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Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation 2020 Waterfowl Hunters Survey The survey will take you about 15 minutes to complete. Please make sure you have that time before starting the survey as you will not be able to re-enter the survey after leaving. You must complete the entire survey to be eligible for the prize drawings. You will not be able to complete the survey more than once.

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These next four questions help us understand you.

***What organizations are you a current dues-paying member (check all that apply):**

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Wisconsin Waterfowl Association			330	47.2 %
Ducks Unlimited			413	59.0 %
Wisconsin Wildlife Association			51	7.2 %
Delta Waterfowl			120	17.1 %
Pheasants Forever			130	18.5 %
Ruffed Grouse Society			41	5.8 %
National Wild Turkey Association			61	8.7 %
Other			173	24.7 %
Totals			699	100%

***What is your age group?**

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
18-25			50	7.0 %
26-45			265	37.1 %
46-65			272	38.1 %
over 65			117	16.4 %
No Response(s)			9	1.2 %
Totals			713	100%

***How long have you been hunting waterfowl?**

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than 5 years			87	12.2 %
Between 6 and 10 years			86	12.0 %
More than 10 years			532	74.6 %
No Response(s)			8	1.1 %
Totals			713	100%

What is your gender?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Male			675	94.6 %
Female			29	4.0 %
No Response(s)			9	1.2 %
Totals			713	100%

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These next two questions allow you to tell us your opinion on waterfowl-related policy issues.

By law, the Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp fee must be spent on wetland habitat and for producing waterfowl and ecologically related species of wildlife--66% here in Wisconsin and 33% in waterfowl production areas in Canada. The current annual waterfowl stamp fee is \$7, last adjusted 20 years ago. An item purchased for \$7 item in 1997 would cost approximately \$12 today. Would you support increasing the waterfowl stamp fee to account for inflation?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			581	81.4 %
No			108	15.1 %
No Response(s)			24	3.3 %
Totals			713	100%

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the Sandhill Crane population can support a ***** hunting season. Several states in our flyway have Sandhill Crane hunting seasons. Do you believe Wisconsin should consider implementing a hunting season for Sandhill Cranes? .

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			585	82.0 %
No			53	7.4 %
I don't have an opinion			51	7.1 %
No Response(s)			24	3.3 %
Totals			713	100%

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The next 4 questions collect information about your 2019 hunting season.

***** Approximately how many days did you hunt in each MONTH of the 2019 season?

1 = None, 2 = 1-5 days, 3 = 6-10 days, 4 = 11-20 days, 5 = 21-30 days

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
September						677	2.0
October						677	2.8
November						677	2.5
December						677	1.7

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

***** In 2019, how many days did you hunt OPEN WATER (greater than 500 feet from shore) on LAKE MICHIGAN or on GREEN BAY?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
No days			582	81.6 %
1-5 days			64	8.9 %
6-10 days			12	1.6 %
11-20 days			12	1.6 %
21+ days			9	1.2 %
No Response(s)			34	4.7 %
Totals			713	100%

***Approximately how many days did you hunt in each ZONE in the 2019 season?**

1 = None, 2 = 1-5 days, 3 = 6-10 days, 4 = 11-20 days, 5 = 21+ days

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Northern Zone						674	1.8
Southern Zone						674	2.9
Mississippi Zone						674	1.4

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

***How many ducks did you harvest in the 2019 Wisconsin season?**

1 = none, 2 = 1-5 birds, 3 = 6-10 birds, 4 = 11-20 birds, 5 = 21+ birds

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Sea Ducks (long-tail, scoter, etc)						674	1.1
Diving Ducks (scaup, redhead, canvasback, etc)						674	2.0
Puddle Ducks (mallard, teal, wood duck, etc)						674	3.0
Geese (all species)						674	2.0

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Keep going--don't forget the prize drawings for those who complete the survey!

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The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) allows the DNR to make zone changes every five years, but a requirement of those ducks zones is that they must individually provide a unique hunting opportunity. As part of the federal rules, states are faced with a tradeoff between number of zones and number of splits permitted during a 60-day season. Historically, Wisconsin has chosen to have three zones with one split. The next series of questions seeks your opinion on whether to change the number of zones and splits, and whether to change or retain the current zone boundaries.

***Where would you like to see the southern boundary line of the Northern Duck Zone?**

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Highway 64			177	24.8 %
Highway 10			246	34.5 %
No Opinion			205	28.7 %
Other			8	1.1 %
No Response(s)			77	10.7 %
Totals			713	100%



Do you Support or Oppose changing Wisconsin's waterfowl zone structure from last year's zone structure (shown to the right)?

1 = Strongly Support, 2 = Support, 3 = Neither support nor oppose, 4 = Oppose, 5 = Strongly Oppose

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						635	2.8

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.



Which zone structure concept would you prefer (check one)?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
4 zones with no splits			64	8.9 %
3 zones, 1 split / zone			267	37.4 %
2 Zones, 2 splits / zone			148	20.7 %
No Opinion			157	22.0 %
No Response(s)			77	10.7 %
Totals			713	100%

Some waterfowlers suggest the species composition, migration patterns, and availability of open water later in the season may justify the creation of a separate Lake Michigan (LM) Zone. If a Lake Michigan Zone is established, the zone would start 500 feet from shore and extend lakeward. Do you support or oppose a separate Lake Michigan Zone?

1 = Strongly Support, 2 = Support, 3 = Neither support nor oppose, 4 = Oppose, 5 = Strongly Oppose

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						636	2.6

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

zone, from the structure you most prefer (=1) to the structure you least prefer (=5)



1 = Most prefer

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Ranking Score*
Figure A: Northern and Southern Zone, 2 splits / zone						624	2.8
Figure B: Northern, Southern, Lake Michigan Zones, 1 split / zone						624	2.8
Figure C: Northern, Southern and Mississippi Zones, 1 split / zone						624	2.6
Figure D: Northern, Southern, and "U"-shaped Zones, 1 split per zone						624	3.4
Figure E: Northern, Southern, Mississippi, and Lake Michigan Zones, No splits						624	3.4

*The Ranking Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted rankings by the number of total responses.

"Open water hunting" is defined as hunting greater than 500 feet from shore.

* IF a Lake Michigan Zone is established, would you support inclusion of Green Bay's open water hunting as a part of that Lake Michigan Zone:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			394	55.2 %
No			67	9.3 %
No Opinion			174	24.4 %
No Response(s)			78	10.9 %
Totals			713	100%

Some have suggested that the DNR's historical practice of changing season structures every year is unneeded and costly. After the current revision to address federal guidelines is completed, and barring any significant waterfowl population changes, would you support freezing season structures for three years to simplify waterfowl regulations and the effort required to modify them?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			419	58.7 %
No			110	15.4 %
I don't have an opinion			99	13.8 %
No Response(s)			85	11.9 %
Totals			713	100%

* Do you support a single, uniform statewide opening day for duck season across all zones?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			294	41.2 %
No			254	35.6 %
I don't have an opinion			87	12.2 %
No Response(s)			78	10.9 %
Totals			713	100%

The opening day of duck season varies from year-to-year based on federal rules and the calendar. The *DNR has flexibility that allows opening each zone on different dates. What would be your preference for opening the regular waterfowl season?

1 = Saturday nearest 9/24 (EARLY OPENER), 2 = Saturday nearest 10/1 (MID OPENER), 3 = Saturday nearest 10/8 (LATE OPENER), 4 = LATEST OPENER

Answer	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Northern Zone					633	1.5
Southern Zone					633	2.2
Mississippi River Zone					633	2.3

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*Splits allow migratory waterfowl to rest and potentially remain in the area, while extending a 60-day season later into the year. HOW LONG should splits be in each zone?

1 = 0 Days, 2 = 5 Days, 3 = 9 Days, 4 = 9+ Days, 5 = Unsure

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Northern Zone						634	2.2
Southern Zone						634	2.7
Mississippi River Zone						634	3.0

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*Splits allow migratory waterfowl to rest and potentially remain in the area, while extending a 60-day season later into the year. WHEN should splits be in each zone?

1 = Early, 2 = Middle, 3 = Late, 4 = No Split, 5 = Unsure

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Northern Zone						634	2.7
Southern Zone						634	2.3
Mississippi River Zone						634	2.6

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* Please select the answer that most closely resembles your level of agreement with the following statements for each current zone (North, South, Mississippi):

1 = Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4 = Disagree, 5 = Strongly Disagree

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Northern Zone opens too late						633	3.1
Southern Zone opens too late						633	3.6
Mississippi River Zone opens too late						633	3.4
Northern Zone closes too early						633	3.0
Southern Zone closes too early						633	2.4
Mississippi River Zone closes too early						633	2.6

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* The USFWS allows a 16-day Early Teal Season. Wisconsin only used 9 days of that allowance in 2019. How long should Wisconsin's Teal Season be?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
0 days			181	25.3 %
5 days			29	4.0 %
7 days			70	9.8 %
9 days			143	20.0 %
12 days			47	6.5 %
16 days			164	23.0 %
No Response(s)			79	11.0 %
Totals			713	100%

* Wisconsin is the only state in the Mississippi Flyway that has restricted hen mallard harvest to 1 per day rather than the federally approved 2 per day. If the science indicates Wisconsin's ability to increase the hen mallard bag limit to 2 per day, would you support it?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			397	55.6 %
No			199	27.9 %
I don't have an opinion			39	5.4 %
No Response(s)			78	10.9 %
Totals			713	100%

In the future, the federal framework for scaup (bluebill) will be restricted to 2 scaup per day for 45 days, and 1 scaup per day for 15 days. When, during the regular 60-day duck season, should this reduction to 1 scaup per day be implemented?

1 = No Opinion, 2 = Early, 3 = Middle, 4 = Late

Answer	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Northern Zone					635	2.0
Southern Zone					635	2.1
Mississippi River Zone					635	2.1

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Do you support the so-called "Holiday goose hunt" in the Southern Zone that in 2019 ran from December 16th thru January 4th?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			481	67.4 %
No			49	6.8 %
I don't have an opinion			105	14.7 %
No Response(s)			78	10.9 %
Totals			713	100%

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Getting close to the end--hang in there--prize opportunities await!! We'd like to know your opinion on other waterfowl policy-related questions.

*What is your satisfaction with waterfowling in Wisconsin? Please rate your level of satisfaction with:
 1 = Highly Satisfied, 2 = Satisfied, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Unsatisfied, 5 = Highly unsatisfied

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Number of shot opportunities						617	2.6
My shooting percentage						617	2.5
Number of birds harvested						617	2.7
Species of birds harvested						617	2.6
Accessible hunting locations						617	2.8
Distance from home to accessible hunting locations						617	2.6
Behavior of other hunters						617	3.4
Numbers of hunters at my hunting location						617	3.3
Number of days I was able to hunt						617	2.9

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*Mourning doves may not be hunted with lead shot on DNR property, Federal Waterfowl Production areas, or National Wildlife Refuges. Do you support expanding the requirement to use non-toxic shot for mourning doves state-wide on all property, public or private?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			331	46.4 %
No			194	27.2 %
I don't have an opinion			92	12.9 %
No Response(s)			96	13.4 %
Totals			713	100%

Are there any waterfowl policy issues that you think organizations like Wisconsin Waterfowl Association or Wisconsin Wildlife Federation should address?

254 Response(s)

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FINALLY!! Last section: These last few questions seek any organizational insights.

For Non-WWA members: What is the primary reason you are not a member?

244 Response(s)

If you do not already receive WWA's monthly e-newsletter, but would like to, please provide the following information. by entering this information, you also will be eligible for the prize drawings associated with this survey!

Answers	Number of Response(s)
First Name	338
Last Name	338
Email Address	345
City	328

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THANK YOU! ...for working your way to the end of this survey. If you entered your email information, you will be entered into our prize drawing. Notification of winners will happen in mid-February.