Talking with Your Legislators Sea Grant





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Aquaculture Needs Assessment (Food-Fish) 2021/22

1. Public's perception of products

• Explain aquaculture so people can make sustainable seafood choices

2. Permits, fees, management and regulations

- Showcase the importance of Wisconsin's food-fish industry to government officials
- · Facilitate conversations among fish farmers, government and non-profits

2. Physical help now

- Train the next generation
- Conduct trainings to support businesses

Applied research on specific aquaculture topics





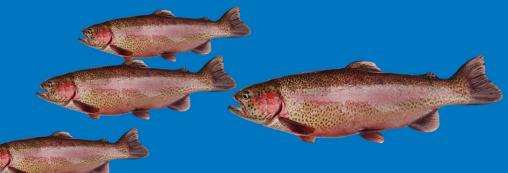
Decision-Makers' Fish-Farm Tour

July 23, 2024

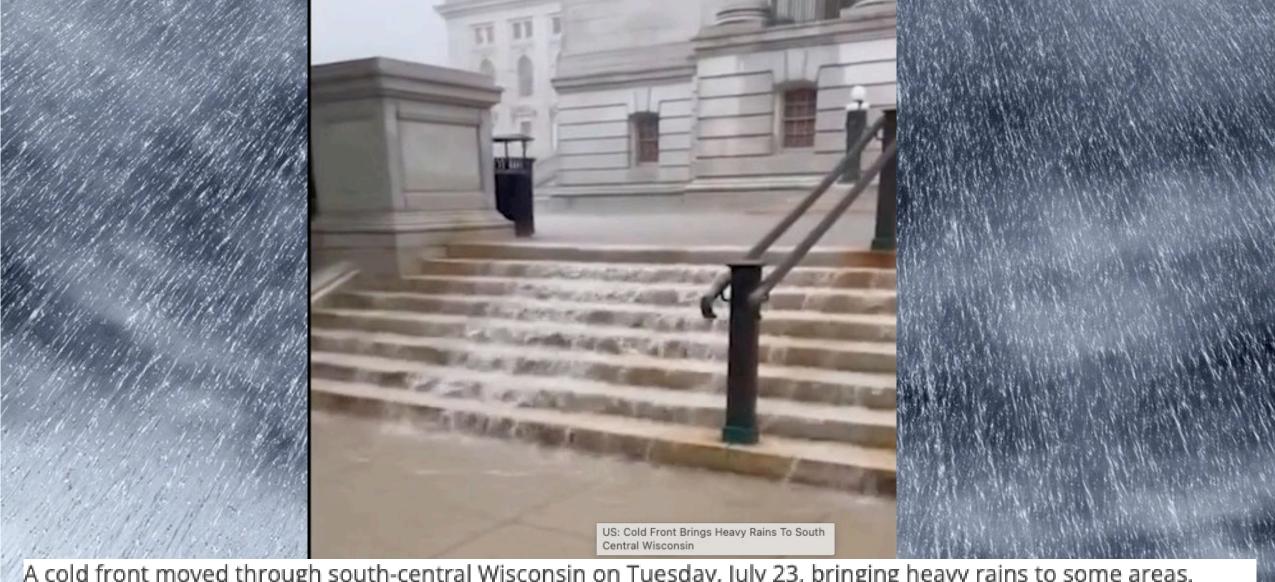
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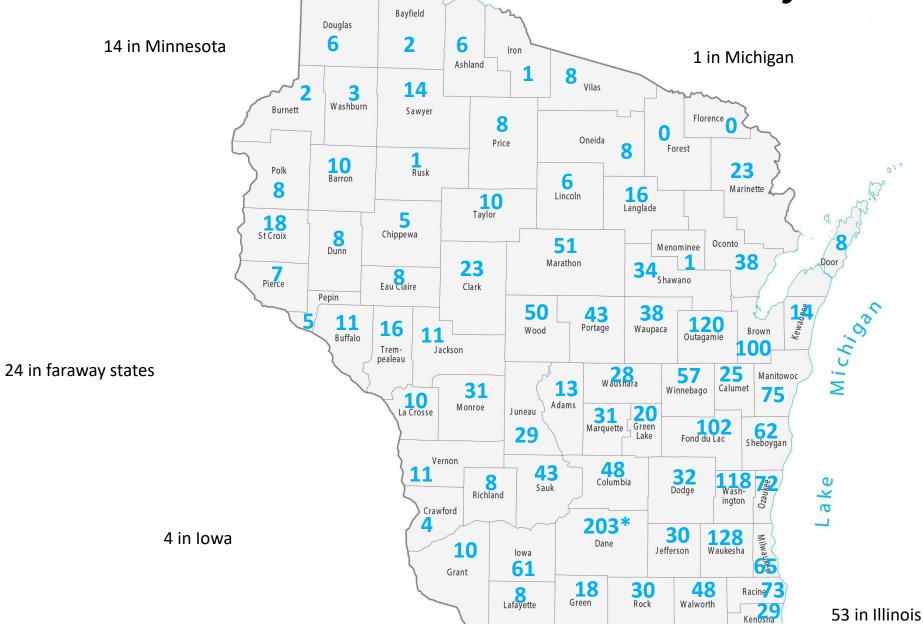






DATCP Fish Farm Licenses by County

Bayfield Bay



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Policy asks (legislative or government initiatives)

- Support EPA Effluent Guidelines for Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production in Wisconsin
- Treat aquaculture as agriculture

Relationship-building asks

- Visit my farm
- Join me at an event



Policy Asks

- Introduce, vote for, or vote against legislation.
- Cosponsor legislation introduced by someone else in the same chamber.
- Send a letter to an agency about a specific concern or sign onto a letter drafted by another legislator.
- Send a letter to another member of the legislature in an influential position.
- · Help you find and gather information from agencies and research services.

COMMITTEES SERVICE AGENCIES

OPTIONS HELP

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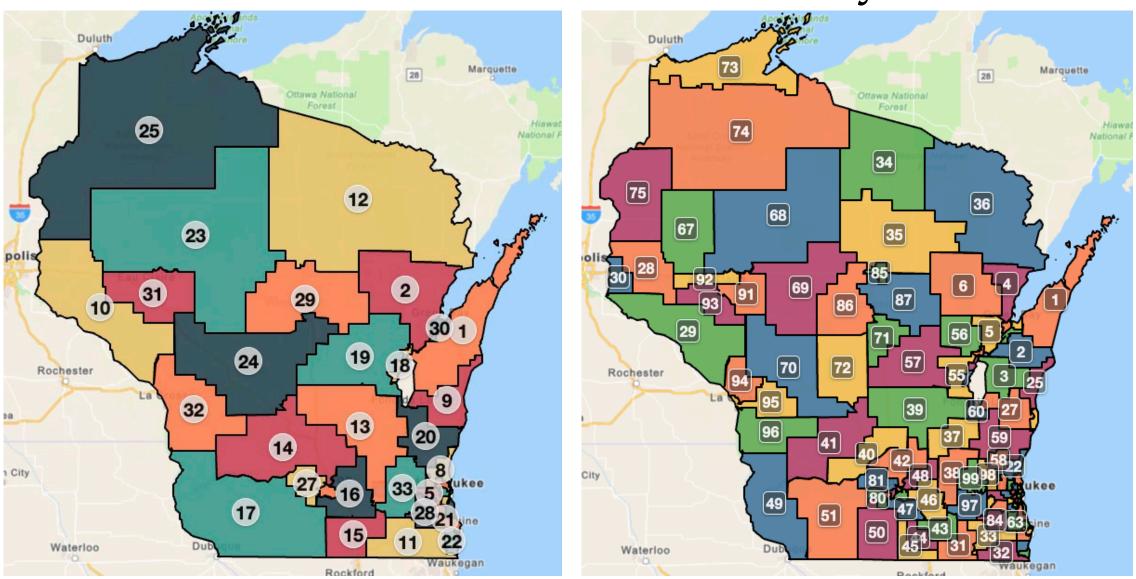
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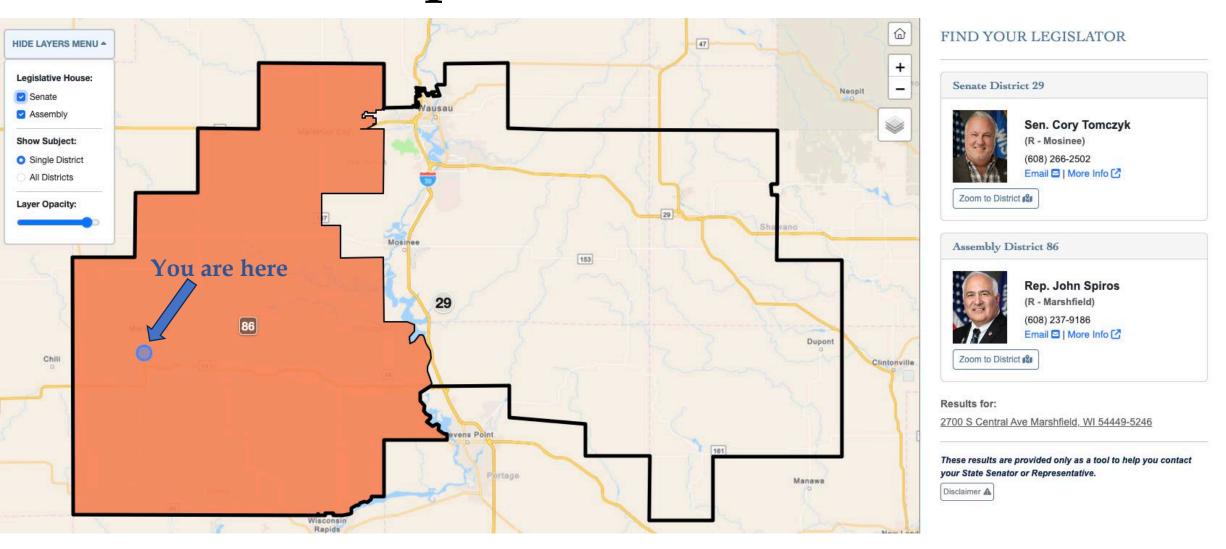
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Assembly Districts



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Who Represents Marshfield?





Cory Tomczyk

Owns a small shredding service business

2 kids, 3 grandkids

Service: School Board, Chamber of Commerce, Hope Food Pantry

Senate Committees

- Transportation and Local Government
- Agriculture and Tourism
- Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage
- Natural Resources and Energy

John Spiros

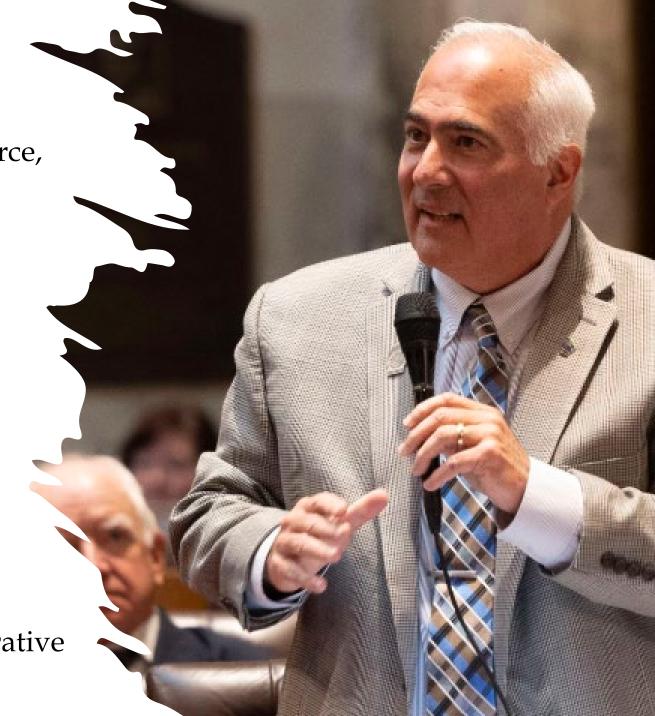
VP of Safety and Claims Management for transportation company (Former US Air Force, police officer)

5 kids, 5 grandkids

Service: City Council, Elks, VFW, American Legion

Assembly Committees

- Criminal Justice and Public Safety
- Transportation
- State Affairs
- Science, Technology, and AI
- Veterans and Military Affairs
- Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules



5 Tips for Success

- Identify yourself
- Leave materials
- Be specific
- Prioritize your requests
- Be polite



QUESTIONS?

ASK THEM



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