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Wisconsin spends millions of dollars each year stocking streams and lakes with popular fish like trout — raised at the Nevin Fish Hatchery in Fitchburg, above — that increasingly struggle to survive in warming waters.

Warning for walleyes

Species' future in limbo amid warming Wisconsin waters

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It was sometime in the late 2000s that Kurt Justice noticed something was off.

A fishing guide with three decades of experience, Justice knew how to catch walleye on the Minocqua Chain of Lakes, historically one of Wisconsin's premier walleye fisheries.

"It was nothing for me to go out and find fish," Justice said.

But toward the end of that season he wasn't catching many smaller fish. The next year was worse.

"There were no eater walleyes," he remembers thinking. "There's something wrong."

Today, after years of intensive stocking

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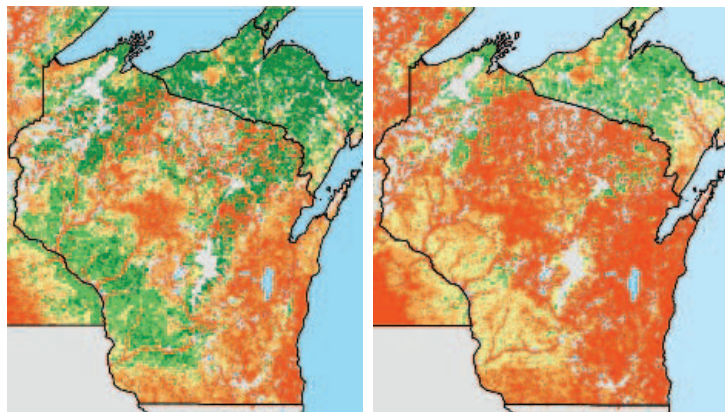
Trout trouble

By 2065, climate change is expected to claim nearly 70% of Wisconsin's native brook trout habitat and almost a third of the streams that currently support brown trout, according to a 2019 study.

Probability of brook trout habitat occurrence ...

... in the late 20th century

... in the middle of this century



PROBABILITY 0-0.2 0.21-0.4 0.41-0.6 0.61-0.8 0.81-1.0
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UVALDE SHOOTING

Police made 'wrong' choice

Officers waited over 45 minutes on scene

JIM VERTUNO and ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — Students trapped inside a classroom with a gunman repeatedly called 911 during this week's attack on a Texas elementary school, including one who pleaded, "Please send the police now," as officers waited in the hallway for more than 45 minutes, authorities said Friday.

The commander at the scene in Uvalde — the school district's police chief — believed that 18-year-old gunman Salvador Ramos was barricaded inside adjoining classrooms at Robb Elementary School and that children were no longer at risk, Steven McCraw, the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said at a contentious news conference.

"It was the wrong decision," he said.

Friday's briefing came after authorities spent three days providing often conflicting and incomplete information about the 90 minutes that elapsed between the time Ramos entered the school and when U.S. Border Patrol agents unlocked the classroom door and killed him.

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ELECTION 2022 | NO ENDORSEMENT FOR REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR

Private funds could play enhanced role

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The state Republican party's decision not to endorse candidates in several statewide elections this year — a break from a long-standing practice — could give an outsized role to wealthy donors and outside groups looking to spend big on Wisconsin elections this fall.

Delegates attending the state GOP convention in Middleton last week declined to endorse a candidate in the state's gubernatorial race, where a packed field of GOP hopefuls are vying to unseat Democratic Gov. Tony Evers this fall.

Critics of the endorsement process say the decision prevents establishment Republicans from hand-pick-

ing a preferred candidate months before voters have their say in the Aug. 9 primary, but it also cuts off candidates who may have otherwise received the endorsement from the state party's cash and resources. The winner of the gubernatorial primary will go on to face Evers on Nov. 8 in a high-stakes election for both parties.

"With no endorsement, it makes

the outside money even more important," said Matthew Rothschild, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which tracks campaign spending. "The super PACs and the dark money groups will have an outsized impact this time around as a result of this non-endorsement."

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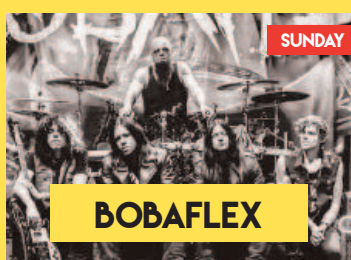
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