

Citizen Resolution # 132221

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Reduce the Hound Bear Training Season

The hound bear training season in Wisconsin runs July 1 through August 31, during the hottest summer months which is also our peak tourist season. Black bear biologists state that their daily movements are influenced by temperature and food supply. They are known to seek shade in dense underbrush during this time. During the hound training season a pack of 6 dogs run daily. It is legal to replace a tired or overheated dog with a fresh dog. It is documented that dogs can chase bears and other incidental wildlife for 1 1/2 hours or until a bear finds safety in a tree. Let's turn bear hunting back to what it was intended--FAIR CHASE. The hound is to aid in the harvest of a bear. Just as a sitting hunter cannot sit with a gun or bow until hunting season begins, the hound cannot be considered more or less important to aid in the harvest of a bear. Wisconsin's wild resources, places and animals, should be made available to all. Tourism in the Northwoods is at the expense of hound training for 2 months.
Resolved: Wisconsin's 2-month long, continuous hound bear training season must be shortened to no longer than 2 weeks.

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