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Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Receives National Recognitions for their Wetlands, Conservation and Advocacy Work

[Wales, WI] The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association has received significant national recognition for their work to help restore critical wetlands and their efforts to advocate for waterfowl and waterfowl hunters in Wisconsin.

Two major organizations supporting conservation - the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Committee (NAWMP) and Delta Waterfowl Foundation - have named the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (WWA) as a recipient of the 2024 National Bluewing Teal Award and a 2024 Partner in Conservation, respectively. This is the first time a Wisconsin organization or individual has received either recognition.

"As WWA celebrates our 40th Anniversary in 2024, we are proud of our work to benefit waterfowl and waterfowl hunters in Wisconsin," said WWA Executive Director Bruce Ross. "It's a tremendous honor to receive recognition from these internationally prestigious organizations."

The NAWMP's National Blue-winged Teal Award recognizes individuals or partners whose activities have resulted in substantial benefits to waterfowl and wetlands conservation at the national level. Previous recipients of the award include The Nature Conservancy and former United States Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont).

"The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association is a premier example of what waterfowl management in North America strives for. This includes healthy waterfowl populations, maintained by abundant waterfowl habitat, through the support of conservation-minded people. In particular, the work of WWA with habitat restoration and conservation education are vital to these efforts and have had a national impact," said Tony Roberts, North American Waterfowl Management Plan Coordinator.

Delta Waterfowl Foundation's Partner in Conservation Award recognizes members of the conservation and waterfowl community for their clear commitment to protecting the future of waterfowling. The award is presented to an organization whose work in the conservation arena has been collaborative with Delta Waterfowl to strive towards benefiting waterfowl, waterfowl habitat, and waterfowl hunters.

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Over the past several years, WWA has been working with Delta Waterfowl on important efforts like getting a long-overdue and much needed adjustment to the cost of the Wisconsin waterfowl stamp and advocating for a sustainable and ethical sandhill crane hunt in Wisconsin.

“State-based groups like the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association are critical partners in our efforts to help conservation and advocate for waterfowl hunters, and the WWA stands out as one of the best in the country,” said Delta Waterfowl Senior Director of Governor Affairs Cyrus Baird.

The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association is a state-based non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the conservation of Wisconsin’s waterfowl and wetland resources. Since 1984, WWA has worked to restore critical habitat in Wisconsin, encourage waterfowler progression from hunter to passionate conservationist, and advocate for policies that protect Wisconsin’s resources and the rights of citizens to hunt.

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