Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2012 Legislative Scorecard



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The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter is your statewide voice for the nation's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Our members include 15,000 of your friends and neighbors located throughout Wisconsin, following the footsteps of legendary Wisconsin conservationists, including Sierra Club founder, John Muir, Aldo Leopold and Gaylord Nelson. Inspired by Wisconsin's beautiful lakes, forests, and other natural features, we work together to protect our communities and the planet.

The Mission of the Sierra Club is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out those objectives.

The John Muir Chapter's priority issues are reducing the threat of climate change and protecting land and water resources. Group and Chapter leaders also work on a broad range of related environmental issues throughout Wisconsin, such as air quality, forest protection, threatened and endangered species, reducing environmental toxins, invasive species, smart growth, recycling and waste disposal, agricultural policies, and more. We are also active in local elections, since one of our best hopes for long term gains is building a strong legislative base to protect our environment.

Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter's 2011- 12 Legislative Scorecard reflects votes taken by the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate on environmental bills. You can learn about bills that affect you by using our Legislative Tracker at http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/tracker.

Our scorecard focuses on bills related to the John Muir Chapter's priority issues of reducing climate change and protecting land and water resources in Wisconsin. Use this scorecard as a guide to judge candidates in your district this election year. Let your representatives know if you're pleased or disappointed with their voting records. And don't forget to vote in the primary election on August 14 and the general election on November 6.

Thank you for taking an interest in environmental legislation by picking up this guide and for all the other things you do to participate in the democratic process. Your efforts contribute to a cleaner environment and a healthier future for Wisconsin.

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 Legislative Recap

During the 2011-12 legislative session we saw unprecedented environmental attacks on wetlands, renewable energy, energy efficiency, transit and more. Despite the attacks, we helped stop a bill to gut mining safeguards. The 'Strip Mine Giveaway Bill' would have allowed for habitat destruction and tailings disposal in pristine waterways, eliminated contested case hearings and citizen suits, reduced revenues for local communities and rushed the permit review process. This bill would have paved the way for an out-of-state mining owner to dig the largest taconite iron ore mine our state has ever seen near the shores of Lake Superior. Unfortunately, we know this issue will likely resurface next legislative session.

We also blocked efforts to repeal wind siting rules. The Legislature previously passed 2009 Act 40, authorizing the Public Service Commission to develop statewide standards for small wind energy systems. After the bill passed, the PSC held numerous public hearings with diverse stakeholders before sending the final rule, PSC 128, to the Joint Finance Committee, where it was approved in 2010. Governor Walker wasted little time in waging a war on wind energy jobs in February 2011 when he proposed Special Session AB/SB 9, which would have increased turbine setback distances to 1,800 feet from property lines. Then on March 1, 2011, the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) voted to suspend PSC 128. SB50 was introduced in May 2011 to complete the repeal of PSC 128. During the year long fight, five major wind developments were canceled totaling \$1.6 billion in economic investment and over 398 MW of renewable energy. In March 2012, SB50 died with the end of the session after being referred to Committee, leaving PSC 128 permanently intact. Wisconsin is once again open for clean energy business.

We defeated two other bad energy bills, one which would have undermined renewable energy goals by allowing utilities to buy clean energy credits that were over 4 years old (AB 146) & another which rewarded wasted energy by decreasing rates for large customers that increase energy use (AB 145). We also defeated the proposal to take transit out of the Transportation fund and restored collective bargaining rights for transit workers (preventing the loss of \$47 million in funding) in the budget. Thankfully, AB303 / SB225 to repeal Wisconsin's comprehensive planning law also failed. Unfortunately we lost on AB 114 / SB81, which allows large hydroelectric resources (likely from Manitoba) to be counted towards our Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS). This undercuts local clean energy jobs.

Governor Walker requested a January 2011 Special Session on AB11/SB11, the now infamous, poorly named 'Budget Repair Bill' removed collective bargaining from all public employees, leading to early retirements and brain drain among the people responsible for protecting precious natural resources. This was followed the budget, which wiped out over \$100 million in increases to Focus on Energy; eliminated regional transit authorities; cut transit; eliminated the Office of Energy Independence and the Green to Gold program; cut recycling funding by 40% and cut the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program by 30%.

Drinking Water and Wetlands protections are setback in three new laws. 2011 WI Act 19 prevents DNR from requiring municipalities to disinfect their drinking water, leaving thousands of Wisconsinites vulnerable to viruses and bacteria in drinking water threaten public health. 2011 WI Act 118 guts wetlands protections by dangerously deleting ASNRI wetlands (with significant ecological, educational, or recreational value), rolling back the "Avoid and Minimize" rule, requiring mitigation too early in the permit process, and setting arbitrary, aggressive permit review time limits for the DNR. 2011 WI Act 6 removes isolated wetland protections in Brown County. This harmful legislation, a special favor to campaign donor John Bergstrom, puts critical urban wetlands needed for flood prevention and wildlife habitat at risk. The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* recently announced that a Cabela's store will be built on this site.

There were a couple wins for water protection. First, a bill to roll back phosphorus lawn fertilization restrictions (AB 165) failed. Second, a bill known as the Polluters Over People bill was substantially scaled back before passing. After hundreds testified at public hearings, provisions to eliminate newspaper hearing notices and presumptive approval for high-capacity wells and oil & gas exploration permits were removed, and a provision allowing lake bed dredging was eliminated. But the final bill, which was signed into law as 2011 WI Act 167 still reduces public hearing requirements and fast tracks shoreland developments.

The JCRAR suspended two Clean Air rules and the legislature passed two bills to complete their repeal. 2011 WI Act 121 prohibits the DNR from setting carbon monoxide standards for projects related to congestion and bad air quality, such as parking lots with over 1,000 vehicles. 2011 WI Act 122 prohibits Wisconsin from setting standards for hazardous air emissions from confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). This new law leaves people living next to CAFOs vulnerable to health problems and reduced property values.

Wisconsin Act 30 allows for \$300 million in bonding authority for a huge interstate bridge across the federally protected Wild & Scenic St. Croix River between Hudson, WI and Stillwater, MN. The Sierra Clubs in MN and WI have fought for a slower, more modest bridge that wouldn't destroy riparian habitat. So it was a tough session, and evidence that we need more conservation lobbying volunteers to help make the case for clean air and water in the Capitol! Please contact us about joining Sierra Club's legislative committee if you want to help move pro-environmental policies forward in future legislative sessions in Wisconsin.

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 Senate Bill Descriptions

Special Session AB 8, Controlling Administrative Rules

Gives Governor unprecedented authority to delay or block agencies from making rules needed to implement state laws, including those passed to protect natural resources. STATUS = **PASSED**: Act 21 was signed into law on 05/23/11.

Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

Special Session SB 10, Bergstrom Wetlands Bill

Guts protections for isolated wetlands in Brown County to allow a wealthy developer to build a retail store on a high quality urban wetland and avoid a contested case hearing. PASSED, Act 6 was signed into law on 02/04/11.

Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

Special Session AB 11, Budget Repair Bill

Removes collective bargaining rights for public employees, including state workers who protect plant and animal species and clean air and clean water. Removes decades old right to negotiate for health benefits, safe working conditions, and other provisions. PASSED, Act 10 was enacted on 06/28/11. Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

AB 40, Worst Environmental Budget in WI History

Cuts funding for recycling by 40%, slashes stewardship funds by 30%, and cuts aid for transit and local roads by 10%, while massively increasing highway funding. Wipes out previously approved increases in Focus on Energy funding for energy efficiency, eliminates the Office of Energy Independence and the Green to Gold fund for businesses, and undermines local communities by taking away the right to form regional transit authorities. PASSED, Act 32 was signed into law on 06/26/11. Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

SB 26, Boondoggle Bridge

Allows Wisconsin to spend \$300 million to build a megabridge across the Wild & Scenic St. Croix River from Hudson, WI to Stillwater MN, despite the fact that we already have a large, interstate bridge 7 miles away. It also fails to provide funds for over 1,000 structurally unsafe bridges in Wisconsin and it ignores more modest proposals to improve the current crossing that would not jeopardize the river.

PASSED: Act 30 was signed into law on 07/07/11.

Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

AB 23, Dirty Drinking Water Bill

Prevents the DNR from requiring municipalities to disinfect their drinking water, potentially exposing families to dangerous viruses and bacteria. **PASSED**: Act 19 was signed into law on 05/23/11. **Pro-Environment Vote = NAY**

AB 114 Outsourcing Clean Energy Jobs to Canada Bill

Allows large, out-of-state hydroelectric power (mostly from Manitoba) to count towards our renewable energy portfolio standards. PASSED: Act 34 was signed into law on 07/05/11. Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

SB 326 Polluters Over People Bill

Reduces public input and limits DNR's ability to review permits for certain types of shoreland developments. STATUS = Amended, after harmful provisions were removed which would have allowed for lake bed dredging, eliminated public newspaper notices, removed air emissions modeling and rubber stamped high capacity well permits. PASSED: Act 167 was signed into law on 04/02/12. Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

SB 368, Wetlands Deregulation Bill

This bill dangerously deletes ASNRI wetlands (areas with significant ecological, educational, or recreational value), rolls back the "Avoid and Minimize" rule, requires mitigation too early in the permit process, and rushes permit reviews by DNR. PASSED: Act 118 was signed into law on 04/02/12. Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

SB 111, Dirty Air Bill

Prohibits the DNR from setting carbon monoxide (CO) standards. Carbon monoxide is a dangerous gas that can cause headaches, nausea, seizures, and death. **PASSED:** Act 121 was signed into law on 03/07/12. **Pro-Environment Vote = NAY**

SB 138, Allowing Factory Farms to Pollute Our Air

Prohibits Wisconsin from setting stands for hazardous air emissions from agricultural operations. **PASSED:** Act 122 was signed into law on 03/07/12. **Pro-Environment Vote = NAY**



The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 State Senate Votes

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Last	First	Dist						AB 11	40	26	23	326	368	111	138	426
Name	Name	Dist	Home Town	Party	Score											
Carpenter	Tim	3	Milwaukee	D	91%	+	Α	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Coggs	Spencer	6	Milwaukee	D	91%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Cowles	Robert	2	Green Bay	R	0%	-	-/	-	/-	-	-	-/-	-	-	-	-
Cullen	Tim	15	Janesville	D	70%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	-	Α	-	-	+
Darling	Alberta	8	River Hills	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ellis	Michael	19	Neenah	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erpenbach	Jon	27	Middleton	D	82%	+	+	A (+)	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Fitzgerald	Scott	13	Juneau	R	0%	-	- /-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galloway	Pam	29	Wausau	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grothman	Glenn	20	West Bend	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hansen	Dave	30	Green Bay	D	73%	+	-	A (+)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
Harsdorf	Sheila	10	River Falls	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holperin	Jim	12	Conover	D	55%	+	+	A (+)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Jauch	Bob	25	Poplar	D	64%	+	+	A (+)	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Kedzie	Neal	11	Elkhorn	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King	Jessica	18	Oshkosh	D	60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	-	-	+
Larson	Chris	7	Milwaukee	D	91%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Lasee	Frank	1	De Pere	R	0%	Α	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassa	Julie	24	Stevens Point	D	82%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	Α	+	+	-	-	+
Lazich	Mary	28	New Berlin	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leibham	Joseph	9	Sheboygan	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miller	Mark	16	Monona	D	91%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Moulton	Terry	23	Chippewa Falls	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olsen	Luther	14	Ripon	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Risser	Fred	26	Madison	D	100%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schultz	Dale	17	Richland Center	R	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Shilling	Jennifer	32	La Crosse	D	60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	-	- /	+
Taylor	Lena	4	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vinehout	Kathleen	31	Alma	D	82%	+	+	A (+)	+	+	+	+	+	-//	<u> </u>	/+/
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A = Absent; NA = Not yet elected (pre-recall election); A (+) Senators left State to Protest Bill; NA — Not elected yet Note that Senators Randy Hopper and Dan Kapanke were recalled in 2011; each scored 0% for their 2011 votes.

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 Assembly Bill Descriptions

Special Session AB 8, Controlling Administrative Rules (see Senate bill description)

Special Session SB 10, Bergstrom Wetlands Bill (see Senate bill description)

Special Session AB 11, Budget Repair Bill (see Senate bill description)

AB 40, Worst Environmental Budget in WI History (see Senate bill description)

SB 26, Boondoggle Bridge (see Senate bill description)

AB 23, Dirty Drinking Water Bill (see Senate bill description)

SB 81 Outsourcing Clean Energy Jobs to Canada Bill (see Senate bill description)

SB 326 Polluters Over People Bill (see Senate bill description)

AB 426 Strip Mining Giveaway Bill

Would have gutted mining safeguards by rushing permits, allowing for mining waste to be deposited in historical areas and sensitive water and land habitats, eliminating public input on mining proposals, and shortchanging payments to local communities. STATUS = FAILED: A substitute amendment (#2) that was insufficient to protect the environment was rejected by the Senate Pro-Environment Vote Assembly = NAY Pro-Environment Vote, Senate = AYE

AB 303, Smart Growth Repeal

Would have removed statewide requirement for communities to create comprehensive plans to limit urban sprawl that destroys natural resources and increases vehicle miles traveled and infrastructure costs. **FAILED:** Failed to pass the Senate.

Pro-Environment Vote = NAY

AB 72, Repeals Wind Siting Rules

Would have repealed statewide, uniform wind energy rules needed to create local jobs and allow clean energy projects to move forward. Would require the PSC to

promulgate new rules within 90 days. **FAILED**: A vote to the rules suspend the rules to withdraw & take up wind siting repeal failed in the Assembly, and it was not taken up in the Senate.

Pro-Environment Vote = AYE



AB 165, Dirty Lakes Bill

Undermines phosphorus lawn fertilizer restrictions that protect lakes from toxic, stinking algae blooms by allowing for retail display of the harmful product.

FAILED: Failed to pass the Senate.

Pro-Environment Vote = NAY



The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 State Assembly Votes

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Last Name	First Name	Dist	Home Town	Party	Score	AB8		AB 11	40	72	26	23	81	165	326	303	426
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Brooks	Ed	50	Reedsburg	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clark	Fred	42	Baraboo	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs	Elizabeth	10	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+	+
Craig*	David	83	Big Bend	R	0%	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cullen	David	13	Milwaukee	D	100%	P+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+	+
Danou	Chris	91	Trempealeau	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Doyle*	Steve	94	Onalaska	D	89%	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	NA	+	+	+	+	+
Endsley	Mike	26	Sheboygan	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farrow	Paul	98	Pewaukee	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fields	Jason	11	Milwaukee	D	100%	Α	+	+	+	Α	+	+	+	+	Α	+	Α
Fitzgerald	Jeff	39	Horicon	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grigsby	Tamara	18	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+	P +
Hebl	Gary	46	Sun Prairie	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+
Hintz	Gordon	54	Oshkosh	D	92%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Honadel	Mark	21	S. Milwaukee	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hulsey	Brett	77	Madison	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jacque	Andre	2	Green Bay	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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^{*} Doyle was elected to AD 94 after Huebsch became DOA Secretary; Craig was appointed to AD 83 after Gunderson joined DNR Executive Staff. Billings was elected to AD 95 after Shilling won her recall election for State Senate.

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 State Assembly Votes

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Kooyenga Dale 14 Brookfield R 0% -	Knodl	Daniel	24	Germantown	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Petersen Kevin 40 Waupaca R 0%	Petersen	Kevin	40	Waupaca	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petrowski Jerry 86 Marathon R 0%	Petrowski	Jerry	86	Marathon	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	/- /	/-/	(-)
Petryk Warren 93 Eleva R 0%	Petryk	Warren	93	Eleva	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	/- /	/- /	-	7-7
Pocan Mark 78 Madison D 100% + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	Pocan	Mark	78	Madison	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts Sondy 79 Middleton D 100% + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	Pope-Roberts	s Sondy	79	Middleton	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pridemore Don 99 Hartford R 0%	Pridemore	Don	99	Hartford	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u> </u>	/- /	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> /	/-/	7-4

P + is a paired vote in which the legislator held the pro-conservation position; P - is a paired vote in which the legislator intended to vote against the conservation position.

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter 2011-12 State Assembly Votes

						SS	SS	SS	AB	AR	SB	AB	SB	AB	SB	AB	AB
Last	First	Dist	Home Town	Party	Score	SB8		AB 11	40	AB 72	26	23	81	165	326	426	303
Name	Name																
Radcliffe	Mark	92	Black River Falls	D	64%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	Α	+	-
Richards	Jon	19	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ringhand	Janis	80	Evansville	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ripp	Keith	47	Lodi	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rivard	Roger	75	Rice Lake	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roys	Kelda Helen	81	Madison	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Seidel	Donna	85	Wausau	D	92%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Severson	Erik	28	Star Prairie	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Α	-	Α
Shilling	Jennifer	95	La Crosse	D	100%	+	+	+	+	NA	+	+	+	NA	NA	+	NA
Sinicki	Christine	20	Milwaukee	D	90%	+	Α	+	+	+	+	+	+	P+	Α	+	-
Spanbauer	Richard	53	Oshkosh	R	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Staskunas	Tony	15	West Allis	D	91%	+	P+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+	-
Steinbrink	John	65	Pleasant Prairie	D	91%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	Α	+	+
Steineke	Jim	5	Kaukauna	R	0%	/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Α	-	-
Stone	Jeff	82	Greendale	R	0%	- /	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Strachota	Pat	58	West Bend	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	Α	-	Α	-	-	-	-
Stroebel*	Duey	60	Saukville	R	0%	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Suder	Scott	69	Abbotsford	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tauchen	Gary	6	Bonduel	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taylor*	Chris	48	Madison	D	100%	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	NA	NA	+	+	+	+
Thiesfeldt	Jeremy	52	Fond du Lac	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tiffany	Tom	35	Hazelhurst	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Α	-	-
Toles	Barbara	17	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	+	+	Α	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tranel	Travis	49	Cuba City	R	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Turner	Robert	61	Racine	D	100%	P+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Roy	Karl	90	Green Bay	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vos	Robin	63	Racine	R	0%	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		74
Vruwink	Amy Sue	70	Milladore	D	83%	+	+	+	+	+	-	P +	+	+	-	+	+
Weininger	Chad	4	Green Bay	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- /	<u> </u>	-/	74
Williams	Mary	87	Medford	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	Α
Wynn	Evan	43	Whitewater	R	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-/	-	Α	/-/	44
Young	Leon	16	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zamarripa	Jocasta	8	Milwaukee	D	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zepnick	Josh	9	Milwaukee	D	92%	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+
Ziegelbauer	Bob	25	Manitowoc	ı	83%	-	+	_	-	- /	/-/		-	P-	7-7	(-)	7-2

^{*} Stroebel was elected to AD 60 after Gottlieb was appointed WisDOT Sec.; Taylor was elected to AD 48 after Parisi became Dane Co. Executive

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter Thanks Our True Environmental Leaders



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The Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter thanks the lawmakers who scored a perfect 100% on the Scorecard (25 in the Assembly and 2 in the Senate).

In the 2011-12 Senate:

Lena Taylor and Fred Risser.

In the 2011-12 Assembly:

Terese Berceau, Penny Bernard Schaber, Jill Billings, Fred Clark, Elizabeth Coggs, David Cullen, Chris Danou, Jason Fields, Tamara Grigsby, Gary Hebl, Brett Hulsey, Fred Kessler, Cory Mason, Nick Milroy, Sandy Pasch, Mark Pocan, Sondy Pope-Roberts, Jon Richards, Janis Ringhand, Kelda Helen Roys, Chris Taylor, Barbara Toles, Robert Turner, Leon Young, and JoCasta Zamarripa

The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter Thanks Sen. Dale Schultz for his Courage



The national Sierra Club honored Sen. Dale Schultz with a Distinguished Achievement Award In 2012 (after being nominated by Jim Steffens). This particular award, of which up to three may be given annually, honors persons in public service for a particular action of singular importance to conservation.

Senator Schultz's opposition to the extreme budget repair bill, which stripped collective bargaining rights from public employees, his efforts to block horrendous mining legislation, and his work to stop the repeal of statewide wind siting standards merit this award.

The Sierra Club thanks Senator Schultz for his singular courage, especially given the hostile and extremely partisan political environment Wisconsin has experienced for the past two years.

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