized last year to carry out in Wisconsin the priorities identified in the national Great Lakes Strategy.

Frank says that such work helped Wisconsin submit grant proposals that

will compete. "We've laid the groundwork with our partners so that Wisconsin can carry out the Great Lakes Strategy hammered out with the other Great Lakes states over the last several years," he says.

EPA's grant process called for projects that addressed one or more of the five focus areas including toxic substances and geographic "Areas of Concern" where contaminated sediments remain buried in harbors; invasive species; runoff pollution and the health of near-shore areas; restoration and protection of wildlife and their habitat; and projects calling for monitoring, evaluating and communicating projects funded through the initiative.

Galarneau said that the grant applications submitted from Wisconsin included major initiatives to:

- Identify the sources of pollution on Great Lakes beaches and to fix those problems.
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat and reduce runoff pollution in the Chequamegon Bay, Lake Superior, and other watersheds in the Great Lakes.
- Implement critical projects to reduce runoff pollution to the Fox River and Green Bay.
- Prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Restore Wisconsin's five designated "Areas of Concern" containing contaminated sediments. Those areas are in Superior, Marinette, Green Bay, Sheboygan and Milwaukee.

"We think we've got a good shot at brining a substantial amount of money to Wisconsin — and showing real results that the people of Wisconsin will see in water quality, public health, fisheries and wildlife," Frank says.

Wisconsin has more than 1,000 miles of shoreline along Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, more than 30 percent of the state's land area lies within the Great Lakes basin and half of the state's population lives in the basin.

EPA is expected to announce winners of this first round of grants beginning in March.

NRB Accepts Pheasants Forever Land Donation in Rock County

ORFORDVILLE — The state Natural Resources Board recently accepted a land donation in Rock County from Pheasants Forever for inclusion in the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area program.

The Board accepted the 68-acre plus donation at its monthly meeting held in Madison. Seven citizen members make up the Natural Resources Board (NRB), policy-setting body for the Department of Natural Resources.

The land adjoins the Footville Leased Public Hunting Grounds in the Town of Plymouth near Orfordville and has large areas of restored prairie and perennial grasses. The property will provide more opportunities for public recreation, including hunting, improve wildlife habitat and protect grassland restoration work initiated under the Conservation Reserve Program in cooperation with

Pheasants Forever.

NRB Chair Christine Thomas expressed the Board's appreciation on behalf of the state's citizens for Pheasants Forever's generous donation and noted that "it is significant that organizations such as yours are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially towards this end."

Pheasants Forever is a national organization dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs, according to its web site.

The Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area program was established in 1991 to acquire, protect and develop important habitat for pheasants, waterfowl and other species.

Cummins Inc. Agrees to Pay \$2.1 Million Penalty for Diesel Engine Clean Air Act Violations

U.S. EPA Release

WASHINGTON — Cummins Inc., a major motor vehicle engine company based in Columbus, Ind., will pay a \$2.1 million penalty and recall 405 engines under a settlement agreement resolving violations of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Justice Department announced today.

According to a complaint filed simultaneously with the settlement in federal court in the District of Columbia, between 1998 and 2006, Cummins shipped more than 570,000 heavy duty diesel engines to vehicle equipment manufacturers nationwide without pollution control equipment included, in violation of the Clean Air Act. This equipment, known as exhaust after-treatment devices (ATDs), controls engine exhaust emissions once the emissions have exited the engine and entered the exhaust system. Typical ATDs include catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters.

"Reliable and effective pollution control systems are essential to protect human health and the environment from harmful engine emissions," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "These requirements are a critical part of EPA's program to reduce air pollution and secure clean air so that all Americans can breathe easier."

"This settlement assures that the environment suffers no ill effects because it requires that Cummins not only install the proper pollution control devices but also mitigate the effects of the harmful emissions released as a result of its actions," said Ignacia S. Moreno, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division.

Engine manufacturers must prove through testing that their engine designs meet EPA's emissions standards and seek certificates of conformity. According to the complaint, Cummins

tested the engines with the ATDs to meet the standards, but failed to include the ATDs with the engines when Cummins shipped the engines to the vehicle manufacturers. Instead, Cummins relied upon the vehicle manufacturers to purchase and install the correct ATDs. The United States alleges that the shipment of engines to vehicle manufacturers without the ATDs violates the Clean Air Act's prohibition on the sale of engines not covered by certificates of conformity.

The settlement requires Cummins to recall approximately 405 engines that were found to have reached the ultimate consumers without the correct ATDs in order to install the correct ATDs.

EPA estimates that Cummins actions resulted in approximately 167 excess tons of nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbon emissions, and 30 excess tons of particulate matter emissions over the lifetime of the non-conforming engines. Cummins will mitigate the effects of excess emissions from its non-conforming engines through permanent retirement of emission credits equal to the excess tons of pollution.

Over half the air pollutants in America come from "mobile sources" of air pollution, such as cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, construction, agricultural and lawn and garden equipment, marine vessels, outboard motors, jet skis and snowmobiles. Mobile source pollutants include smog-forming volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides, toxic air pollutants such as cancer-causing benzene, and particulate matter or "soot." These pollutants are responsible for asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

The State of California Air Resources Board will receive \$420,000 of the civil penalty under a separate settlement agreement with Cummins, continuing a federal government practice of sharing civil penalties with states that participate in clean air enforcement actions.

The Cummins settlement was lodged today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and is subject to a 30-day public comment period.

Six Carp Exclosures to be Installed on Upper Clam Lake, Burnett County

SPOONER — A dramatic reduction in wild rice and aquatic vegetation in Clam Lake, Burnett County, is being investigated by the Clam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, St Croix Tribal Environmental Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Over abundant carp populations, herbicide spills or excessive phosphorous loading are among many theories as to why the vegetation declined.

"Clam Lake has had a substantial carp population for decades without this kind of impact on vegetation," said DNR Fisheries Biologist Larry Damman. We know the carp population had actually been declining through the 1990's. It started to increase again after the 2005 hatch but we don't know if there are really more carp than ever before."

An important step in the investigation will be the installation of six carp exclosures after ice out this spring. The 12 x 12 feet exclosures are constructed of vinyl coated woven wire fence held in

place by metal fence posts. The exclosures will be set in pairs at three locations at the south end of Upper Clam Lake adjacent to tribal and DNR owned frontage. They will be placed in shallow water near shore where wild rice and other vegetation growth was formerly lush. The exclosures will be well marked with buoys and reflectors and away from boat traffic areas and will be removed from the lake in the fall.

"The amount of vegetation that grows or doesn't grow inside the carp exclosures, where carp can't enter to feed, will help narrow down the possibilities," Damman said.

People should be careful not to disturb the exclosures and keep boats at a reasonable distance. Prop wash or mooring a boat along side an exclosure fence to look in could disrupt study results.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the exclosures can contact Anthony Havranek, St Croix Tribal Environmental Department, (715) 349-2195 ext 5183 or Larry Damman, DNR Fish Management, (715) 635-4089.

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149,000 Permits Issued for 2010 Spring Turkey Hunt

Season to run April 14 – May 23; Youth turkey hunt set for April 10-11

MADISON - More than 149,000 permits will be issued for the spring 2010 Wisconsin wild turkey season through the spring turkey preference drawing. Postcard notifications to successful applicants will be going out in the mail later in the week.

Hunters who do not receive a postcard by mid-February can check on the status of their permit application online through the Department of Natural Resources Online Licensing Center or by calling the DNR Customer Call Center from 7 a.m. through 10 p.m. seven days a week at 1-888-WDNRINFO (1-888-936-7463).

In total, 225,729 permits are available for the spring 2010 turkey season compared to 225,709 in 2009.

Hunters harvested 52,581 turkeys during the 2009 spring season. Final harvest numbers for the 2009 fall season will be published in the 2009 Wisconsin Big Game Hunting Summary in spring of 2010.

The spring 2010 turkey hunting season will run from April 14-May 23. The season is divided into six 5-day (Wednesday through Sunday) time periods. A total of 7 zones, 15 state parks and Fort McCoy will be open for hunting.

The number of turkey hunting zones has been reduced to seven large zones instead of the 46-zone structure of past years. The amount of total turkey hunting area is the same. Hunters should refer to the online map or the 2010 Spring Turkey regulations, which are included in the 2009 Small Game and Fall Turkey 2009 and Spring Turkey 2010 regulation pamphlet.

Hunters are reminded that Fort McCoy runs a separate spring turkey hunting season, different from the State of Wisconsin spring turkey hunt. Hunters that do not receive an approval to hunt turkeys through the state drawing in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the 2010 spring season are eligible to apply for a spring permit at Fort McCoy. Applications can be obtained from Fort McCoy by calling 608-388-3337 or visiting their Web site: www.mccoy.army.mil.

Youth Turkey Hunt Set for April 10-11 Mentored Hunting Program expands opportunities for youth ages 10 & 11 to participate

Thanks to the new Mentored Hunting Program that took effect last fall, youth hunters aged 10 and 11, as well as youth ages 12 through 15 may now participate in the 2010 youth turkey hunt. Under the Mentored Hunting Program, youth ages 10 through 15 may hunt without first having completed hunter education

so long as they do so with a qualified adult mentor and follow the rules laid out under the Mentored Hunting Program. Youth ages 12-15 who have already completed hunter education may hunt during the Youth Hunt while accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Each youth must have a valid spring 2010 turkey harvest permit, license and stamp.

Youth ages 10 through 15 are allowed to hunt on April 10 and 11 in the Turkey Management Zone their permit is valid for, regardless of the time period their permit is issued for, and may harvest only one male or bearded turkey during the two-day hunt. A youth who does not successfully harvest a turkey during the two day Youth Hunt may use their unfilled permit during the time period and in the zone for which the permit was issued. All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply. More information on the Spring Turkey Youth Hunt and the hunting mentorship program is available on the DNR Web site.

The youth hunt was created in 2007 to provide youth with an opportunity to hunt turkeys and gain valuable hunting experience by working closely with an experienced mentor before the regular season opens.

Free Turkey Hunter Education Clinics offered statewide

Free Turkey Hunter Education Clinics will be offered again this year around the state. These free clinics are presented by volunteer instructors and are sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Clinics typically last 2 to 3 hours and are designed to cover wild turkey biology and behavior, hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, and landowner/hunter ethics, as well as tips for scoring trophy birds and a few ideas on preparing turkeys at home.

The Turkey Hunter Education Clinics are intended to address and inform all ages and experience levels from a beginning turkey hunter interested in learning wild turkey hunting techniques to experienced wild turkey hunters looking to brush-up on skills and learn new techniques.

These clinics will be held February through late March. Information and a listing on where and when clinics are being held is available on the DNR Web site or may call the DNR Customer Call Center from 7 a.m. through 10 p.m. seven days a week at 1-888-WDNRINFO (1-888-936-7463). For the latest additions or changes in the schedule please refer to the DNR Web site.

Leftover Spring Turkey Permits Go on Sale in Late March

An estimated 76,636 remaining spring turkey permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis starting March 22. Procedures for leftover permit sales will be the same as last spring. Leftover permits will be first issued for sale by zone, one zone per day, with each zone having a designated sales date.

Sales will start at 10 a.m. and continue through Midnight each day or until permits are all sold. These sales will be held for 5 consecutive days with customers able to purchase one permit per day. Any permits remaining after the zone per day sales will be issued for sale on the sixth day at a limit of one permit per day per customer. Permit purchases are limited to one permit per day until each zone and time period is sold out.

The following zones have leftover permits. The scheduled sales dates are as follows:

- Zone 1 – Monday, March 22
- Zone 2 – Tuesday, March 23
- Zone 3 – Wednesday, March 24
- Zone 4 – Thursday, March 25
- Zone 5 & Zone 6 – Friday, March 26 – Due to the low number of permits left in these units, the sale has been combined into one day.

Any remaining leftover permits for all Zones – Saturday, March 27 and continuing until sold out or the season ends.

The number of permits available by zone and times periods is as follows:

Zone	Period C	Period D	Period E	Period F	Total remaining Permits by zone
1	206	9,325	11,148	11,865	32,544
2	0	0	0	3,978	3,978
3	0	7,509	9,564	10,156	27,229
4	0	115	4,566	5,210	9,891
5	0	0	991	1,722	2,713
6	0	0	0	246	246

- There are no leftover permits available for Zone 7 after the initial drawing.
- There are no leftover permits for time periods A or B in the other zones.
- Hunters are limited to purchasing one permit per day until all permits are sold.

Leftover permits can be purchased over the Internet through the Online Licensing Center; by calling toll-free 1-877-WI LICENSE (1-877-945-4236); at license sales locations; or DNR service centers during the time they are open for counter service. Hours are service centers were recently reduced. Please check dnr.wi.gov for a list of service centers and days and hours of operation (DNR Service Centers are not open on Saturday). Hunters with any questions about when or how to buy permits may call the DNR Customer Call Center from 7 a.m. through 10 p.m. seven days a week at 1-888-WDNRINFO (1-888-936-7463).

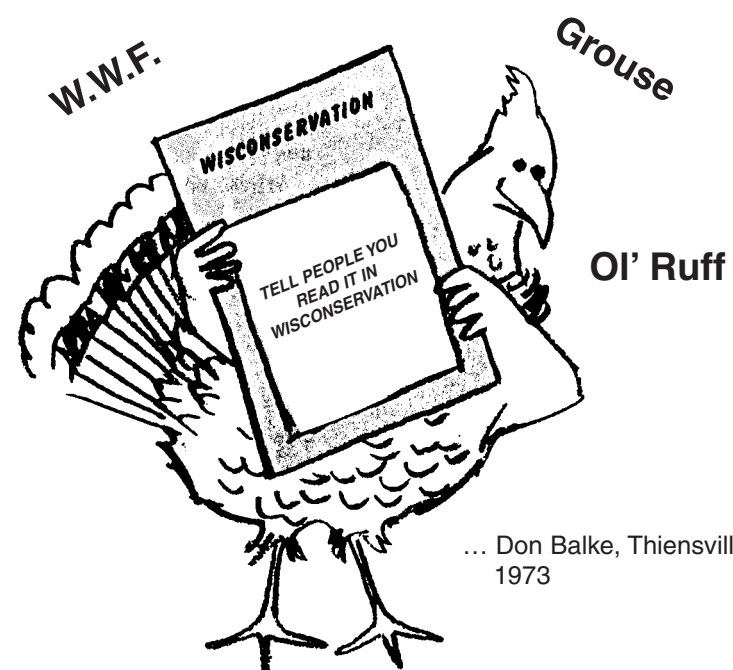
The fee for turkey permits is \$10 for residents, and \$15 for nonresidents. All hunters will also be required to pay the spring turkey license and stamp fee, unless they have previously purchased the license and stamp, or are a 2010 Conservation Patron License holder. Residents and nonresidents will have equal opportunity to purchase over-the-counter permits. Purchasing these permits will not affect preference status for future spring or fall turkey permit drawings. A select number of disabled turkey permits for several state parks are also available for leftover sales. Disabled hunters should note that these permits will only be available through DNR service centers.

A limited number of disabled-only turkey permits for state park areas are available as leftover permits. Disabled hunters who have been issued either a Class A or Class C Disabled Hunter Permit should visit a DNR Service Center or by calling the DNR Customer Call Center at 1-888-WDNRINFO (1-888-936-7463) beginning on Monday, March 22, 2010 after 10 a.m. to purchase one of these permits.

For updated information on leftover spring permit availability and other information regarding the 2009 spring turkey hunting season, please visit the Wild Turkey page of the DNR Web site.

Where to buy a permit and hints for fast action

- Check the turkey zone map and verify where you want to hunt.
- Check the permit availability page so you apply on the correct day for the zone you want to hunt in.
- Have your DNR customer ID ready.



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and
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February 2010 Calendar Winners



1	\$1000 Cash	Rodney Smazal, Unity, WI	3937
2	Browning Silver 12ga	Scott Virch, Westfield, WI	4957
3	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Jerry Schreiner, Kiel, WI	7906
4	\$100 Cash	Carl H May, Larsen, WI	297
5	Remington 750 .308	Mark Lampereur, Green Bay, WI	5263
6	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Richard Coombs, Onalaska, WI	1817
7	\$100 Cash	Brian Rychtik, West Bend, WI	2051
8	Franchi I-12 12ga 3"	Tom Strzyz, Pickerel, WI	9032
9	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Linda Branish, Poynette, WI	8899
10	\$100 Cash	Patti Garrity, Oconomowoc, WI	5454
11	Tikka T3 Hunter 30.06	Randy Kowalski, Racine, WI	6754
12	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Dale Kinder, Boscobel, WI	8811
13	Remington 870 exp 12ga	Rick McLimans, Fennimore, WI	339
14	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Judy Goehring, West Bend, WI	5189
15	\$100 Cash	Brandon Schowalter, Colgate, WI	7116
16	Benelli Nova 12ga 3.5" syn	Mark Strains, Howards Grove, WI	88
17	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Rick Peotter, Neenah, WI	2469
18	Savage 22 mag/syn/blu heavy bbl	Larry Parlenko, Killdeer, ND	6063
19	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Chad Kent, Lindstrom, MN	4316
20	\$100 Cash	Jill Simdon, Cambridge, WI	621
21	TC Omega 209x50 syn blued	Allen Fritsch, Plymouth, WI	2731
22	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Todd Kent, Platteville, WI	8335
23	\$100 Cash	Meggan Perre, Seymour, WI	9949
24	Henry Lever Wood 22 lr	Julie Reinert, Wauwatosa, WI	4917
25	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Dave Livingston, Sparta, WI	5731
26	\$100 Cash	Brian Ehlers, Plainfield, IL	5505
27	CVA Optima Nickle/camo 209x50	Gary Bracht, Bismark, ND	1102
28	Gander Mountain Gift Card \$100 value	Helen Berens, Menasha, WI	764



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MacKenzie Environmental Education Center Maple Syrup Festival

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

- Guided tours of the sugarbush
 - Demonstrations of how to tap a maple tree for sap and how to make syrup
 - Interpretative talks about how Native American and pioneers made syrup
 - Home-made ice cream churned with an antique engine
 - Horse-drawn wagon rides (9am - 2pm)
 - Live, old-time country music
 - All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast (8am - noon) in our main lodge.
- Tickets are: \$7 (12+), \$5 (3 - 11)
- Food, drinks, and souvenirs sold by the Friends of MacKenzie
 - Raffle drawing at 12:00 noon

In addition, you can view the wildlife exhibit, walk through the arboretum, and hike the trails.



Maple Syrup Festival is hosted by:
the Friends of MacKenzie,
the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, and the WI DNR

The MacKenzie Environmental Center is located
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DISTRICT	CONTACT	DATE	LOCATION
Dist 3 Rice Lake	Jack Nissen 262-370-8154 David Lorentz 715-931-8707	March 20, 2010	Rice Lake Elks Club Rice Lake, WI
Dist 3 North	Brian Hobbs 715-294-3854	Jan. 23, 2010	Crickets Bar & Grill Amery, WI
Dist 4 Central WI	Laura Huber 715-569-4061 Jerry Knuth 715-344-0017	Feb. 27, 2010	Shooters Plover, WI
Dist 4 West (Neillsville)	Tom Dahlen	April 3, 2010	TBA
Dist 5 Fox Valley	Doug Gries Jerry Lingnofski 920-722-5484	March 25, 2010	Darboy Supper Club Darboy, WI
Dist 6 North Black River Falls	Ruby 715-333-2843	March 6, 2010	Club 95 Hixton, WI
Dist 6 West La Crosse	Greg Kloss 608-788-0070	February 6, 2010	Baus Haus La Crosse, WI
Dist 7	Marge Spencer 608-752-9946	April 10, 2010	Turner Hall Watertown
Dist 8 West (Waukesha)	Tom Nissen 262-719-5295	March 26, 2010	Olympia Resort Oconomowoc, WI
Dist 9 Milwaukee	Jeff Chojnacki 414-764-6638 call after 3:30pm	March 26, 2010	Klemmer's Inn
State Wide Conservation Banquet	Wayne Thayer 608-754-4965 Marge Spencer 608-752-9946	Jan. 30, 2010	Ho-Chunk Casino Wisconsin
Mackenzie Banquet	Office	Oct. 9, 2010	Mackenzie Residence Lodge