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## May 31, 2019 Updates

So much has been happening in May! We hope you enjoy these updates. You can see the work groups' comments and issue papers, and other work products on our web site. We appreciate all of the input from our members for our organizational planning retreat in May. Look for a summary of next steps in our our summer newsletter. Please mark your calendars for our 2019 Annual Membership meeting October 4-5 at Treehaven near Tomahawk. Look for registration information this summer.



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### Tune In to Wisconsin Public Television on May 31 at 7:30 pm

Tune in to *Here and Now* on Friday May 31 when Fred Clark will discuss Wisconsin's Green Fire recommendations on CAFOs. *Here and Now* airs at 7:30 pm on most WPT stations. You can also watch episodes at <https://video.wpt.org/show/here-and-now/>.



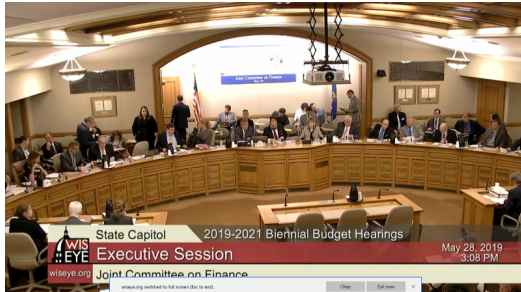
### Volunteer Opportunity Non-Metallic Mine Council Please respond by June 4

Do you have a background in ecological restoration that you are willing to apply to restoring non-metallic mine sites? Would you be interested in representing Wisconsin's Green Fire on the Wisconsin Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation Advisory Council? Many disciplines can contribute and we need an individual to be our point person. Could this be you? The DNR has invited WGF to a three year seat on the Council, which would involve quarterly conference calls and one annual in-person meeting. Mileage reimbursement would be available from WGF. Please contact Paul LaLiberte at [paul.lalib@charter.net](mailto:paul.lalib@charter.net) by June 4 if interested or for more information.

## WGF Comments on Wolf Delisting

Among our many activities this month, the members of our Wildlife Work Group have developed [comments](#) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the proposal to remove the Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species List. It is no surprise that the issue of wolves brings out strong reactions and deeply felt values among conservationists. [Read more](#)

## May 28 Joint Finance Committee



On Tuesday May 28 the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance took up parts of the budget related to Environmental Quality for the Dept of Natural Resources and Dept of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. The Committee passed an [Omnibus Motion](#) which falls short of the state investment we recommend in [Opportunities Now 2019-2021](#), which we shared with all legislators in March. However, our work, along with that of many other partners, has helped inform the discussion about water issues in Wisconsin. The Committee

meeting was also broadcast on Wisconsin Eye <https://wiseye.org/2019/05/28/joint-committee-on-finance-105/>. The Committee will take up budget items related to Fisheries, Wildlife, Parks, Stewardship Fund, and Forestry in a subsequent session which may be as soon as Tuesday June 4.

[Read more](#)

## Karen and Martin Voss

In honor of National Wetlands Month in May, the Wisconsin Wetlands Association released a series of short videos to inspire wetland conservation. Wisconsin's Green Fire members Karen and Martin Voss tell their story in

<https://wisconsinwetlands.org/videos/LandownersCareForWetlands/>.

You can feel Karen and Martin's love of the land and commitment to wetlands. Thank you Karen and Martin, and the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. You can watch the entire series at <https://wisconsinwetlands.org/videos/>.



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