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### NEWS RELEASE

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### 2020 WISCONSIN CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED: STEPHEN BORN, JENS JENSEN AND STANLEY TEMPLE

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame (WCHF) celebrates the year of its 100<sup>th</sup> Inductee on April 25, 2020, in the Atrium at SentryWorld in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The public is invited to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony to join in celebrating three conservation leaders.

- **Stephen Born**, a well-known UW-Madison professor who specialized in environmental planning and worked on almost every aspect of water management, the Great Lakes, inland lakes, groundwater, rivers and watersheds, in addition to loving all things trout.
- **Jens Jensen**, a landscape architect of the Upper Midwest who developed public parks, preserves, and private estates, focusing on indigenous plants and the location's ecological features, who also founded the "school of the soil" in Door County known as The Clearing.
- **Stanley Temple**, a UW-Madison professor who studied endangered birds, habitat fragmentation, invasive species and other factors leading to species declines, and now serves as a Senior Fellow with the Aldo Leopold Foundation, researching, writing and speaking about Aldo Leopold.

This year's event reception begins at 9:00 a.m., ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m., and luncheon begins at 1:00 p.m. The reception and ceremony are free; tickets for the luncheon must be purchased by April 10<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration are available at: <http://bit.ly/WCHF2020> or [WCHF.org/2020Induction](http://WCHF.org/2020Induction).

While in Stevens Point, attendees of the induction ceremony are invited to visit the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Conservation History Museum and Inductee Gallery in the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center at 2419 North Point Drive in Stevens Point. Admission is free. The Visitor Center also features a Gift Shop, bird viewing area and five miles of trails.

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame was established in 1985 to showcase the conservation legacy of the state. The inductees have made valuable contributions to conservation throughout their professional and private lives. WCHF President, Patty Dreier, remarks, "Wisconsin is proud of its conservation heritage which makes it even more significant and exciting that we are reaching a milestone of our 100<sup>th</sup> Inductee this year."

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### INDUCTEE BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Stephen Born (1940 - )**

Stephen Born is a well-known University of Wisconsin-Madison professor who specialized in environmental planning and worked on almost every aspect of water management, in addition to loving all things trout. His impact on conservation in Wisconsin and beyond is broad and varied. Of himself he has said “I have always been haunted by water, and I think some of us are genetically encoded to love water...”

Dr. Born studied at the Universities of Illinois and Oregon before earning his Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the UW faculty in Madison in 1969, holding positions in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the Institute for Environmental Studies. In the mid-1970s, Dr. Born took a leave of absence from academia to serve in Wisconsin’s state government as Director of the State Planning Office and State Energy Director.



Dr. Born was dedicated to both academic research and applied practice. Professor Born was an exceptional teacher and his students today play important roles in public sector resource management, nonprofit conservation advocacy, and private sector sustainability efforts. He played many key roles in policy development on Wisconsin’s groundwater management, lakes policy, river restoration and coastal resources. He was an early advocate of integrated resources management and his work is still cited today. His publications and activities illustrate his talent for devising practical solutions to watershed problems and development of conservation strategies.

Dr. Born’s contributions include co-chairing the Waters of Wisconsin Initiative of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. He was a chief advisor to former Governor Patrick Lucey on the decision not to dam the Kickapoo River, which led to the creation of the 8,500-acre Kickapoo Reserve. And he served on Governor Tommy Thompson’s Blue Ribbon Stewardship Task Force, leading to a significant bipartisan land protection program in Wisconsin.

Dr. Born has played major roles in non-governmental conservation organizations including the River Alliance of Wisconsin and the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin. This aspect of his work may best be illustrated by his extensive involvement in Trout Unlimited, where he served in many state and national senior leadership roles. His influential efforts brought sophisticated strategic planning to Trout Unlimited, while at the same time enhancing the role and influence of its grassroots volunteers.

An intrepid angler, he is also co-author of “Exploring Wisconsin Trout Streams: The Anglers Guide,” a seminal work which focuses not only on where to fish, but also stream ecology and protection of cold-water resources.



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Dr. Born excelled in bringing people with differing views and ideologies together to forge unified and strong coalitions to protect Wisconsin's natural resources. And since he continues to serve non-profit groups as a board member or volunteer, his resume and influence continues to grow.

### *Quotes about Stephen Born:*

"His contributions, like the guidance he provided as a teacher, have shaped the lands and waters of our state in critical ways, even as they have rippled out far beyond Wisconsin." - Curt Meine

"His common sense for the dimensions and framework on which public policy should be based are unrivaled." - John J. Magnuson

### **Jens Jensen (1860 – 1951)**

Danish-born Jens Jensen was a landscape architect and a tireless advocate for conservation of our natural heritage. Aesthetics, in his work, always came second to protecting nature. Through his vocation and avocation, his aim was to bring people and nature together. Upon his death, the New York Times called him "Dean of American Landscape Architecture."

Jensen began working for the City of Chicago in the 1880s, rising through the ranks from park laborer to the position of superintendent and landscape architect of the city's Western Parks District. He was instrumental in developing a plan for parks throughout Chicago and in establishing the Cook County Forest Preserve, a collection of dozens of wetlands, forests, and prairies throughout greater Chicago. Well ahead of his time, Jensen was one of the first landscape architects to incorporate native plants into his designs, along with paying significant interest to a location's topography and geographic features.



Jensen also developed a successful private design practice in the Chicago area, designing gardens and estates for many wealthy clients. Jensen became well-connected with Chicago's cultural elite through his work for the city and with his private practice. He also became increasingly prominent as an advocate for protecting wild areas, both those remaining within urban areas and others across the countryside.

Jensen was a persistent proponent for national parks, forest preserves, state parks, state forests, scenic areas, county parks, and sanctuaries with notable successes in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Florida. In 1913 he initiated Friends of Our Native Landscape, recruiting members and support from his society friends and connections. Aldo Leopold was a prominent member of the Wisconsin Chapter. The Friends was the first significant private organization in the Midwest dedicated to conservation. One of the first efforts of this group was helping establish protection of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore along the southern shore of Lake Michigan.



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After 1920 when his city position was eliminated, Jensen's work revolved around his private practice. Significantly, he also started spending time vacationing in Door County, Wisconsin. Jensen lived full-time in Door County from 1935 until his death in 1951. Here he zealously continued his advocacy for protection of natural areas. He was a principal proponent of The Ridges Sanctuary, Cave Point County Park, Whitefish Dunes State Park, and Ellison Bay Bluff County Park among others.

One of Jensen's many legacies is The Clearing, a folk school established on his Door County property in 1935 with the aim of immersing people in nature for "spiritual renewal." Initially intended for landscape architect students, he expanded its scope to include the general public. Thousands have attended short courses at The Clearing, now a non-profit school, where Jensen's philosophy of working with nature is the pervasive theme.

### *Quotes about Jens Jensen:*

"Unlike other landscape architects of the period, Jensen was not content to create works of art for society's elite. Instead, Jensen was concerned with improving the American environment in general and thereby improving its people and culture." - William H. Tishler

"Just as important as his land conservation work was his earnest and passionate promotion of native plants for gardens and landscapes." - Michael J. Schneider

### **Stanley Temple (1946- )**

Dr. Stanley A. Temple turned a childhood love of birds into a lifetime of research, education and conservation advocacy. Stan's childhood mentors included Rachel Carson. As a teenager he worked at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He developed a passion for raptors and began practicing falconry in junior high school. Stan attended Cornell University and earned his Ph.D. in 1972 while studying at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. World Wildlife Fund then hired him to launch programs for critically endangered birds on several islands in the Indian Ocean.

Dr. Temple made the move to Wisconsin in 1976, hired as a faculty member in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Wildlife Ecology. Aldo Leopold, one of WCHF's initial Inductees, created and taught the nation's first university wildlife management program at UW-Madison. His successor, one of Leopold's students, was Joseph Hickey, also a WCHF Inductee. Third in line for this historic position was Stan Temple, who continued this amazing tradition for 32 more years.



Dr. Temple's research program focused on important wildlife conservation issues that needed scientific attention. He and his students studied some of the rarest and most endangered species. He has also worked on the responses of wildlife to habitat fragmentation, human impacts on wildlife populations,



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and the ecology of avian predators. His pioneering work showing the devastating impact of cats on bird populations has earned him both acclaim and antipathy.

Over 10,000 students have taken one or more of Stan's courses at UW-Madison. In addition, he advised 75 graduate students. He was a founder of the field of conservation biology and helped create an educational program focused on preserving biological diversity while meeting human needs.

Dr. Temple was able to build upon his research and education accomplishments, effectively influencing resource policy and management activities. He has influenced federal and state legislation, served many non-profit conservation organizations, and is a tireless advocate for birds and their habitats.

Now that he's "retired," Stan helps spread Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic as a Senior Fellow for the Aldo Leopold Foundation, researching, writing and speaking about Leopold. Comparing Leopold's original botanical records to more recent surveys, Temple co-published new research about climate change impacts on plant phenology. He brought the history of the Passenger Pigeon alive to thousands of Wisconsinites with presentations and articles during the 100th anniversary of the pigeon's extinction in 2014. Stan is currently retracing the steps of Leopold's seminal late-1920s game survey of the upper Midwest. Stan Temple continues to teach and mentor students, both through the Leopold Foundation and as an Emeritus Professor at the University of Wisconsin.

As one of Wisconsin's leading conservation biologists and educators of both future professionals and the public he has had significant impacts globally, nationally and within Wisconsin.

### *Quotes about Stanley Temple:*

"Dr. Temple's scholarship and voluminous scientific contributions have helped reshape the entire field of wildlife ecology and management. In fact, it is difficult to identify one single contribution as being the most significant given the breadth and depth of his work." - Buddy Huffaker

"Most academic researchers strive to excel in research and instruction and perhaps make modest contributions in outreach. Stan absolutely stands out as one who has excelled also in outreach. - William Karasov

### **WISCONSIN CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME (WCHF)**

Individuals may be nominated for induction into the WCHF by the public. Based on a set of criteria, nominees are selected for induction by the WCHF Board of Directors and an independent Board of Governors.

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame is in the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center in Stevens Point. It includes:

- A conservation history museum with interactive exhibits
- A sunlit hall of fame gallery displaying recognition plaques of the inductees
- A meeting room used by statewide conservation and civic organizations

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