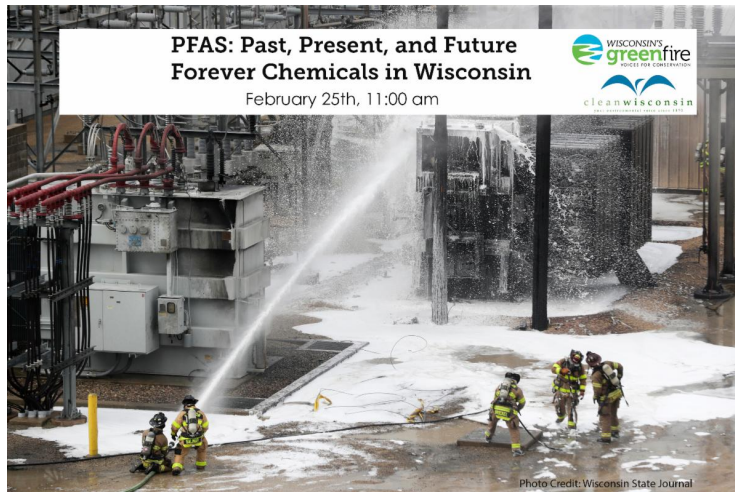


February News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

PFAS: Past, Present, and Future – Forever Chemicals in Wisconsin Thursday February 25, 2021 11:00 am



Be sure to join co-hosts Wisconsin's Green Fire and [Clean Wisconsin](#) along with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources leaders for a 90-minute webinar. Learn all about PFAS in Wisconsin including the history, fate, and transport of these chemicals; the latest proposals in the

Governor's 2021 State Budget and action items outlined in the Wisconsin PFAS Action Plan; and key policy recommendations and opportunities for the near and long term. Bring your questions for a lively Q&A session with our panelists.

On January 28, 2021, Wisconsin's Green Fire released the report: [Opportunities Now 2021-2023 PFAS - Forever Chemicals in Wisconsin.](#)

[Learn More and Register](#)

If you missed our webinar earlier this month on Conservation Policy in the Biden/Harris Administration presented by Collin O'Mara, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, and moderated by Wisconsin conservationist Kathleen Falk you can view the recording on our website.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Wisconsin's Wolf Hunt Moving Forward

Wisconsin's Green Fire Comments Based on Science and Policy Experience



If you've followed the stories around wolves these last six weeks you're aware that the roller coaster of legal and policy battles around wolves began again almost immediately with the January 4 effective date of the US Fish and Wildlife Service order to de-list wolves.

Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF) has argued consistently in [testimony](#) and in meetings with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) staff in favor of de-listing, but also in favor of a conservative, science-based approach to managing our relations with wolves.

After weeks of debate and pressure from Wisconsin legislators, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board (NRB) voted on January 22 not to attempt to hold a hunt during what would have been the remaining month of the statutorily mandated state hunting season that ends February 28. WGF also submitted comments to the NRB on February 14 regarding harvest quotas. Our [testimony and comments](#) on the wolf hunt issue attest to the deep expertise brought to this issue by WGF members Adrian Wydeven and others.

On Friday, February 19, a Wisconsin state appeals court upheld an earlier decision from Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Bennett Brantmeier ordering the WDNR to hold a hunt in the remaining days of the statutorily defined season. In response, the Department opened a hunting season beginning on February 22 that will run until February 28. After Wisconsin American Indian tribes exercised their rights to claim 50% of the quota within Tribal Ceded Territories, a state harvest quota of 119 wolves was established across all zones, and 2380 harvest licenses have been authorized. The Department may use its existing authority, however, to close any wolf zone before February 28 to assure the harvest quota is not exceeded. Note that WGF supports the Department's recognition of Tribal off reservation treaty rights in setting the quota.

WGF members will serve on the Wisconsin Wolf Harvest Advisory Committee that will guide the development of plans for a November 2021 harvest season.

Looking for more information on the wolf hunt? Check out this program from WPR which covers the latest news and includes a moderated panel discussion with WGF member and retired wildlife biologist Adrian Wydeven; Laurie Groskopf, a Wisconsin Wolf Facts board member; and Peter David, wildlife biologist with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission in Odanah.

[Listen Here](#)

Upcoming Conservation Events for your Calendar



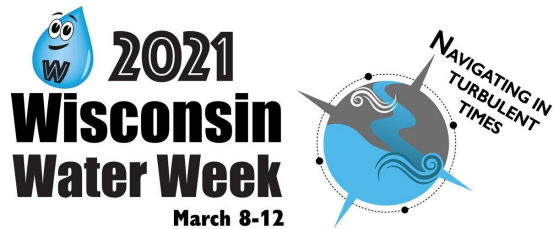
Wisconsin Land + Water 68th Annual Conference

March 2nd- 5th
Location: Online

Each March, WI Land+Water holds an annual conference to provide valuable networking opportunities, forums to discuss programs, practices, and new ideas with colleagues, a chance to build technical knowledge, and space to be re-inspired by the passion for conservation across the state.

Wisconsin's Green Fire is pleased to help sponsor this event.

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Wisconsin Water Week

March 8th-12th
Location: Online

For over thirty years, the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention has been an annual gathering of lake and river lovers of all stripes: Lake and River Stewards, Lake Leaders, Lake and River Professionals, and members of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership.

The first ever Wisconsin Water Week will feature 3 days of content-rich presentations and panels on Monday-Wednesday. Several local programs are also part of WI Water Week. Celebrate water in Wisconsin and be part of the solution!

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March and April will be full of conservation events around Wisconsin. Be sure to stay up-to-date by visiting the upcoming events section at the bottom of our [home page](#).

Wisconsin's Green Fire needs your support now more than ever. Your donation assures that conservation issues are around the state are addressed with the best scientific information available.

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