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Wirch Named Conservation Legislator of the Year

Kenosha – The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) has named State Senator Bob Wirch (D-Kenosha) its Conservation Legislator of the Year.

"I'm honored to receive this award from an organization as respected as the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and a conservation champion like George Meyer. It is a wonderful acknowledgement," Wirch said.

Senator Wirch is an avid fisherman and has been a strong advocate for legislation providing greater opportunity for Wisconsin residents to participate in outdoor recreation and preserving our precious natural resources. Wirch has been a leader in the effort to remove politics from the DNR by returning appointment authority to the nonpartisan Natural Resources Board. This session, Wirch is the ranking member on the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry and sits on the 12-member Sporting Heritage Council.

The WWF, the state's largest conservation organization, is comprised of 168 hunting, fishing and trapping clubs located in the state of Wisconsin and is the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. The WWF is dedicated to conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies. Federation Executive Director George Meyer has worked in conservation for more than forty years, including serving as DNR Secretary under then-Governor Tommy Thompson.

The award will officially be presented during the Kenosha Sport-fishing and Conservation Association's club meeting on June 5 at 7 pm at the Moose Lodge in Kenosha.

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