

## February News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

### WGF Featured in Catalysts for Science Policy's Podcast



WGF recently collaborated with [Catalysts for Science Policy \(CaSP\)](#) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to create a podcast episode for their series "[In a Perfect Policy.](#)"

In this [episode](#), WGF's Board President Terry Daulton discusses WGF's mission to preserve Wisconsin's conservation legacy, and how

WGF has grown since our founding in 2017. Terry discusses the important work conducted by WGF's Work Groups and describes WGF's involvement in the Monroe County Climate Change Assessment project, our assessment of the February 2021 wolf hunt, and the Northern Lakes Toolbox for lake associations in northern Wisconsin. She also explains WGF's work to foster the next generation of conservation professionals, while taking steps toward making the conservation field more diverse and inclusive to individuals with a diversity of backgrounds and interests.

Terry also emphasizes the unique perspectives that WGF expert members hold, and the role WGF plays in providing sound science to Wisconsin's public policy arena.

Thank you again to Maia Gumnit and everyone at CaSP who helped produce this episode!

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### WGF Launches Science Council



On February 23rd, WGF will launch its newly formed Science Council with a kickoff meeting. The [WGF Science Council](#) is a group of WGF member experts who form WGF's knowledge base on important, cross-cutting issues across Wisconsin. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization and have been key to developing WGF's

reputation as a highly respected source of information on many environmental topics in Wisconsin.

Over 50 Science Council members have been appointed by WGF leadership and represent a wide range of expertise – from fisheries and wildlife management, to water quality and energy policy. Meetings will provide a forum for WGF's subject matter experts to convene and discuss important, transdisciplinary issues and provide guidance to the organization.

Read more about Council members [here](#).

[Learn about WGF's Science Council Members](#)

## WGF's Newly Named Newsletters



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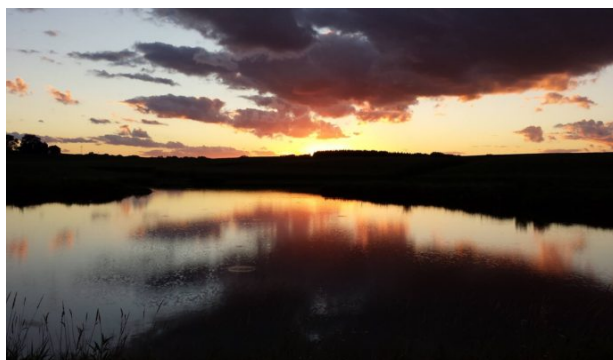
That's right, WGF's newsletters have new names! Thanks to the creativity of our members and supporters, WGF leaders have voted on new names for our e-newsletter (what you're reading now) and our print newsletter.

As you can see, our e-newsletter will now be called *Compass Points*, and our print newsletter will be called *Confluences*. Shout out to Devon Brock-Montgomery for her submission of the name *Confluences*, Devon is now a proud owner of WGF gear!

If you are a WGF member, be on the lookout for the next edition of *Confluences* in your mailbox this Spring. We are excited to introduce our new branding and designs, just in time for our fifth birthday!

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## Innovative Republican Water Quality Bill Introduced to Wisconsin Senate



Republican Senator Kathy Bernier recently introduced [Senate Bill 968](#), or the "Fenwood Creek Watershed Pilot Project Bill," to the Wisconsin Senate. This innovative land and water conservation bill is designed to reward on-farm performance to reduce phosphorous and

sediment loading in Fenwood Creek. It would provide up to \$607,000 annually to expand this pilot project throughout the Fenwood Creek watershed.

Fenwood Creek is similar to many watersheds impaired by phosphorous and

sediment. The Pilot Project would provide incentives or cash payments (“pay for performance”) on a per acre basis to participating farmers who exceed State Performance Standards for manure management and cropping practices. Cropping practices including cover cropping, reduced or no tillage, managed grazing, and proper manure management are necessary to reduce nutrient and sediment loading in waterways. Participating farmers in the Pilot Project can employ these on-farm practices best suited for their operations and receive monetary rewards for superior farming systems.

Read the bill text [here](#).

[Read SB 968](#)

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## *Get Involved in Wisconsin Conservation*

**Attend Michigan Tech University's Institute for Policy, Ethics, and Culture Lives in Transition Webinar Series:** This 6-part virtual series will explore technocultural changes in our world, including ecological, biological, technological, and social shifts occurring in a broad framework. The first session will be on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6pm CT featuring Professor of Forest Ecology Susan Simard. Visit IPEC's website [here](#) to learn more and register.

**The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin (NRF) is hiring a Communications Director:** The Communications Director would oversee the development of strategic communications materials that emphasize NRF's mission and foster an appreciation for Wisconsin's natural resources. Applications are due **March 4th**, you can view the job description [here](#).

**Learn about Wisconsin Native Plants in Proposed Certification Program with Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter:** Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter is gathering interest for a Wisconsin Native Plant Certification Program beginning as early as the summer of 2022! They are looking for potential paid instructors, volunteer planning partners, and prospective students for the program. [Click here](#) to learn more and fill out an interest form.

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## **WGF in the News**

NPR's "On Point" January 26th episode featuring WGF's Adrian Wydeven: [The indigenous communities rising up to protect the grey wolf.](#)

WORT's February 3rd article featuring WGF's Nancy Larson: [State DNR Hears Hours Of Public Comment Of Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline.](#)

Wisconsin State Journal's February 10th article featuring WGF's Fred Clark: [GOP bill would give industry more control over environmental regulation in Wisconsin.](#)

WPR's "Central Time" February 15th segment featuring Peter David: [What's next for Wisconsin's gray wolf population as federal protections are reinstated.](#)

Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts' February article featuring WGF's Mike Meyer: [Does climate change threaten the common loon in Wisconsin?](#)

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