

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Bayfield County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

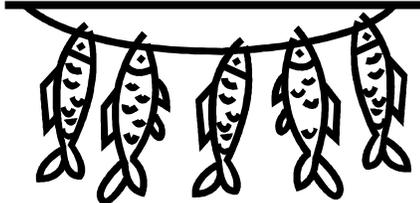
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Bayfield County, **20,100** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **206 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Bayfield County.

**19,603 extended growth walleye** were stocked in **Atkins, Crystal, Drummond, Long Lakes and Lake Owen** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR granted a total of **\$41,592** to the Bayfield County Sheriff Department for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

DNR initiated multiple "Fish Sticks" projects for **Crystal and Tahkodah Lakes**. Fish Sticks create habitats for fish and other aquatic species.

To provide **more public access**, DNR assisted with property acquisition on four properties within the White River Fisheries Area and two parcels within the **South Shore Lake Superior Fish and Wildlife Area**.

## Community Partnerships

Since 2011, **Bayfield County** has received **\$5,000 in Urban Forestry grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Bayfield County has **162 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

## Snapshot of grants in Bayfield County

A total of **\$2,576,976** was awarded in Bayfield County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic invasive species, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

## Forestry Activities

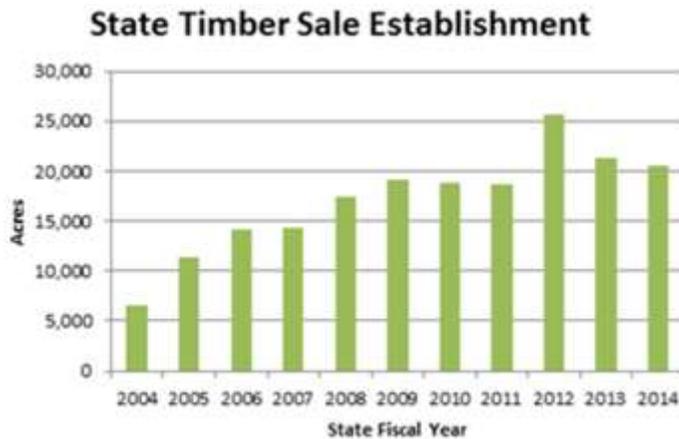
In the last three fiscal years, **Bayfield County Forest has received over \$209,978 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Over the last three fiscal years, the DNR has annually **provided 1.7 full time employee equivalents** of DNR staff time as assistance to Bayfield County Forest, which helped generate an **average of \$2,505,823/year in revenue**.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **80,712 acres of private land** in Bayfield County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **53,558 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation**.

Since June 2010, DNR has **provided over \$62,481 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters**.

*The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.*



## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

**DNR worked with Venstone**, an intermediate sized construction and demolition waste landfill, to approve the use of mildly contaminated soil as intermediate cover soil, **saving trucking and disposal costs and beneficially using the contaminated soil** in a landfill instead of using virgin clean soil.

## Deer Management in Bayfield County

In 2014, Bayfield County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In the 2013 season, 3,989 deer were registered in Bayfield County with 898 harvested during the archery deer season and 3,091 harvested during the gun deer season.