

Wisconsin Conservation Voters: Issue statement on U.S. Senate vote to reauthorize Land and Water Conservation Fund

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MADISON – In response to U.S. Senate passage of S. 47, the public lands package, which would permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), among other provisions, Wisconsin Conservation Voters Executive Director Kerry Schumann issued this statement:

“From the soaring mountaintops of the Rockies to your local Lion’s Park, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been improving our country and communities since 1964. Be it Janesville or Racine, Dodgeville or Bayfield, the Ice Age Trail or the Apostle Islands – the LWCF has had a profound and lasting impact on our state. Congress should have never let LWCF expire as it did last September. This package is not perfect, but we welcome the Senate’s passage of this bipartisan legislation, which would permanently reauthorize LWCF and protect millions of acres of lands and waters. We will also continue to urge Congress to take the next step and enact full, dedicated funding for LWCF to end the chronic underfunding of this critical program. We expect the new pro-conservation House of Representatives to swiftly take up and pass this package.”