

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Wolf Committee

### Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	June 1, 2013	9:00 am	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Mike Riggle, Chair at 9:00 am
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##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Mike Riggle, Laurie Groskopf, Arden Loker, Russell Hitz, Tim Carter, Leis Myron, Scott McAuley, Walter Seibel, John Piechowski, Thomas Savage, Paul Witalison, Steven Staver,
EXCUSED	Kevin Schanning, Arnold Popp, James Flanigan, Ron Weber, Lisa Wilson, Michael Rogers, Melissa Smith, Bret Bauman
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Bill Vander Zouwen, DNR and Dave MacFarland, DNR

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Chairman Riggle laid down some guidelines and told us we would have some guests attending our meeting today. Each speaker took their 3 minutes to give their opinion of the wolf program. They pointed out that we were not in touch with the problems and that the wolves should be protected and not harvested. We politely thanked them for their concerns.
ACTION	

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	The current mission statement was read. No changes were proposed
ACTION	Approved

##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Public comments were provided by Dave Hocheritt, Alice Miller, Kathy Miller, LuAnne Odell, and Barb Eisenberg
ACTION	none required

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

**A1. CITIZEN RESOLUTION # 040413**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Resolution # 04-04-13 (Ban Further Hunting and Trapping of Wolves) A letter of explanation from the author was read to the committee. A motion to reject was made and seconded. Discussion followed	
<b>ACTION</b>	Rejected. Main concerns were it would require legislation and not based on sound science	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Mike Riggle will email author with results		

**A2. CITIZEN RESOLUTION # 050113****DAVE MACFARLAND, DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Resolution # 05-01-13 (Require Wolf Trapper Certification) This would be a rule change requiring wolf trapper certification. The committee supported this resolution.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion made and seconded to support this resolution after discussion. Approved	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Author was present		

**B. REPORT ON 2012 WOLF SEASON HARVEST****BILL VANDER ZOUWEN, DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The DNR employees spoke on 2012 harvest results of the wolf harvest.	
<b>ACTION</b>	none required	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**C. 2013 WOLF COUNT****DAVE MACFARLAND, DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Minimum over winter count of 878 wolves. Discussed how priorities are set for count and logistics of counts	
<b>ACTION</b>	none required	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**D. IMPACTS OF ALTERNATIVE HARVEST SCENARIOS (UW MODELING)****DAVE MACFARLAND, DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussed the calculated impact on the population at various harvest levels. The 275 harvest quota is calculated to reduce the population by 13%	
<b>ACTION</b>	none required	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**E. QUOTA RECOMMENDATIONS****DAVE MACFARLAND, DNR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Zone 1 (84) to harvest, Zone 2 (31), Zone 3 (79), Zone 4 (13), Zone 5 (35), Zone 6 (33) to harvest. The total would be 275 wolves to be harvested. Using ten times the quota gives us 2,750 licenses. After discussion the committee recommended to support the 2013 recommendations by the department. One comment was made that the dept. should look at splitting the quota between trappers and dogs. Last year the harvest quota was filled before a dog season would be allowed. In addition to the 275 harvest quota recommendations the	
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	committee amended the recommendation to include that the 275 was to be exclusive of ant tribal declaration and subsequent non harvest.	
ACTION	Approved quota with amendment	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**F. LICENSE NUMBER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**DAVE MACFARLAND, DNR**

DISCUSSION	The department is recommending a 10 to 1 license ratio	
ACTION	approved	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**G. STRATEGIES FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR WOLF TRACKING SURVEYS**

DISCUSSION	Department shared how wolf tracking survey and wolf reporting survey work. Discussion ensued concerning possible apps to simplify wolf sightings and different user groups that could be called on to make reports.	
ACTION	none required	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**H. WOLF SEASON LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

DISCUSSION	This was covered in the discussion during the 2012 season report	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	Meeting was well run. Everyone was polite to our guests. The pubic speakers that plan to address the committee should have the comments in a written form and sent to the chairman prior to the meeting.	
ACTION		

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion made to adjourn and followed by a second. Meeting adjourned at	
SUBMITTED BY	Russell Hitz, Secretary	
DATE	June 30, 2013	