

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Washburn County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

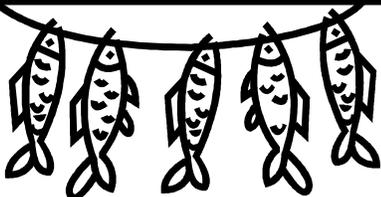
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Washburn County, **33,716** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

The **Gov. Thompson Hatchery in Spooner** celebrated its **100 year anniversary** in 2014. Over the past year over 43,000 musky, 409,989 small fingerling walleyes and 287,999 extended growth walleyes have been raised at the hatchery.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **223 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Washburn County.

**67,478 extended growth walleye** were stocked in **Bear Lake, Lake Nancy, Long Lake and Stone Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014 the **Tuscolobia State Trail**, which runs through Washburn County, had close to **34,592 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$4,274,533**.

## Community Partnerships

A total of **\$4,379** was awarded to the **Washburn County Sheriff Department** for ATV and snowmobile patrol activities.

Over the past three years, DNR staff has assisted in the cleanup of the massive **wind storm** that occurred in Washburn County in 2011. Projects included timber salvage, road clearance and cleanup, wildfire prevention, fuel mitigation, private forest landowner outreach and county forest and state land timber salvage.

## Snapshot of grants in Washburn County

A total of **\$3,303,299** was awarded in Washburn County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: a three year aquatic plan management project on the St. Croix Flowage, trail maintenance and grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests.

\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

## Forestry Activities

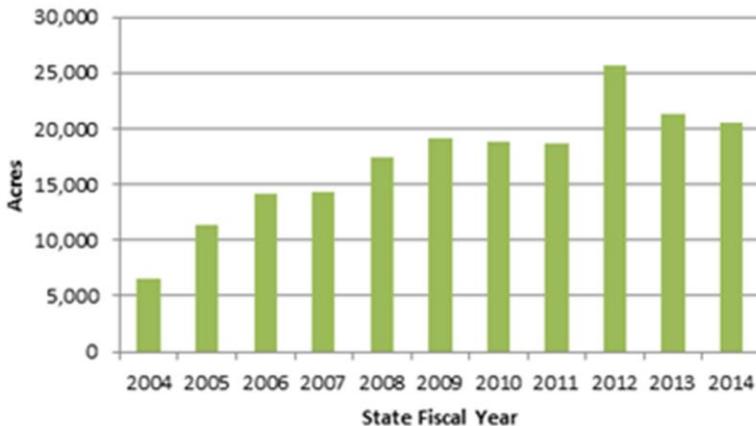
Forestry is one of the **top five industries** in Washburn County. It produces **\$63 million** in economic output, providing **\$20 million** in added value to the county.

In the last three fiscal years, **Washburn County Forest has received over \$266,000 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **65,505 acres** of private land in Washburn County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **29,511 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

*The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.*

### State Timber Sale Establishment



## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 100 contaminated properties** resulting in **16 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR provided **\$36,518 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

## Deer Management in Washburn County

In 2014, Washburn County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with three landowners who have over 180 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 4,827 deer were registered in Washburn County with 852 harvested during archery deer season and 3,975 harvested during the gun deer season.