

# Promises kept and a plan for the future



**2006 was another fantastic year for anglers, hunters, and anyone who enjoys Wisconsin's great outdoors:**

- Lake Michigan anglers reeled in the second highest number of chinook in 40 years.
- Anglers caught more than 60 musky over 48 inches, including a 54 lb., 10 oz. monster from the Lower Fox River and a 51-lb., 2-oz Vilas County fish
- Hunters harvested just under 500,000 white-tailed deer, the state's third highest total ever
- Anglers set seven new state fish records.
- A record number of hunters got to enjoy spring and fall turkey hunting seasons.
- Wisconsin ranked in the top 5 states in harvest of black bear, ruffed grouse, and wild turkey.
- Trapper harvests put Wisconsin in the top 5 as well.

**These great times in the field didn't happen by accident.** The fee increases you supported effective in 2003 and 2005 have allowed us to restore funding for conservation activities. They enabled us, working with you, our partners, to more fully carry out our 2001-2007 plan for managing fisheries and wildlife and protecting habitat and provide the outdoor opportunities that makes Wisconsin home.

**Here's a listing of just some of what we did over the past six years:**

- ✓ Reconstructed the Wild Rose coldwater hatchery
- ✓ Restored 150 miles of trout streams, removed 32 dams to improve habitat
- ✓ Conducted over 15,000 lake and stream fish surveys
- ✓ Upgraded or built 180 boating and shore fishing access sites
- ✓ Acquired 200,000 acres of hunting and fishing lands through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
- ✓ Stocked almost 70 million fish in Wisconsin waters
- ✓ Restored, maintained 8,500 wetland and 200,000 grassland acres
- ✓ Stocked over 400,000 pheasants on public lands or via cooperators
- ✓ Leased 72,000 acres of land each year for public hunting
- ✓ Fought CWD, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus diseases
- ✓ Hired new warden recruit classes in 2005, 2006 and 2007
- ✓ Installed an Automated Licensing System, enabled web & phone sales
- ✓ Established an 800 customer service line staffed by Spanish and Hmong speaking agents



# For the future...our families' and our outdoor fun

We need your help to shape a plan to safeguard and improve outdoor opportunities for the future. Help us identify major challenges and priorities for the next six-year plan and for the long-term.

## We want to know how concerned you are about:

- loss of natural habitats.....
- continued funding for conservation.....
- conflicts among different outdoor recreation users....
- too few places to hunt.....
- too few places to fish along streams and rivers.....
- invasive species (e.g., weeds, carp) in our lakes.....
- invasive species in our forests and prairies .....
- stopping the spread of wildlife diseases (e.g., CWD)..
- stopping the spread of fish diseases.....
- wildlife damage to agricultural crops.....
- other issues.....



## We want to know what you think DNR priorities should be:



- Replace old fish hatcheries that are now inadequate.....
- Replace old game farm facilities that are now inadequate....
- Closely monitor sport fish populations.....
- Closely monitor wildlife populations.....
- Provide a variety of wildlife recreation opportunities.....
- Provide a variety of fish recreation opportunities.....
- Protect and improve fish and wildlife habitat.....
- Protect and improve wildlife habitat.....
- Combat invasive species.....

- Pass along a conservation ethic to children.....
- Protect fish and wildlife populations from diseases.....
- Other priorities.....

## Please give us your input!

Go online to DNR's Web site, [dnr.wi.gov/invest/](http://dnr.wi.gov/invest/), and fill out a survey, or pick one up at a DNR office and send us your answers.

**Help us develop Wisconsin's game plan** for assuring that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the same great hunting and fishing we enjoyed in 2006!



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