

Citizen Resolution # 131321

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Ban Wildlife Killing Contests

Contests reward participants for the highest body count of coyotes, foxes, bobcats, rabbits, crows, squirrels and other species. Cash and prizes, including weapons, award the teams who kill the most, biggest, and smallest animals. Prohibiting killing contests would not impact lethal take of coyotes for livestock protection or any form of hunting or trapping, including fishing derbies and "Big Buck" competitions.

The DNR does not monitor or regulate these contests. Hounds trespassing on private property with owners following via GPS, and piles of dumped carcasses with bullet damaged and unusable pelts have been documented and reported. The majority of Wisconsinites, including hunters and trappers, do not condone killing contests and argue they undermine support for ethical, fair chase hunting. Killing for payouts, prizes, and bragging rights threatens public tolerance of hunting as evidenced by public outcry here and bans in other states.

Be it resolved on April 12, 2021 that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting in Dane County, urges the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to develop and support a ban on all wildlife killing contests.

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