

Citizen Resolution # 040720

(For Hearing Officer completion)



End Killing Contests in Wisconsin

There are 43 known killing contests across Wisconsin. Contests reward hunters and trappers with cash, prizes, and weapons, for killing the most, biggest, smallest, longest, coyotes, crows, foxes, bobcats, squirrels and more. Piles of dead animals are thrown into trucks and after that its anyone's guess as to how many are used for anything other than, at most, their fur. Trapping wildlife is already legal 7 months of the winter/spring, and coyotes can be killed year-round. This is overkill in the truest sense of the word.

The DNR does not monitor these contests. Rules are established by sponsors, Evidence of wanton waste and "littering" of carcasses on public lands have been repeatedly documented and reported. The majority of citizens and hunters/trappers do not condone killing contests. There is concern that killing contests undermine support for ethical, fair chase hunting. This killing for prizes and bragging rights is already threatening public tolerance of predator killing as legitimate activity as evidenced by the public outcry this year especially, and the ban of such contests in other states. Contests are not conservation. This resolution will not affect contests such as "biggest buck" or "biggest Walleye" and other such contests where indiscriminate killing of "nuisance" wildlife and wanton waste prevail.

Be it resolved on April 6th 2020 that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting in Bayfield County, work with the Wisconsin DNR to end wildlife killing contests.

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