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Dear Hunter, Angler or Person interested in conservation of Wisconsin's natural resources:

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking your input on management of our natural resources. Each year the Department receives \$12.5 million in federal grants to help manage our sport fish and wildlife populations to match the \$68 million coming from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. How we spend that money is guided by a six year "Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan" which is required to receive the federal grants. The current plan was developed in 2001 and expires in 2007. A complete text of the plan can be found on our website at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/management/>

Since 2001, we've used these funds on many projects to make hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors better in Wisconsin including:

Restored 150 miles of trout streams and removed 32 dams to improve fish habitat

Upgraded or built 180 boating and shore fishing access sites

Acquired 180,000 acres of hunting and fishing lands and leased 463,000 acres of land for public hunting

Stocked almost 70 million fish in Wisconsin waters and over 400,000 pheasants on public lands

Restored and maintained 8,500 acres of wetlands and 200,000 acres of grasslands

Fought CWD, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus diseases

Hired new warden recruit classes in 2005, 2006 and 2007

We hope that you will agree that hunting and fishing license dollars have been invested productively over the past six years.

Now we need your help to identify major challenges and priorities for the next six years! We must update our plan to cover 2007-2013. Department staff have already begun to identify numerous challenges and priorities for these next six years. Some of these include:

- Habitat Loss
- Conflicts among all outdoor recreation users
- Invasive species and wildlife diseases
- Provide a variety of fish and wildlife recreation opportunities for a diverse public
- Conserving declining species and threatened habitats
- Passing along a conservation ethic to the next generation

These are some of the challenges and priorities from our perspective but we need to hear from you on these and other issues that you think might be important. We ask that you fill out the attached questionnaire and either turn it in at one of our public informational meetings, or mail it to Wisconsin DNR – FH/4, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707. You may also fill out this survey online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/invest/>.

Thank you for your help on this important planning effort.

Sincerely,

Scott Hassett, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan User Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short questionnaire. Please answer each question. The best answer is the one that most closely reflects your own opinions and beliefs.

1. Did you purchase a license to do any hunting or fishing in Wisconsin during 2006 or 2007?
(check all that apply)

Yes, a license for hunting # No, I did not purchase any hunting or
Yes, a license for fishing fishing license for Wisconsin during 2006 or 2007

2. Below is a list of issues resource managers are likely to face during 2007 – 2012. Please tell us how concerned you personally are for each of the following issues.

1=Not at all concerned 4=Somewhat concerned
2=Not too concerned 3=Unsure 5=Very concerned

(circle one number for each issue)

	Not at all concerned	Unsure	Very concerned		
How concerned are you about...					
...the loss of natural habitats.....	1	2	3	4	5
...continued funding for conservation.....	1	2	3	4	5
...conflicts among different outdoor recreation users.....	1	2	3	4	5
...too few places to hunt.....	1	2	3	4	5
...too few places to fish along streams and rivers.....	1	2	3	4	5
...invasive species (e.g., weeds, carp) in our lakes.....	1	2	3	4	5
...invasive species in our forests and prairies.....	1	2	3	4	5
...stopping the spread of wildlife diseases (e.g., CWD)...	1	2	3	4	5
...stopping the spread of fish diseases.....	1	2	3	4	5
... wildlife damage to agricultural crops.....	1	2	3	4	5
...another issue.....	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please use the following space to tell us about *other issues* that you think will be important to managing Wisconsin's natural resources during 2007-2013.

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4. Below is a list of possible priorities for the Department's fish and wildlife programs during 2007 – 2013. Please tell us how important you think each will be during the next six years.

1=Not at all important 4=Somewhat important
 2=Not too important 3=Unsure 5=Very important

(circle one number for each issue)

	Not at all important	Unsure	Very important		
Replace old fish hatcheries that are now inadequate.....	1	2	3	4	5
Replace old game farm facilities that are now inadequate	1	2	3	4	5
Closely monitor sport fish populations.....	1	2	3	4	5
Closely monitor wildlife populations.....	1	2	3	4	5
Provide a variety of wildlife recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Provide a variety of fish recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Protect and improve fish habitat.....	1	2	3	4	5
Protect and improve wildlife habitat.....	1	2	3	4	5
Combat invasive species.....	1	2	3	4	5
Protect wildlife populations from diseases.....	1	2	3	4	5
Protect fish populations from diseases.....	1	2	3	4	5
Pass along a conservation ethic to children.....	1	2	3	4	5
Another priority.....	1	2	3	4	5

5. Please use the following space to tell us about *other priorities* that you think will be important to managing Wisconsin's natural resources during 2007 - 2013.

6. In what Wisconsin county is your primary residence? _____ county

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it to one of the public Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan meetings or mail it to Wisconsin DNR – FH/4, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707. You may also complete the survey online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/invest/>.

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