

## August News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

### Updates on Wisconsin's Wolves and WGF Leadership



Wolves have been a topic of controversy in the past month as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) held multiple meetings to develop a quota for the fall 2021 wolf hunt. Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF) members, including WGF Wildlife Work Group co-chair Adrian Wydeven, have spearheaded advocacy

efforts recommending science-based wolf management decisions by the WDNR. As recommended in WGF's [The February 2021 Wisconsin Wolf Hunt: A Preliminary Assessment](#), WGF members serving on both the Wolf Harvest Advisory Committee and Wolf Management Plan Committee continued to encourage the WDNR to remain conservative and cautious in wolf management decisions in the wake of the February wolf hunt.

In late July, after collecting input from Tribes and other stakeholder groups, the WDNR released a fall wolf hunt quota of 130 wolves for Natural Resources Board (NRB) approval.

On August 11, 2021, the NRB met to discuss the proposed 130 wolf quota, hearing verbal testimony from members of the public including WGF members Adrian Wydeven and Jodi Habush Sinykin who emphasized need to remain conservative considering the uncertainties in the situation. The NRB engaged in debate to decide on a quota number and voted 4 to 3 on a quota of 300 wolves. A quota of 300 wolves would greatly exceed the WDNR's proposed quota and likely leading to an unprecedented reduction that risks long-term damage to the viability of the wolf population.

Moving towards the November 2021 wolf hunt, WGF leaders and science experts [will continue to advocate](#) for science-based management of Wisconsin's natural resources – in this case, maintaining a healthy wolf population.



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## WGF and Partners Attend Monroe County Project Forestry Team Field Day



On August 12th, members of the [Monroe County Climate Readiness Assessment Forestry Team](#) met to tour forests in New Lyme and Little Falls Townships north of Tomah. The team visited managed forests on private lands, Monroe County Forest Lands, and at the Fort McCoy Army Base. The group discussed climate impacts in western

Wisconsin forests and the challenges facing forest managers today.

The photo above shows the Monroe County Forestry sub-team touring a recent hardwood planting on old fields on a private family forest whose owners recently received a Tree Farmer of the Year award.

[Read more about the project on Monroe County's website](#)

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## WGF Employment Opportunity: Climate Change Outreach and Communication Fellow



Wisconsin's Green Fire is Hiring a full-time Climate Change Outreach and Communication Fellow!

[The Wisconsin's Green Fire \(WGF\) Climate](#)

[Change Outreach and Communications Fellow](#) will work with a team of partners and collaborators supporting Wisconsin communities in climate assessment and readiness planning. WGF Conservation Fellowships are targeted at students and early career conservation professionals. This is a 12-month, full-time position.

[See the full job posting and how to apply on WGF's website](#)

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## WGF Hosts Event at the Lake Superior Big Top



# Chautauqua



On August 13th, WGF Board members and special guests gathered for an evening reception at the Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield. WGF Founding Member Tia Nelson (pictured to the left) headlined the reception with reflections on her father Gaylord Nelson's role in designation of the Apostle Island National Lakeshore,

and on WGF's unique niche in the Wisconsin conservation movement.

WGF members were joined by members of the Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and AINL Superintendent Lynne Dominy. A perfect evening concluded with the Big Top's Blue Canvas Orchestra performing their program Dear Earth. Many thanks go to Jim and Joy Perry and the other WGF members and supporters who made this event possible!

## Join WGF's Annual Meeting and Our Regional Conservation Socials



### [WGF Annual Meeting \(Virtual\)](#) ***Wisconsin Conservation: Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Leaders***

Thursday September 23rd,  
4:00 – 6:00 PM  
Christine Thomas, Keynote  
Speaker

Our WGF Annual Meeting this year will focus on the state of our conservation tradition, with a special focus on the students



### [Wisconsin's Green Fire Regional Conservation Socials](#)

WGF members and friends will be gathering around Wisconsin this fall to celebrate our conservation successes, tip a glass, and greet each other in person once again.

Whether you're an active WGF member or someone looking to learn more about our work, you'll



and young professionals joining today's conservation movement.

Our keynote speaker Christine Thomas will share her long experience as Dean of the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point, and her tenure on the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

be warmly welcomed at any of our regional Conservation Socials.

In order to help assure a COVID-safe experience for all we'll be holding all of these events at venues with outdoor seating, and if warranted we'll move to outside locations altogether.

Locations include Milwaukee, Madison, Eau Claire, Eagle River, and Ashland.

Spaces will be limited. Visit [WGF's website](#) to register!

[Register Here](#)

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## WGF Receives 2021 Conservation Leader Award from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources



Wisconsin's Green Fire was recently recognized as a leader in conservation in Wisconsin and nationwide, receiving the [Conservation Leader Award from UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources](#).

To learn more about this award and WGF's work in Wisconsin conservation, we encourage you to register for one of [WGF's Regional Conservation Socials](#) this fall!

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## *Get Involved in Wisconsin Conservation*

[University of Wisconsin-Madison La Follette Forum: Climate Policy on Wednesday, October 6th](#): The keynote speaker for this free day-long conference is Katharine Wilkinson, co-founder of The All We Can Save Project, and the day will feature Wisconsin climate policy experts and break-out sessions focused on various aspects of climate policy. Registration is required

for this conference that will be held at UW-Madison's Union South, with in-person, online, and hybrid attendance options.

**[Submit public comments on Wisconsin Water Condition Lists](#)** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the updated Wisconsin Water Condition Lists, specifically 115 proposed new pollutant listings that would qualify a water body as impaired. According to the WDNR, "placing waters on the Impaired Waters List means they require a restoration plan to improve aquatic habitat, recreation opportunities or fish consumption".

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## ***Wisconsin's Green Fire in the News***

WPR's August 13, 2021 story: [A Look At The 2021 Fall Wolf Hunt Quota Of 300](#)

WXPR's August 10, 2021 story: [Wisconsin's Green Fire: UN Climate Change Report a 'Sharp, Sobering Assessment'](#)

The Washington Post's July 28, 2021 story: [A wolf hunt blew past its kill quota in February. Another hunt is coming this fall.](#)

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