

# CONSERVATION SCORECARD

## 2011-2012

for the Wisconsin Legislature



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Visit the Wisconsin Legislative website at  
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or call (800)362-9472.

## About Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

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

In pursuit of its mission, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters holds legislators accountable to their votes and 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 2011-2012*, visit [www.conservationvoters.org](http://www.conservationvoters.org)

Further details for each bill included in the *Conservation Scorecard 2011-2012* can be found online: <http://www.legis.state.wisconsin.gov>

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## INTRODUCTION

The *Conservation Scorecard 2011-2012* is your guide to how Wisconsin state legislators voted on key conservation issues during the past legislative session.

### Purpose of the Conservation Scorecard

The Conservation Scorecard provides 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.

### Summary of the Legislative Session

The 2011-2012 legislative session will go down in the history books for many reasons, including the unprecedented attacks on long-standing, popular conservation programs. The session began with the suspension of critical wind siting rules that were needed to attract wind business. It ended with attempts to pass a disastrous open-pit mining bill. Dozens of conservation rollbacks were attempted in between. From start to finish, this legislature aggressively worked to overturn over 30 years of Wisconsin's proud conservation legacy.

The good news is that — thanks to conservation voters mobilizing quickly and fiercely to protect key programs — some key programs were salvaged, including curbside recycling and rules to protect our rivers and lakes from phosphorus pollution. Your commitment also resulted in greatly improving a bill that would have gutted our water protection program. And then there was the big one. Conservation voters ensured that legislators were not successful in allowing one out-of-state mining company to be exempted from critical environmental, public health and public participation laws.

### How the Conservation Scorecard is Prepared

Throughout the Wisconsin Legislature's two-year session, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks each and every conservation bill. This *Conservation Scorecard 2011-2012* reports on the most important of those bills that had a recorded vote in the full Senate and Assembly. The Conservation Scorecard Advisory Council - an independent and diverse group of conservation, business, medical, and community leaders — recommended which votes to score. The Board of Directors of Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters made the final decision.

### Where You Come In

Conservation has no political party. While it is legislators who ultimately cast the votes that determine Wisconsin's conservation laws, **the real power lies in the hands of conservation voters like you** — you determine who makes those decisions. We hope that you'll use the *Conservation Scorecard 2011-2012* to get the information you need to become an educated conservation voter.

# 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, please review the Conservation Notices of the Week (or Conservation NOW) at [www.conservationvoters.org](http://www.conservationvoters.org).

## January 2011 Special Session SB 1: Science

Courts must allow evidence and testimony from experts that can speak to the negative impact of faulty products and practices on public health and natural resources. Special Session SB 1 erects unnecessary hurdles to using science in highly technical court cases.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: NO*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

## January 2011 Special Session SB 10: Wetlands

Wisconsin's wetlands are critical for flood prevention, wildlife habitat, and water purification. Special Session SB10 exempts wetlands in Brown County from statewide protections for the benefit of a single developer.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: NO*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

## January 2011 Special Session AB 8: Public Health

Emergency rules are designed to allow Wisconsin to move quickly to protect public health and our natural resources from emerging threats. Special Session AB 8 removes the consideration of threats to public health and the environment when any new state agency rules are being adopted.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: NO*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
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### SB 75: Wildlife

Successful wildlife management is based on science and reflects the impact that weather and previous conditions have had on wildlife numbers. SB 75 undermines wildlife management by having the legislature determine hunting season requirements around what is popular rather than what science suggests is needed.

#### **Pro-Conservation Vote: NO**

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

### SB 81: Clean Energy

Wisconsin's current goal of generating 10% of our energy from renewable sources is meant to build up Wisconsin's in-state energy sources. SB 81 undermines that goal by allowing large-scale hydro electric power from Canada to count towards Wisconsin's renewable energy goals.

#### **Pro-Conservation Vote: NO**

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

### SB 111: Air

Carbon monoxide pollution is an odorless and colorless gas which can cause headaches and nausea at low levels and seizures and even death at higher levels. SB 111 prohibits Wisconsin from setting air quality standards for carbon monoxide for transportation projects such as roads and parking ramps where high localized impacts of carbon monoxide can occur.

#### **Pro-Conservation Vote: NO**

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
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### SB 138: Air

Agricultural operations can sometimes release hazardous air pollution. SB 138 explicitly states that Wisconsin cannot set additional standards for hazardous air emissions from agricultural operations.

#### **Pro-Conservation Vote: NO**

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

### SB 326: Water

An open and transparent permitting process that encourages public involvement is critical for protecting our waters. SB 326 changes the process for construction and dredging projects that happen in or near our waterways and cuts the public out of the process.

#### **Pro-Conservation Vote: NO**

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

## SB 368: Wetlands

Wisconsin's wetlands are critical for flood prevention, wildlife habitat, and water purification. SB 368 removes protections for our most sensitive and important wetlands.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: NO*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

## SB 407: Toxics

Mercury is one of the most toxic substances to human health, impacting the nervous system. SB 407 phases out unnecessary mercury use in zinc air cell batteries in Wisconsin after 2013.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: YES*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Senate.
- SB 407 was never taken up by the Assembly.

## SB 441: Wildlife

Successful wildlife management depends upon the DNR and private conservation organizations working together to manage the state's wildlife resources. SB 441 allows the DNR to collect voluntary contributions for the Natural Resources Foundation to establish an endowment program to support wildlife habitat management activities on land owned or managed by the state of Wisconsin.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: YES*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.



## AB 165: Phosphorus

Runoff from phosphorus in lawn fertilizers can lead to algae-choked, stinky lakes. AB 165 undermines the effectiveness of the ban passed last session on displaying fertilizer containing phosphorus on store shelves.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: NO*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- AB 165 was not taken up by the Senate.

## AB 177: Water

The DNR is responsible for ensuring that anyone wishing to use the state's waters do so in such a way that other people's rights to our waters are not infringed upon. AB 177 forces the DNR to issue permits within arbitrary time lines to those seeking to withdraw or otherwise use water, even if the applicant has not provided necessary information or if DNR does not have the staff available to review the application.

### *Pro-Conservation Vote: NO*

#### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- AB 177 was not taken up by the Senate.



### **AB 303: Land Use**

Poorly planned development can result in significant runoff pollution, loss of recreational area, and impaired wildlife habitat. AB 303 undermines well-planned communities by repealing the requirement that local government develop and implement comprehensive plans.

#### ***Pro-Conservation Vote: NO***

##### **Status**

- Passed by the Assembly.
- AB 303 was not taken up by the Senate.

### **AB 395: Land**

The Niagara Escarpment in northeast Wisconsin is a statewide critical natural resource area due to its unique geology, the presence of rare plants and animals, and growing development pressure. AB 395 helps to protect this critical area by adding the Niagara Escarpment to the natural areas on the priority list for Stewardship Fund acquisitions.

#### ***Pro-Conservation Vote: YES***

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Walker.

### **AB 426: Mining**

Wisconsin can find ways to mine without disregarding the long-term health of our lands, waters, and people. AB 426 eliminates Wisconsin's ability to protect public health and natural resources by exempting new iron mines from existing environmental protections and cuts the public out of the process.

#### ***Pro-Conservation Vote: NO***

##### **Status**

- Passed the Assembly.
- Failed in the Senate.



## WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	Score	SS SB 1	SS SB 10	SS AB 8	SB 75	SB 81	SB 326
			Science	Wetlands	Public Health	Wildlife	Clean Energy	Water
August, Tyler	32	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ballweg, Joan	41	23%	-	-	•	-	-	-
Barca, Peter	64	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berceau, Terese	76	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bernard Schaber, Penny	57	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bernier, Kathy	68	23%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Bewley, Janet	74	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bies, Garey	01	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billings, Jill	95	100%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+
Brooks, Ed	50	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clark, Fred	42	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Elizabeth	10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	•
Craig, Dave	83	17%	NA	NA	-	-	-	-
Cullen, David	13	100%	+	+	+	+	+	•
Danou, Chris	91	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Doyle, Steve	94	92%	NA	NA	+	-	+	+
Endsley, Mike	26	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farrow, Paul	98	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fields, Jason	11	100%	+	+	•	+	+	•
Fitzgerald, Jeff	39	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grigsby, Tamara	18	100%	+	+	+	+	+	•
Hebl, Gary	46	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hintz, Gordon	54	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Honadel, Mark	21	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hulsey, Brett	77	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jacque, Andre	02	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jorgensen, Andy	37	93%	+	+	+	-	+	+
Kapenga, Chris	33	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kaufert, Dean	55	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kerkman, Samantha	66	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kessler, Frederick	12	100%	•	+	+	+	+	+
Kestell, Steve	27	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kleefisch, Joel	38	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klenke, John	88	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knilians, Joe	44	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knodl, Dan	24	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knudson, Dean	30	25%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Kooyenga, Dale	14	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kramer, Bill	97	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Krug, Scott	72	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Krusick, Margaret	07	93%	+	+	+	+	+	-
Kuglitsch, Mike	84	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Larson, Tom	67	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-
LeMahieu, Daniel	59	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Litjens, Michelle	56	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loudenbeck, Amy	45	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marklein, Howard	51	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mason, Cory	62	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer, Dan	34	17%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Milroy, Nick	73	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+

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- NA Legislator was not a member of the body at the time of the vote.

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	Wetlands	Toxics	Wildlife	Phosphorus	Water	Land Use	Land	Mining
August, Tyler	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Ballweg, Joan	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Barca, Peter	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berceau, Terese	+	•	+	+	+	+	+	•
Bernard Schaber, Penny	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bernier, Kathy	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Bewley, Janet	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bies, Garey	-	+	+	-	-	•	+	-
Billings, Jill	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA	+	+
Brooks, Ed	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Clark, Fred	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Elizabeth	•	+	•	+	+	+	•	+
Craig, Dave	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Cullen, David	+	+	•	+	+	+	•	+
Danou, Chris	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Doyle, Steve	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Endsley, Mike	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Farrow, Paul	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Fields, Jason	+	•	•	+	•	+	+	•
Fitzgerald, Jeff	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Grigsby, Tamara	•	•	•	+	+	+	•	+
Hebl, Gary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hintz, Gordon	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Honadel, Mark	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Hulsey, Brett	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jacque, Andre	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Jorgensen, Andy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kapenga, Chris	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Kaufert, Dean	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Kerkman, Samantha	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Kessler, Frederick	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kestell, Steve	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Kleefisch, Joel	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Klenke, John	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Knilians, Joe	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Knodl, Dan	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Knudson, Dean	-	+	•	+	-	-	+	-
Kooyenga, Dale	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Kramer, Bill	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Krug, Scott	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Krusick, Margaret	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kuglitsch, Mike	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Larson, Tom	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
LeMahieu, Daniel	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Litjens, Michelle	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Loudenbeck, Amy	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Marklein, Howard	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Mason, Cory	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer, Dan	-	+	•	-	-	-	+	-
Milroy, Nick	•	+	+	+	+	+	•	+

**Note:** Representatives Craig, Doyle, and Stroebel were elected in April 2011 to replace representatives that had taken Cabinet positions.

Rep. Shilling was elected to the Senate in July 2011. Rep. Billings was elected in September 2011 to replace Rep. Shilling. Rep. Taylor was elected in September 2011 to replace Rep. Parisi who stepped down in April.



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Molepske, Louis	71	93%	+	+	+	+	-	+
Mursau, Jeffery	36	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murtha, John	29	9%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Nass, Stephen	31	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nerison, Lee	96	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nygren, John	89	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ott, Alvin	03	36%	-	-	-	+	-	-
Ott, Jim	23	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parisi, Joe	48	100%	+	+	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pasch, Sandy	22	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Petersen, Kevin	40	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petrowski, Jerry	86	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petryk, Warren	93	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pocan, Mark	78	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts, SONDY	79	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pridemore, Don	99	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radcliffe, Mark	92	58%	+	-	-	-	+	•
Richards, Jon	19	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ringhand, Janis	80	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ripp, Keith	47	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rivard, Roger	75	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roys, Kelda Helen	81	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Seidel, Donna	85	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Severson, Erik	28	18%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Shilling, Jennifer	95	100%	+	+	+	NA	+	NA
Sinicki, Christine	20	100%	+	•	+	•	+	•
Spanbauer, Richard	53	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staskunas, Tony	15	92%	+	+	+	+	+	•
Steinbrink, John	65	78%	+	+	+	-	+	•
Steineke, Jim	05	17%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Stone, Jeff	82	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Strachota, Pat	58	23%	-	-	-	-	•	-
Stroebel, Duey	60	25%	NA	NA	-	-	-	-
Suder, Scott	69	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tauchen, Gary	06	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taylor, Chris	48	100%	NA	NA	NA	+	NA	+
Thiesfeldt, Jeremy	52	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tiffany, Tom	35	17%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Toles, Barbara	17	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tranel, Travis	49	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turner, Robert	61	93%	+	+	+	-	+	+
Van Roy, Karl	90	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vos, Robin	63	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vruwink, Amy Sue	70	79%	+	+	+	-	+	-
Weininger, Chad	04	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Williams, Mary	87	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wynn, Evan	43	8%	-	-	-	-	-	•
Young, Leon	16	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zamarripa, JoCasta	08	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zepnick, Josh	09	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ziegelbauer, Bob	25	36%	-	+	-	+	-	-

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	Wetlands	Toxics	Wildlife	Phosphorus	Water	Land Use	Land	Mining
Molepske, Louis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mursau, Jeffery	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Murtha, John	-	•	•	-	-	-	+	-
Nass, Stephen	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Nerison, Lee	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Nygren, John	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Ott, Alvin	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
Ott, Jim	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Parisi, Joe	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pasch, Sandy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Petersen, Kevin	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Petrowski, Jerry	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Petryk, Warren	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Pocan, Mark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts, Sindy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pridemore, Don	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Radcliffe, Mark	+	+	•	+	-	-	+	+
Richards, Jon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ringhand, Janis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ripp, Keith	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rivard, Roger	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Roys, Kelda Helen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Seidel, Donna	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Severson, Erik	-	+	•	-	-	•	+	-
Shilling, Jennifer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sinicki, Christine	+	+	•	+	+	+	+	+
Spanbauer, Richard	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
Staskunas, Tony	-	+	•	+	+	+	+	+
Steinbrink, John	•	•	•	+	-	+	•	+
Steineke, Jim	-	+	•	-	-	-	+	-
Stone, Jeff	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Strachota, Pat	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Stroebel, Duey	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Suder, Scott	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Tauchen, Gary	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Taylor, Chris	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thiesfeldt, Jeremy	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Tiffany, Tom	-	+	•	-	-	-	+	-
Toles, Barbara	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tranel, Travis	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Turner, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Roy, Karl	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Vos, Robin	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Vruwink, Amy Sue	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Weininger, Chad	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Williams, Mary	-	•	+	-	-	-	+	-
Wynn, Evan	-	-	•	-	-	-	+	-
Young, Leon	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Zamarripa, JoCasta	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zepnick, Josh	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ziegelbauer, Bob	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-

**Note:** Representatives Craig, Doyle, and Stroebel were elected in April 2011 to replace representatives that had taken Cabinet positions. Rep. Shilling was elected to the Senate in July 2011. Rep. Billings was elected in September 2011 to replace Rep. Shilling. Rep. Taylor was elected in September 2011 to replace Rep. Parisi who stepped down in April.

## WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

Senator	District	Score	SS SB 1	SS SB 10	SS AB 8	SB 81
			Science	Wetlands	Public Health	Clean Energy
Carpenter, Tim	3	89%	+	•	+	+
Coggs, Spencer	6	80%	+	+	+	-
Cowles, Robert	2	20%	-	-	-	+
Cullen, Tim	15	67%	+	+	+	+
Darling, Alberta	8	10%	-	-	-	-
Ellis, Michael	19	10%	-	-	-	-
Erpenbach, Jon	27	90%	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	13	10%	-	-	-	-
Galloway, Pam	29	10%	-	-	-	-
Grothman, Glenn	20	10%	-	-	-	-
Hansen, Dave	30	60%	+	-	+	-
Harsdorf, Sheila	10	10%	-	-	-	-
Holperin, Jim	12	60%	+	+	+	-
Hopper, Randy	18	0%	-	-	-	-
Jauch, Robert	25	80%	+	+	+	+
Kapanke, Dan	32	0%	-	-	-	-
Kedzie, Neal	11	10%	-	-	-	-
King, Jessica	18	67%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Larson, Chris	7	90%	+	+	+	+
Lasee, Frank	1	11%	-	-	•	-
Lassa, Julie	24	78%	+	+	+	•
Lazich, Mary	28	10%	-	-	-	-
Leibham, Joe	9	10%	-	-	-	-
Miller, Mark	16	90%	+	+	+	+
Moulton, Terry	23	10%	-	-	-	-
Olsen, Luther	14	10%	-	-	-	-
Risser, Fred	26	100%	+	+	+	+
Schultz, Dale	17	30%	-	-	-	+
Shilling, Jennifer	32	67%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Taylor, Lena	4	100%	+	+	+	+
Vinehout, Kathleen	31	80%	+	+	+	+
Vukmir, Leah	5	10%	-	-	-	-
Waggard, Van	21	10%	-	-	-	-
Wirsch, Robert	22	89%	+	•	+	-
Zipperer, Rich	33	10%	-	-	-	-

- + Legislator voted pro-conservation
- Legislator voted anti-conservation

- 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.
- NA Legislator was not a member of the body at the time of the vote.



## WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

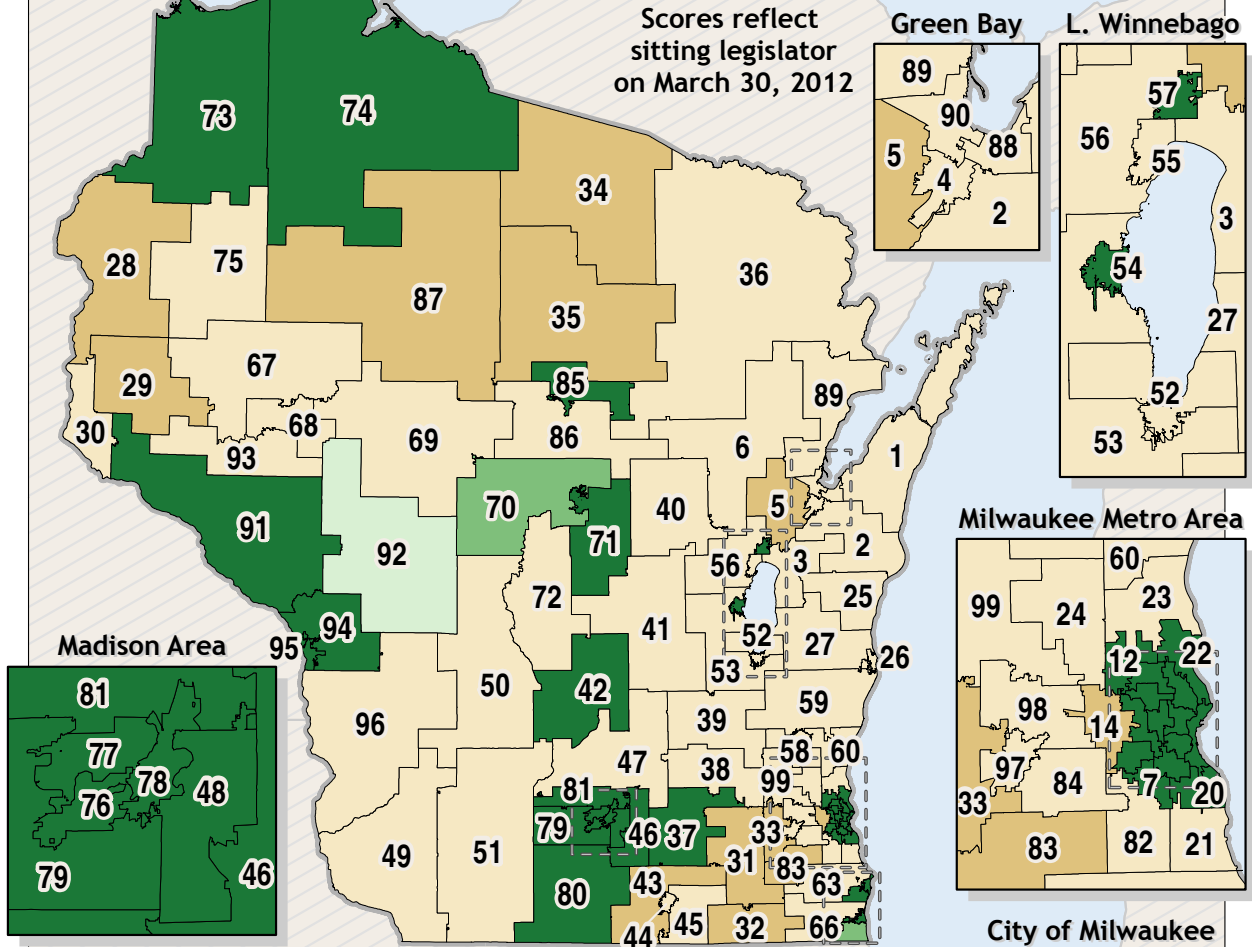
Senator	SB 111	SB 138	SB 326	SB 368	SB 441	AB 426
	Air	Air	Water	Wetlands	Wildlife	Mining
Carpenter, Tim	-	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Spencer	-	+	+	+	+	+
Cowles, Robert	-	-	-	-	+	-
Cullen, Tim	-	-	-	•	+	+
Darling, Alberta	-	-	-	-	+	-
Ellis, Michael	-	-	-	-	+	-
Erpenbach, Jon	-	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	-	-	-	-	+	-
Galloway, Pam	-	-	-	-	+	-
Grothman, Glenn	-	-	-	-	+	-
Hansen, Dave	-	+	-	+	+	+
Harsdorf, Sheila	-	-	-	-	+	-
Holperin, Jim	-	-	-	+	+	+
Hopper, Randy	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jauch, Robert	-	-	+	+	+	+
Kapanke, Dan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kedzie, Neal	-	-	-	-	+	-
King, Jessica	-	-	+	+	+	+
Larson, Chris	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lasee, Frank	-	-	-	-	+	-
Lassa, Julie	-	-	+	+	+	+
Lazich, Mary	-	-	-	-	+	-
Leibham, Joe	-	-	-	-	+	-
Miller, Mark	-	+	+	+	+	+
Moulton, Terry	-	-	-	-	+	-
Olsen, Luther	-	-	-	-	+	-
Risser, Fred	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schultz, Dale	-	-	-	-	+	+
Shilling, Jennifer	-	-	+	+	+	+
Taylor, Lena	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vinehout, Kathleen	-	-	+	+	+	+
Vukmir, Leah	-	-	-	-	+	-
Wanggard, Van	-	-	-	-	+	-
Wirch, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zipperer, Rich	-	-	-	-	+	-

**Note:** Senators Hopper and Kapanke were recalled from office in July 2011. Senators King and Shilling were elected to place them.  
 Senator Shilling's Conservation Score for the 2011-2012 legislation session is 80% when her Assembly and Senate votes are added together.

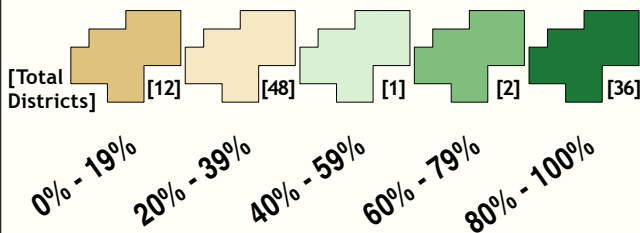


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Scores reflect  
sitting legislator  
on March 30, 2012



## Assembly Conservation Scores



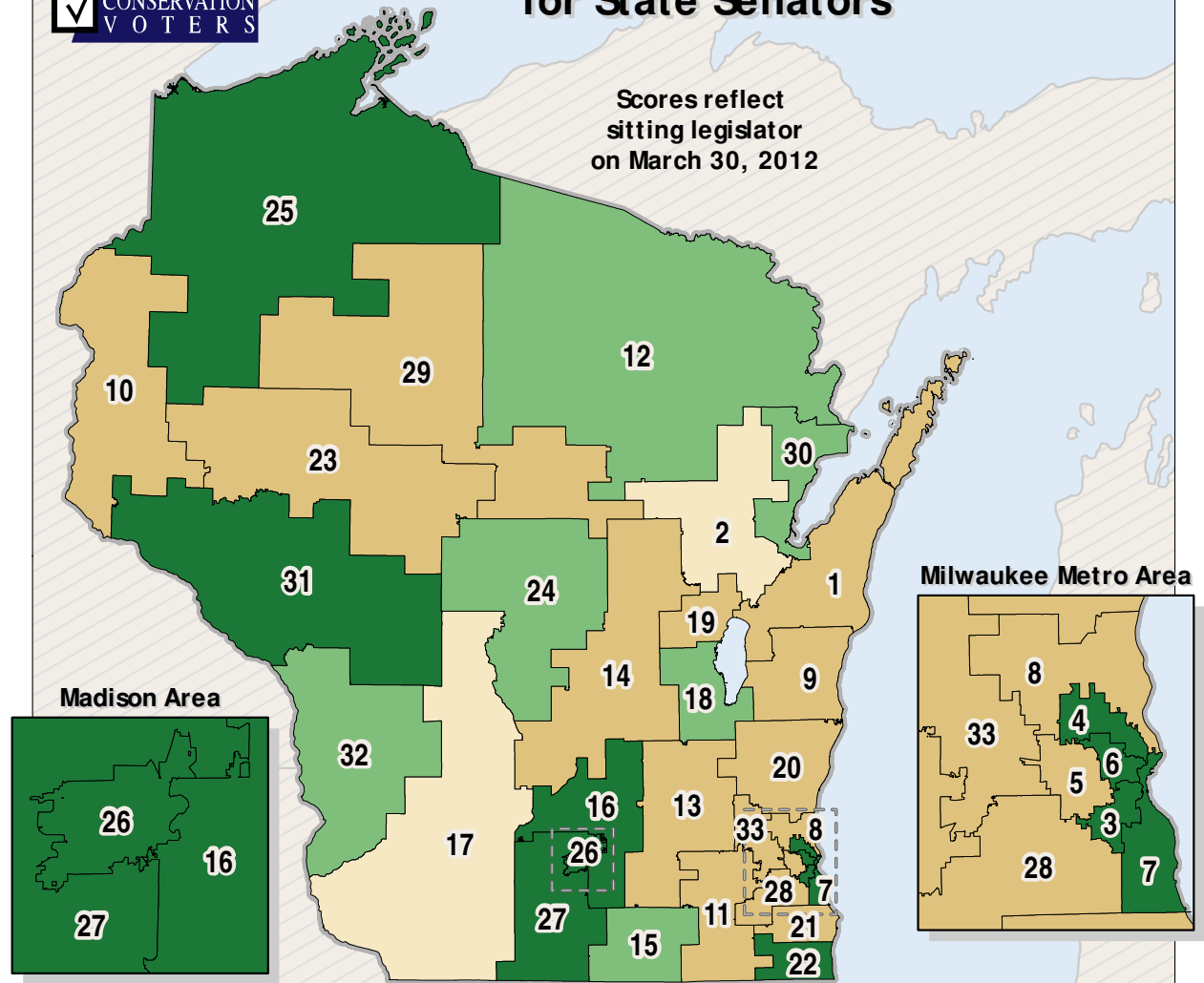
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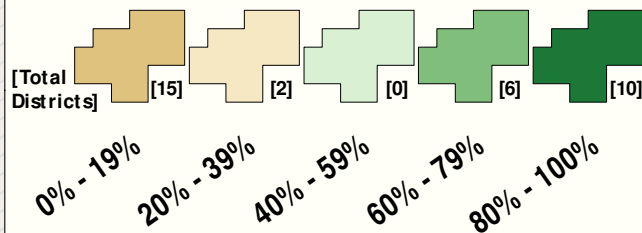


# **Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters'** **Conservation Scorecard 2011-2012** **for State Senators**

Scores reflect  
sitting legislator  
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## **Senate Conservation Scores**



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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.

### **Senators Robert Jauch and Dale Schultz and Representative Janet Bewley**

When an out-of-state mining company sought to rewrite our conservation and public input laws for their own benefit (AB 426), Sens. Jauch and Schultz and Rep. Bewley stood up for public health, our waters, and local community involvement. Their efforts ensured that the voices of Wisconsin residents were heard and the open-pit mining bill was defeated.

### **Senator Chris Larson and Representative Cory Mason**

Sen. Larson and Rep. Mason led the fight in their respective committees to restore key protections for wetlands (SB 368). They worked with sportsmen and scientists to get amendments adopted that would have restored protections for our most sensitive wetlands.

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## Conservation Dishonor Roll

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters also understands that there are times when a poor 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.

### **Governor Scott Walker**

Governor Walker's budget was one of the most anti-conservation in history. He sought to eliminate water quality rules, local recycling programs, and clean energy programs. Gov. Walker used special sessions to reward special interests seeking exemptions from wetlands, water quality, and wind siting rules and politicized natural resource protections by making the key public representatives to the DNR answerable to him. He even eliminated the consideration of the "environment and public health" from the state's rule making process.

### **Senator Scott Fitzgerald**

Sen. Fitzgerald pulled the plug on the Senate Mining Committee within forty-eight hours of a public hearing. The action indicated that he believed his colleagues were taking too long to do the bidding of the out-of-state mining company. Despite his attempts to shut the public out of the process and ram the open-pit mining bill (AB 426) through the Senate in the last days of the session, the bill ultimately died when the full Senate unanimously sent it back to committee.

### **Senator Neal Kedzie and Representative Jeff Mursau**

As Chairmen of the Natural Resources Committees, Sen. Kedzie and Rep. Mursau drafted legislation that would have gutted water permitting and wetland regulations (SB 326 & SB 368). It was only the overwhelming public opposition to these plans that forced the chairs to slow down the process and make significant changes to the water permitting program legislation. Unfortunately, the Chairs did not work with sportsmen to improve the wetlands bill and its passage is a ding on their conservation legacy.



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# CONSERVATION SCORECARD 2011-2012 for the Wisconsin Legislature