



## Conservation Connections

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Welcome to the third issue of Conservation Connections!

**Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF)** is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting the conservation legacy of Wisconsin by promoting science-based management of Wisconsin's natural resources.

[Website](#)

**WGF's Student and Young Professional (S&YP) Work Group** made this newsletter to connect and inform aspiring conservation professionals around the state, across organizations and institutions. We hope you read on and reach out!

[Learn More](#)

## What's Up in Wisconsin

Spring is upon us! Get ready for green-up by checking out the phenology section below to see what else is up in the nature-hood.

Do you care about nature? Outdoor recreation? A healthy environment for all? Here are just a few of the *many* issues around the state that you should know about, selected by our S&YP team from local news:

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act or [\*\*"RAWA Legislation Continues in 2022."\*\*](#)
- Sandhill Cranes are migrating back through Wisconsin and it begs the question, [\*\*"Will there be a Sandhill Crane Hunt in Wisconsin?"\*\*](#)
- The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) released a new report. [\*\*Read our summary.\*\*](#)
- [\*\*"No dirt, no problem"\*\*](#) Read about the rise of hydroponics in Wisconsin's indoor agriculture.



[\*\*Phenology Highlight: Garlic Mustard is an\*\*](#)



invasive plant and early participant in the "green-up" of Spring. Remove garlic mustard completely, roots and all, to support our native species. It makes a tasty pesto too!

## What WGF is Doing

WGF's workgroups are advising the future of Wisconsin conservation policy by tackling these key issues:

- **Re-route of Line 5 remains a concern:** Read about Enbridge's plan to build a pipeline in the Bad River watershed upstream of tribal lands by Loretha Jack.
- WGF worked with Monroe County to address climate readiness. **[Learn about this pilot project here.](#)**
- **WGF forms Contaminants of Emerging Concern Work Group** from previous PFAS work group.
- **WGF submits comments to EPA regarding "Waters of the United States"** proposed rule revisions.
- **WGF collaborates with Catalysts for Science Policy** which is a student organization that creates podcasts to discuss WGF, climate change, and more.

### Intrigued?

See more of our work here ->

Our Work



### We May Change Our Name

Members of the Student & Young Professionals Work Group looking for input on a new work group name! We want to ensure our name is as inclusive as possible to students and professionals from every walk of life.

We would love your input on this important decision! Using the poll on the right, please cast your vote for a new name!

What do you think the name should be?

#### Emerging Conservation Professionals

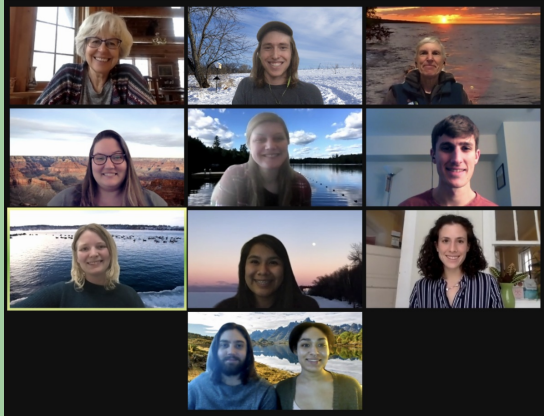
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#### Aspiring Conservation Professionals

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#### Early Career Conservation Professionals

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No change (Student & Young Professionals)

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## Field Glasses

### Spotting good work around the state

#### ***The Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing is April 11, 2022***

Learn from Loretha Jack about the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing and cast your vote on environmental issues that matter to you! [Learn about more ways to get involved with the WCC!](#)

[Conservation for All.](#) Dolly Ledin reflects on her participation in the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Conservation Community of Practice.

Natural Resources  
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of Wisconsin

DEIJ Community of Practice for  
Wisconsin Conservation



[Making the Moss of a Discovery. An update on the newly discovered tufted fen moss in Wisconsin.](#) Read Tiffany Paalman's update about *Paludella squarrosa* or "tufted fen moss," a rare moss species recently discovered in northeastern Wisconsin by UW-Green Bay professor.

## Careers Corner

### Networking & Mentor Opportunity



Learn how you can make a difference as an environmental

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**attorney** in [this interview](#) featuring Michael Cain, a retired WDNR attorney (shown above with a sizable Northern Pike).

**Read Michael  
Cain's Interview  
here**

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**Take  
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Survey**

We want to create a program that benefits students and young professionals by connecting them with senior WGF members. The main outcome we seek is that students and young professionals are better equipped for their chosen career paths. Ideally, senior members are also better equipped to fulfill WGF's mission by learning from younger perspectives. A variety of program structures could achieve these outcomes, and which structure is best depends on you. Please help us help you by completing this 5-minute survey designed to gauge interest and guide the building of the program.

**Read about Mentorship Mutualism, an  
example of mentoring in WGF**

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## **Conservation Job Resources**

Looking for a Wisconsin-based job in conservation? Try searching open positions from these potential employers:

- [UW universities](#) and [other WI colleges](#)

- [State](#) or [federal](#) agencies like DNR, FWS, USGS, NRCS...
- Tribal organizations like [GLIFWC](#) or [individual tribes](#)
- [Land trusts](#) and [other private organizations](#)

Or look for Wisconsin/remote positions on job boards for conservation professionals:

- [Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences Jobs](#)
- [Green Jobs](#)
- [Great Lakes Jobs](#) (email listserv subscription)
- [Environmental Jobs](#)
- [Environmental Education Jobs](#)
- Conservation Jobs [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Lastly, remember that many openings are not posted on job boards, or even online. Use [this tool](#) to find potential employers near you based on your background, and try reaching out directly.

**Good luck!**

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**Questions or concerns? Want to get involved? Please don't hesitate to reach out!**



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