

Hunter Nation: Gov. Evers vetoes commonsense hunting and fishing bills that would have expanded hunting access

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Madison, WI. - Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers yesterday killed by veto three bills that were key components of the Wisconsin Sporting Freedom Act. The three bills passed by the Legislature but killed by the Governor would have made it easier for more people to enjoy our God-given resources and ensure the government works better for hunters and anglers.

"With these vetoes of several bipartisan hunting and fishing bills, Gov. Evers has sent a clear message that he simply doesn't care about Wisconsin's outdoor traditions and would rather partner with anti-hunting groups to trample our long-held traditions," said Hunter Nation CEO, Luke Hilgemann. "This Governor is no friend to the hunters, anglers, and trappers of Wisconsin who contribute billions to our state economy every year. Hunter Nation will be there to remind this critical voting bloc of this fact come November."

The bills vetoed yesterday, from material released by the legislators sponsoring them, include:

Pheasant Management Bill

- This bill would increase the minimum number of pheasants being planted to 200,000 and would improve the identification of the properties where the pheasants are planted, increasing access to hunting.

Wisconsin Brook Trout Bill

- This bill would set a minimum number of 100,000 brook trout that would be required to be raised by the DNR.

Farm-raised Game Bovid

- Under this bill, Wisconsin hunters will have an opportunity to hunt non-native bovids, some of which are already being raised on Wisconsin game farms. The bill requires farm-raised game bovids to be fenced in the same manner as farm-raised deer other than white-tailed deer.