

CONSERVATION SCORECARD 2007-2008

for the Wisconsin Legislature



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About Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to electing conservation leaders, holding legislators accountable, and encouraging lawmakers to champion conservation policies that effectively protect Wisconsin's public health and natural resources.

In pursuit of its mission, WLCV holds legislators accountable to their votes, engages in voter education, lobbying and issue advocacy. WLCV also recruits candidates, issues candidate endorsements and actively works for the election of candidates committed to strong and effective conservation policies.

To learn more about Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters or to view the *Conservation Scorecard 2007-2008*, visit www.conservationvoters.org/scorecard/08

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INTRODUCTION

The *Conservation Scorecard 2007-2008* is **the guide to how Wisconsin state legislators voted on key conservation issues** during the 2007-2008 legislative session.

The goal of the Scorecard is to provide objective, factual information about the voting records of Wisconsin's state Senators and Representatives. The Scorecard is designed to provide voters with the information necessary to distinguish true stewards of Wisconsin's environment from those who just talk about it.

A Summary of the Legislative Session

The 2007-2008 legislative session represented the best *and* the worst of natural resource policy making in Wisconsin.

On the bright side is the April 2008 Special Session agreement on the Great Lakes Compact. This compromise bill demonstrated that by listening to their constituents and setting aside partisan politics, legislators could achieve an historic victory to protect one of the world's most precious resources. Likewise, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund and the creation of the Renewable Energy Grants and Loans Program in the state budget were examples of successful, bi-partisan efforts to do the right thing for Wisconsin.

However, there was a flip side to this legislative session. Too often legislators chose to ignore the overwhelming public support for good conservation policy. As a result, two Conservation Priority issues were hung out to dry: tackling climate change and restoring an independent DNR Secretary. In these cases, politics were allowed to trump citizen values, and natural resources suffered as a result.

How the Scorecard is Prepared

Throughout the Wisconsin Legislature's two-year session, the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks each conservation bill and announces our position to legislators in the Conservation Notices of the Week. This *Conservation Scorecard 2007-2008* reports the most important of those bills that were voted on in the full Senate, Assembly, or in the important Joint Finance Committee. The Conservation Scorecard Advisory Council—an independent and diverse group of conservation leaders, health professionals, and academics—recommended which of those votes to score. The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters made the final decision of which votes to include.

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks every important conservation bill as it moves through the legislative process. To learn more about these bills and view their complete history, please visit the Conservation Vote Tracker at www.conservationvoters.org/Public/voteTracker.php

Act 1: Democracy

A strong democratic process is one of the most significant ways the conservation concerns of Wisconsin citizens can be heard over the influence of campaign contributions from polluting interests. Act 1 created a new politically independent enforcement agency with the authority to investigate possible wrongdoing by campaign contributors and lobbyists.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

Act 20: Budget

The state budget addressed several natural resource issues:

– Conservation Priority:

- Act 20 reauthorized the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, the state's main land protection program, for another decade and restored the program's purchasing power.
- Act 20 increased the recycling tipping fee from \$3 to \$4 per ton to help deter out-of-state waste. It also provided additional revenue to local entities for recycling programs.
- Act 20 helped to reduce Wisconsin's number one water quality problem by providing funds to farmers to battle polluted runoff.
- Act 20 provided funds to help clean up contaminated sediments found in the Great Lakes and Milwaukee-area rivers.

– Conservation Priority:

- Act 20 helped create new, clean energy sources by funding the creation of the Renewable Energy Grants and Loans program.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

Act 227: The Great Lakes Compact Conservation Priority

Act 227 is the compromise negotiated by Governor Doyle, Senator Miller, and Representative Gunderson to the Strong Great Lakes Compact after SB 523 failed to pass the Assembly. Act 227 maintains the majority of protections necessary for a Strong Compact. Passage of Act 227 is an instrumental step in moving the Compact forward at the national level.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

AB 130: Hunting

AB 130 allows the DNR to issue resident hunting licenses to members of the Wisconsin National Guard who are residents of other states. Oftentimes, these Guard members spend extensive time in Wisconsin. Allowing any person enrolled in a Wisconsin National Guard unit to purchase resident hunting licenses is an appropriate way to honor their service and to pass on Wisconsin's proud hunting traditions.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Assembly.
- Passed Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

AB 131: Hunting

AB 131 makes it easier for Wisconsin members of the Armed Forces to hunt in Wisconsin. AB 131 allows the DNR to issue wild turkey hunting licenses, Canada goose hunting permits, and hunter's choice and other special deer hunting permits to Wisconsinites who are in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces outside the state but who are on furlough or leave within the state.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Assembly.
- Passed Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

AB 157: Climate Change Conservation Priority

AB 157 would have reduced Wisconsin's impact on climate change by requiring the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. AB 157 would have established a reporting system, allowed for the use of market mechanisms to achieve reductions at least cost, and created an emergency provision to halt implementation of the regulation in extreme cases.

This action reflects a vote on whether to vote on AB 157.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Failed Assembly.

AB 163: Wetlands

Current Wisconsin law requires that the Department of Natural Resources issues permits based on scientific analysis. AB 163 would have granted an exemption to the law for a single development. By granting this legislative favor, AB 163 would have compromised the entire science-based permitting process.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- AB 163 was not taken up by the Senate.

AB 346: Energy

Current Wisconsin law requires that before any new nuclear power plant can be built, the Public Service Commission must ensure that a facility is available to accept all of the nuclear waste generated. It also requires that all financial costs of running the full life cycle of a nuclear plant be considered against all other alternative proposals. AB 346 would have eliminated these provisions from Wisconsin law.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- AB 346 was not taken up by the Senate.

AB 504: DNR Secretary

Conservation Priority

In 1995, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) became a political appointment of the Governor. AB 504 would have restored integrity to natural resource management by allowing the Natural Resources Board to select the Secretary of the DNR once again. AB 504 would have taken effect immediately upon passage of the bill.

This action reflects a vote on whether to vote on AB 504.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Failed Assembly.

AB 625: Energy

AB 625 promotes renewable energy by allowing school districts to be able to generate their energy from clean sources. AB 625 allows Wisconsin school districts to take advantage of no-interest Clean Renewable Energy Bonds.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Passed Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

AB 718: Land Use

Comprehensive plans developed by local communities can reduce runoff pollution, prevent the loss of recreational area, and improve impaired habitat. AB 718 would have undermined the intent of local governments' comprehensive plans by unnecessarily pushing back the date of compliance another five years.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- AB 718 was not taken up by the Senate.

AB 804: Justice

Currently the state of Wisconsin is able to fight against nuisances that harm human health and degrade Wisconsin's water, air and land. AB 804 would have left the public without the legal ability to challenge public nuisances that harm property and health.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- AB 804 was not taken up by the Senate.



AB 805: Land Use

Land use regulations protect our property, public health and our natural resources by ensuring that development decisions are guided by science. The resulting well-planned development often serves to increase property values. AB 805 would undermine local zoning laws that protect private property from losing value while also devastating laws meant to ensure the safety of the community.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- AB 805 was not taken up by the Senate.

AJR 34: Stamp Fees

Conservation Priority

Hunting and fishing fees are paid by hunters and fishermen with the express statutory purpose of wildlife habitat restoration and, sometimes, wildlife stocking. The fees are frequently raided during the budget process to fund other programs. AJR 34 would have created a constitutional amendment prohibiting the raids of all segregated funds, including hunting and fishing fees.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- AJR 34 was not taken up by the Senate.

SB 15: DNR Secretary

Conservation Priority

In 1995, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) became a political appointment of the Governor. SB 15 would have restored integrity to natural resource management by allowing the Natural Resources Board to select the Secretary of the DNR once again.

SB 15 would have taken effect in January 2011.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- SB 15 was not taken up by the Assembly.

SB 49: Park Access

Unlike numerous other states, Wisconsin does not offer our disabled veterans free access to state parks and state trails. SB 49 would have provided year-round free access to state parks and trails to Wisconsin residents who are veterans with a 70 percent or greater military-related disability and those who are former prisoners of war.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

SB 171: Democracy

Campaign contributions to judicial candidates present opportunities for a conflict of interest once the candidate becomes a judge. The health of Wisconsin's natural resources stands to be impacted in circumstances where individuals and campaign contributors from polluting entities are before the Supreme Court. SB 171 attempted to remove the influence of campaign contributions on the non-partisan office of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- SB 171 was not taken up by the Assembly.

*Voice votes are not recorded and therefore cannot be scored on the *Scorecard*.

SB 346: Mercury

Mercury is one of the most toxic substances to human health. Currently, all in-state waters have mercury advisories advising women and children to limit the amount of fish they eat from our waters. Mercury is still found in many common household products. SB 346 would have protected human health and the environment from toxic mercury by phasing out its unnecessary use in certain products.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Senate.
- SB 346 was not taken up by the Assembly.

SB 397: Waste

Every year, thousands of tons of old televisions and video screens from computers are thrown into Wisconsin's landfills where they can leak toxic substances like mercury, cadmium, and chromium. SB 397 would have kept these toxic electronics out of landfills by requiring that producers of electronic waste collect and properly dispose of video display devices once they are no longer wanted by consumers.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status

- Passed Senate.
- The vote on whether to vote on SB 397 failed in the Assembly.

SB 523: Great Lakes

Conservation Priority

The Great Lakes Compact would create provisions to prevent the diversion of Great Lakes water with only limited exceptions. SB 523, the Strong Compact, included the basic Compact with additional provisions that would strengthen the ban on diversions, clarify the bottled water loophole, and set standards for water conservation.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- The vote to debate SB 523 failed in the Assembly.

SB 553: Wetlands

Wetlands play a critical role in protecting groundwater supplies and providing wildlife habitat. Unfortunately, it is not always clear where wetlands are located. Citizens and developers sometimes unknowingly build in them, which harms the environment and causes unnecessary headaches and financial burden to homeowners. SB 553 would help to protect wetlands and citizens by creating a wetland notification system for private landowners.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- SB 553 was never taken up by the Assembly.



Budget: Motion 107 Energy

The Clean Energy Act of 2006 requires 10% of energy generated in Wisconsin to be from clean, renewable sources like wind and solar. Motion 107 undermined this prized law by classifying large-scale hydroelectric power from Canada as renewable. The motion encouraged Wisconsin to purchase power from Canada, rather than creating local jobs by generating energy in Wisconsin.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Motion 107 was not included in the final version of Act 20.

Budget: Motion 191 Energy

Motion 191 provides \$50 million worth of Energy Efficiency Revenue Bonds to be used by Wisconsin school districts to fund energy efficiency improvements. Energy efficiency represents significant opportunities for cost savings while reducing the need for electricity from polluting sources of energy.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Failed Joint Finance Committee.

Budget: Paper 100, Alt 1 Energy

Paper 100, Alt 1 maintained the creation of the Office of Energy Independence, which was charged with the critical job of developing and promoting the next generation of renewable energy and biofuels in Wisconsin.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 20.

Budget: Paper 155, Alt 2 Public Lands

Charged with safeguarding State Trust Funds and Trust Lands, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands serves an important role in natural resource protection. Alternative 2 will provide much needed resources to help carry out the duties of the agency.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 20.

Budget: Paper 210 Energy

Conservation Priority

Paper 210 provided \$22 million to invest in the next generation of renewable energy technologies that would benefit businesses and universities.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 20.

Budget: Paper 555, Motion A6, B1, C3, D 2, 3, E 1d, 2d Stewardship

Conservation Priority

More than 475,000 acres of the most ecologically important land in Wisconsin is protected due to the Stewardship Fund. As northern forest ecosystems continue to be fragmented and pristine lakes developed, the Stewardship Fund remains as important as ever. This motion would have prevented the reauthorization of the Stewardship Fund.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Failed Joint Finance Committee.

Budget: Paper 565 Alt 2A Wildlife

The Wildlife Violator Compact of 2006 allows the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to join 19 other states in the International Wildlife Violator Compact. Under the Compact, sportsmen that violate hunting, fishing, or trapping laws in one state will lose their sporting privileges in all other member states of the Compact. Paper 565, Alt 2A provides the Department of Natural Resources the resources they need to administer the law.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 20.

Budget: Paper 585 Alt 2B and 2D Water Quality

Polluted runoff is Wisconsin's number one water quality problem. Although there is a law on the books meant to limit polluted runoff, it has never been adequately funded. This alternative would have contributed to this problem by further reducing the funds available to limit pollutants from entering our waters.

Pro-Conservation Vote: NO

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Funding was restored to the original amounts in the Senate and Assembly versions and signed into law as part of Act 20.

Budget: Paper 586 Alt A1 Water Quality

Polluted runoff is Wisconsin's number one water quality problem. Although there is a law on the books meant to limit polluted runoff, it has never been adequately funded. This provision provides more resources for land owners to develop nutrient and manure management plans.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 20.

Budget: Paper 589 Alt A1, B1, and C2b Invasives

Invasive species have the ability to change aquatic systems and the plants and animals that live in them by shading out native plant species and by consuming plants and animals that fish rely on for food. To win the war against invasive species, government, nonprofits, and local groups need to work together. Alternative A1, B1, and C2b allotted more resources and permitted more entities to fight the invasive species battle.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Failed Joint Finance Committee.

Budget: Paper 601, Motion 184 Waste

Importing municipal waste into Wisconsin is a bargain for neighboring states due to our low tipping fees. Our low tipping fee of only \$3 per ton forces Wisconsin to deal with the environmental and financial liabilities of other states' garbage. Motion 184 would have increased the tipping fees to \$10 per ton. It would also have provided much needed funds to local governments for recycling grants.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Failed Joint Finance Committee.

Budget: Paper 777 Transit

Paper 777 would have invested in the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) rail system to create a bi-state link between Milwaukee and Chicago. KRM would have helped to develop transit-oriented communities that reduce energy use and limit harmful air pollutants.

Pro-Conservation Vote: YES

Status:

- Failed Joint Finance Committee.



WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	Score (Percent)	Act 1	Act 20	Act 227	AB 130	AB 131
			Democracy	Budget	Great Lakes	Hunting	Hunting
Albers, Sheryl	50	29	+	-	-	+	+
Ballweg, Joan	43	46	+	+	+	+	+
Benedict, Chuck	45	86	+	-	+	+	+
Berceau, Terese	76	100	+	+	+	+	+
Bies, Gary	1	36	+	-	+	+	+
Black, Spencer	77	100	+	+	+	+	+
Boyle, Frank	73	86	-	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	8	93	+	+	+	+	+
Cullen, David	13	86	+	-	+	+	+
Davis, Brett	80	43	+	+	+	+	+
Fields, Jason	11	100	+	+	•	+	+
Fitzgerald, Jeff	39	43	+	+	+	+	+
Friske, Donald	35	43	+	+	+	+	+
Garthwaite, Phil	49	79	+	+	+	+	+
Gottlieb, Mark	60	36	+	-	+	+	+
Grigsby, Tamara	18	93	+	+	+	+	+
Gronemus, Barbara	91	64	+	+	+	+	+
Gunderson, Scott	83	36	+	-	+	+	+
Gundrum, Mark	84	60	+	-	•	+	+
Hahn, Eugene	47	43	+	+	+	+	+
Hebl, Gary	46	90	+	+	+	+	+
Hilgenberg, Steve	51	93	+	+	+	+	+
Hines, J.A. "Doc"	42	43	+	+	+	+	+
Hintz, Gordon	54	93	+	-	+	+	+
Hixson, Kim	43	86	+	+	+	+	+
Honadel, Mark	21	36	+	-	+	+	+
Hraychuck, Ann	28	93	+	+	+	+	+
Hubler, Mary	75	86	+	-	+	+	+
Huebsch, Michael	94	43	+	+	+	+	+
Jeskewitz, Suzanne	24	36	+	-	+	+	+
Jorgensen, Andy	37	71	+	-	+	+	+
Kaufert, Dean	55	36	+	-	+	+	+
Kerkman, Samantha	66	36	+	-	+	+	+
Kessler, Frederick	12	86	+	+	+	+	+
Kestell, Steve	27	36	+	-	+	+	+
Kleefisch, Joel	38	36	+	-	+	+	+
Kramer, Bill	97	36	+	-	+	+	+
Kreuser, James	64	92	+	+	+	+	+
Krusick, Margaret	7	86	+	-	+	+	+
Lasee, Frank	2	43	+	-	+	+	+
LeMahieu, Daniel	59	36	+	-	+	+	+
Lothian, Thomas	32	36	+	-	+	+	+
Mason, Cory	62	100	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer, Dan	34	43	+	+	+	+	+
Molepkse, Jr., Louis	71	93	+	+	+	+	+
Montgomery, Phil	4	36	+	-	+	+	+
Moulton, Terry	68	43	+	+	+	+	+
Mursau, Jeffery	36	43	+	+	+	+	+
Murtha, John	29	43	+	+	+	+	+
Musser, Terry	92	43	+	+	+	+	+

+ Legislator made the pro-conservation vote
 - Legislator made the anti-conservation vote

• Excused absence. For excused absences, the legislator's score is derived from the number of votes made when the legislator was present.
 •• Unexcused absence. Unexcused absences are counted as negative votes.

WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

AB 157	AB 163	AB 346	AB 504	AB 718	AB 804	AB 805	AJR 34	SB 523
Global Warming	Wetlands	Energy	DNR Secretary	Land Use	Justice	Land Use	Stamp Fees	Great Lakes
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Nass, Stephen	31	36	+	-	+	+	+
Nelson, Tom	5	93	+	+	+	+	+
Nerison, Lee	96	43	+	+	+	+	+
Newcomer, Scott	33	25	+	-	+	•	•
Nygren, John	89	36	+	-	+	+	+
Ott, Alvin	3	50	+	+	+	+	+
Ott Jim	23	36	+	-	+	+	+
Owens, Carol	53	36	+	-	+	+	+
Parisi, Joe	48	100	+	+	+	+	+
Petersen Kevin	40	43	+	+	+	+	+
Petrowski Jerry	86	43	+	+	+	+	+
Pocan, Mark	78	93	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts, Sondy	79	100	+	+	+	+	+
Pridemore, Don	99	36	+	-	+	+	+
Rhoades, Kitty	30	43	+	+	+	+	+
Richards, Jon	19	93	+	+	+	+	+
Roth, Roger	56	71	+	-	+	+	+
Schneider, Marlin	72	86	-	+	+	+	+
Seidel, Donna	85	93	+	+	+	+	+
Sheridan, Mike	44	86	+	+	+	+	+
Sherman, Gary	74	93	+	+	+	+	+
Shilling, Jennifer	95	83	+	-	+	•	•
Sinicki, Christine	20	100	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Jeff	93	93	+	+	+	+	+
Soletski James	88	86	+	+	+	+	+
Staskunas, Tony	15	100	+	+	+	+	+
Steinbrink, John	65	86	+	+	+	+	+
Stone, Jeff	82	36	+	-	+	+	+
Strachota Pat	58	36	+	-	+	+	+
Suder, Scott	69	43	+	+	+	+	+
Tauchen, Gary	6	43	+	+	+	+	+
Toles, Barbara	17	100	+	+	+	+	+
Townsend, John	52	43	+	+	+	+	+
Travis, David	81	93	+	+	+	+	+
Turner, Robert	61	100	+	+	+	+	+
Van Akkeren, Terry	26	100	+	+	+	+	+
Van Roy, Karl	90	43	+	+	+	+	+
Vos, Robin	63	36	+	-	+	+	+
Vruwink, Amy Sue	70	79	+	-	+	+	+
Vukmir, Leah	14	36	+	-	+	+	+
Wasserman, Sheldon	22	79	+	-	+	+	+
Wieckert, Steve	57	36	+	-	+	+	+
Williams, Annette	10	92	+	+	+	+	+
Williams, Mary	87	43	+	+	+	+	+
Wood, Jeffrey	67	33	+	+	+	•	•
Young, Leon	16	93	+	+	+	+	+
Zepnick, Josh	9	100	+	+	+	+	+
Ziegelbauer, Bob	25	64	+	-	+	+	+
Zipperer, Rich	98	36	+	-	+	+	+

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AB 157	AB 163	AB 346	AB 504	AB 718	AB 804	AB 805	AJR 34	SB 523
Global Warming	Wetlands	Energy	DNR Secretary	Land Use	Justice	Land Use	Stamp Fees	Great Lakes
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
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WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

Senator	District	Score (Percent)	Act 1	Act 20	Act 227	AB 130	AB 131
			Democracy	Budget	Great Lakes	Hunting	Hunting
Breske, Roger	12	100	+	+	+	+	+
Carpenter, Tim	3	100	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Spencer	6	100	+	+	+	+	+
Cowles, Robert	2	85	+	-	+	+	+
Darling, Alberta	8	85	+	-	+	+	+
Decker, Russell	29	100	+	+	+	+	+
Ellis, Michael	19	85	+	-	+	+	+
Erpenbach, Jon	27	100	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	13	69	+	-	+	+	+
Grothman, Glenn	20	54	+	-	+	+	+
Hansen, Dave	30	100	+	+	+	+	+
Harsdorf, Sheila	10	85	+	-	+	+	+
Jauch, Robert	25	100	+	+	+	+	+
Kanavas, Theodore	33	67	+	-	+	+	+
Kapanke, Dan	32	85	+	-	+	+	+
Kedzie, Neal	11	69	+	-	+	+	+
Kreitlow, Pat	23	100	+	+	+	+	+
Lasee, Alan	1	69	+	-	+	+	+
Lassa, Julie	24	100	+	+	+	+	+
Lazich, Mary	28	46	+	-	-	+	+
Lehman, John	21	100	+	+	+	+	+
Leibham, Joe	9	77	+	-	+	+	+
Miller, Mark	16	100	+	+	+	+	+
Olsen, Luther	14	85	+	-	+	+	+
Plale, Jeffrey	7	100	+	+	+	+	+
Risser, Fred	26	100	+	+	+	+	+
Robson, Judith	15	100	+	+	+	+	+
Roessler, Carol	18	75	+	-	+	+	+
Schultz, Dale	17	77	+	-	+	+	+
Sullivan, Jim	5	100	+	+	+	+	+
Taylor, Lena	4	100	+	+	+	+	+
Vinehout, Kathleen	31	100	+	+	+	+	+
Wirch, Robert	22	100	+	+	+	+	+

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Name	District	Motion 107	Motion 191	Paper 100	Paper 155	Paper 210	Paper 555	Paper 565
		Energy	Energy	Energy	Public Lands	Energy	Stewardship	Wildlife
Darling, Alberta	SD 8	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Decker, Russell	SD 29	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hansen, Dave	SD 30	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jauch, Bob	SD 25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lehman, John	SD 21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miller, Mark	SD 16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Olsen, Luther	SD 14	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Taylor, Lena	SD 4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	AD 8	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kestell, Steve	AD 27	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Meyer, Dan	AD 34	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Pocan, Mark	AD 78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rhoades, Kitty	AD 30	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Stone, Jeff	AD 82	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Suder, Scott	AD 69	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Vos, Robin	AD 63	-	-	-	+	-	-	+

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AB 625	SB 15	SB 49	SB 171	SB 346	SB 397	SB 523	SB 553
Energy	DNR Secretary	Park Access	Democracy	Mercury	Waste	Great Lakes	Wetlands
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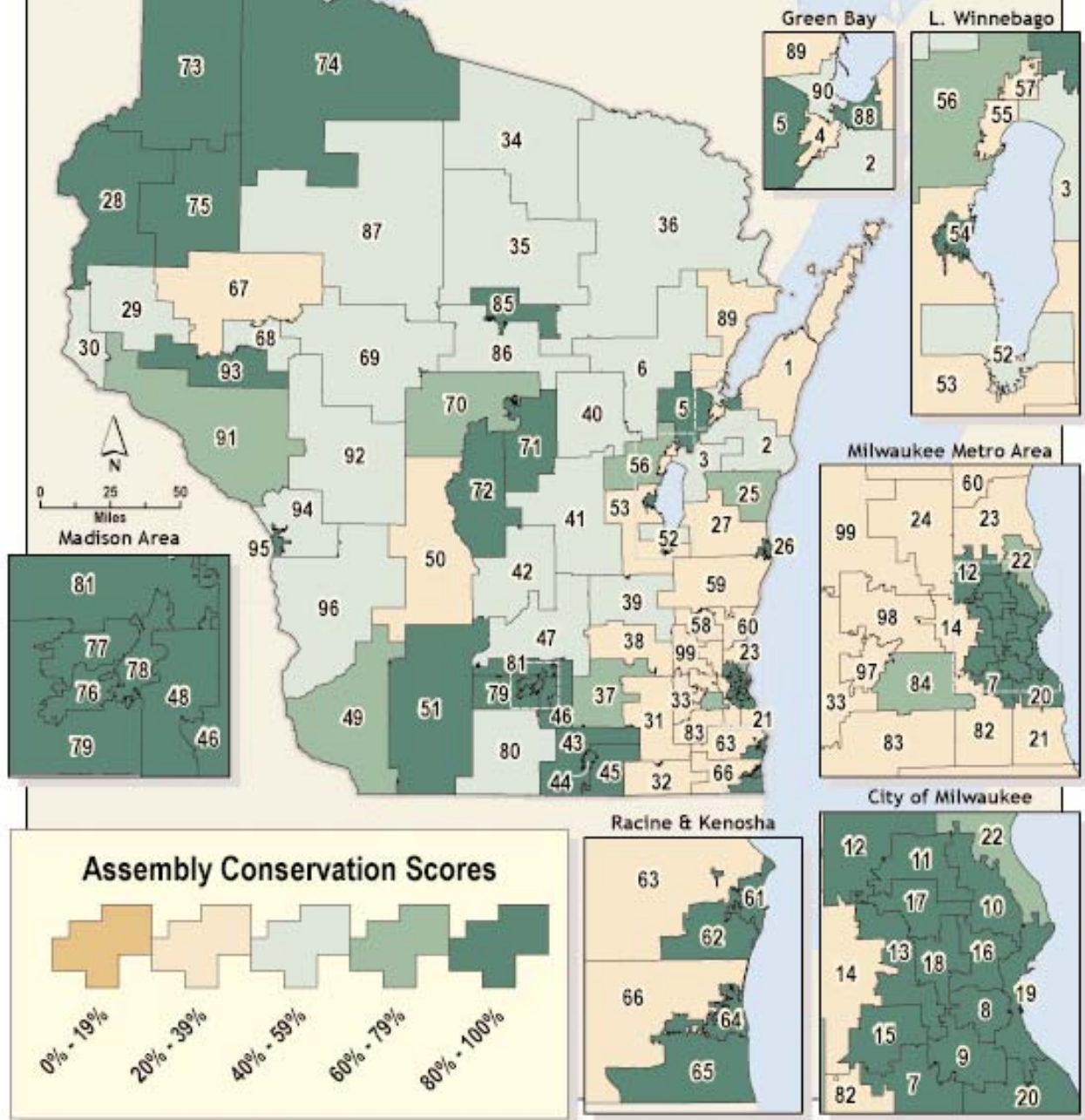
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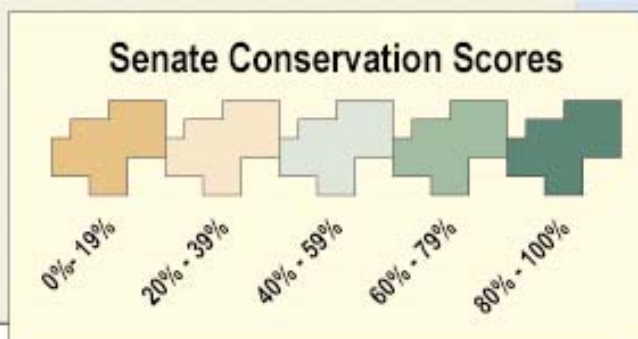
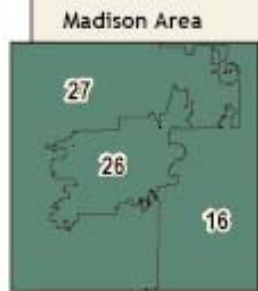
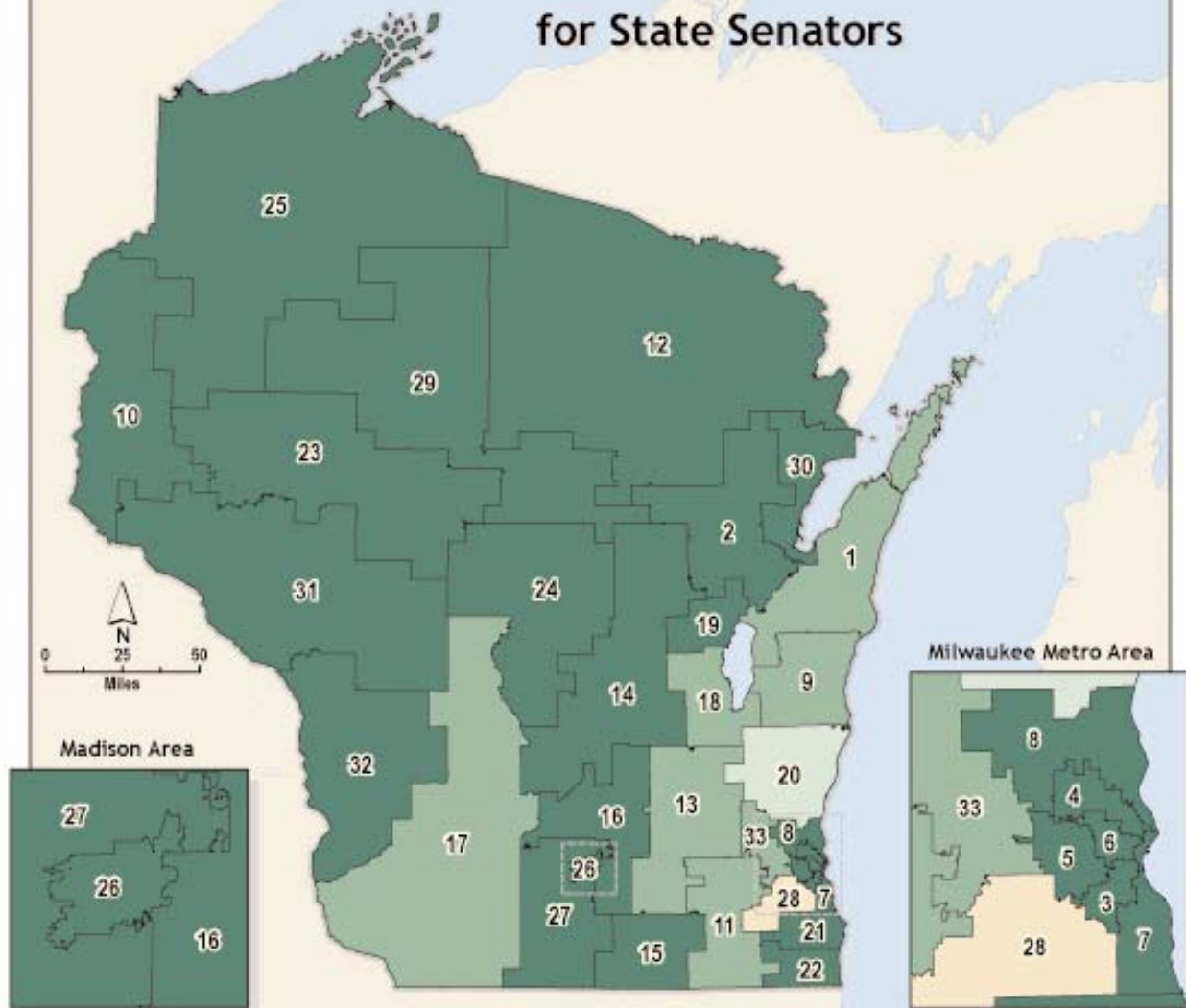


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Conservation Honor Roll

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters understands that the black and white nature of a Scorecard sometimes makes it difficult to recognize those instances where legislators went the extra mile for natural resources. The Conservation Honor Roll recognizes the following legislators for the extra effort they put forth to conserve Wisconsin's natural resources.

Senator Robert Jauch, Senator John Lehman, Senator Mark Miller, Senator Lena Taylor, and Representative Mark Pocan

When the motion was made in the Joint Finance Committee to gut the Clean Energy Act, a past Conservation Priority, these legislators cast the lone dissenting votes (See Budget Motion 107). The votes by Senators Lehman, Miller and Taylor and Representative Pocan demonstrate their commitment to using Wisconsin ingenuity to home-grow renewable energy solutions.

Senator Rob Cowles, Senator Bob Jauch, Senator John Lehman, Senator Mark Miller, and Representative Cory Mason and Representative Jon Richards

The passage of the Great Lakes Compact would not have been possible this session without the intense commitment of these Great Lakes legislative leaders. They helped to shepherd this Conservation Priority from the very beginning to the very end. Each played a role in writing the legislation, working across the political aisle, and building local support. The result of their efforts was a nearly unanimous vote in favor of protecting our invaluable Great Lakes.

Senator Pat Kreitlow and Representative Jeff Smith

These Eau Claire-area legislators consistently demonstrated their deep commitment to the values of their constituents and to the Conservation Priority issues. Together, in the summer of 2007, they held an in-district press conference highlighting the importance of the many conservation issues in the state budget. Over the course of the session, they also hosted two in-district meetings with constituents to get feedback specifically on the Conservation Priorities.

Conservation Dishonor Roll

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters also understands that there are times where a Scorecard score doesn't do enough to illustrate just how far some legislators will go to jeopardize Wisconsin's natural resources. Actions by the following legislators are grossly out-of-line with the conservation values of their constituents.

Wisconsin State Legislature

Despite being one of the most important issues facing Wisconsin (and the planet), the Wisconsin Legislature collectively failed to move forward any substantive climate change legislation this session. The Safe Climate Act was a Conservation Priority with overwhelming support from Wisconsin voters. Even though SB 81 passed out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, it never received a floor vote in the Senate. The Assembly's version of the same bill never even received a hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. A vote on whether to vote on the bill also failed in the Assembly (See AB 157). Due to this lack of leadership, Wisconsin is that much further behind other states who have passed global warming plans through their legislatures.

Senator Mary Lazich and Representative Sheryl Albers

By successfully ignoring the overwhelming public and bi-partisan support of the Great Lakes Compact, these were the only legislators to oppose its passage (See Act 227).

Representative Dan Meyer

Representative Meyer has the distinction of being one of the lead authors on two separate efforts to gut Conservation Priority issues. Representative Meyer was the primary author of a motion to undermine the Clean Energy Bill (See Budget Motion 107) and a motion to not reauthorize the Stewardship Fund in the Joint Finance Committee (See Budget Paper 555).

Speaker Michael Huebsch

Restoring the independent DNR Secretary was a Conservation Priority with impressive bi-partisan support among legislators (See AB 504). In fact, it had more legislative co-sponsors than any other conservation bill this legislative session. Among them was Speaker Huebsch. Despite his co-sponsorship, Speaker Huebsch led the way to ensure that AB 504 did *not* come up for a vote in the Assembly. The fact that the Speaker used politics to stop its passage illustrates why this bill, which attempted to remove politics from natural resource decision-making, is still so desperately needed.

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WISCONSIN STATE

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