

Citizen Resolution # 660121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Ban Hunting Bears and Wolves with dogs

Be it resolved that the hunting of bears and wolves with dogs can be considered cruel and unnecessary to the animals involved (dogs, wolves and bears) and that this practice of hunting these large animals with dogs should be banned in Wisconsin. As shown in the latest wolf hunt in Wisconsin; it is too easy to go over the limit and not be held accountable with the use of dogs. Wisconsin is the only state in the USA that allows wolf hunting with dogs and Wisconsin is one of only 18 states that allows bear hunting with dogs (per DNR website and US Humane Society data).

Wisconsin is also the only state that compensates a hunter when wolves kill their hunting dogs. In 2016, 28 hunting dog deaths by wolves were reported by hunters who requested up to \$70,000 in reimbursement (per Wisconsin State Journal). In a DNR document (April, 2020) it was stated that \$37,000 was requested for 15 dogs killed by wolves while being used for hunting wolves. Another DNR document stated that between 2015 and 2017 83 hunting dogs were killed by wolves and close to \$205,000 was paid to the owners of these dogs.

This type of hunting large predators with dogs is too high risk to be a humane practice and there are other ways to hunt these animals that do not endanger dogs.

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