

Citizen Resolution # 160120

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Hounding and Baiting

Wolves very rarely ever attack or kill pet dogs. Pet dogs are usually well cared for and are within control of their owners. The dogs being killed by wolves are not pets, they are working dogs and are a tool used in the hunting of bear, coyotes, bobcats and other animals.

Bear hunters release dogs to track and chase their prey up trees, where they can be shot. The state removed license fees for its dog training season — when hunters run dogs in the months before the actual hunt starts. Training occurs when wolves are raising pups and are more aggressive about protecting territory and their young. And if wolves are delisted these bear hounders can train on these wolves 365 days a year with no regulation, and no fees. But then also want payment on these very same dogs, which to date we have spent \$844,289 for dead hounds and hound vet bills to date.

Each year, hunters place millions of gallons of food byproducts in the woods as bear bait, which can attract wolves and contribute to wolf-dog conflicts. Some states limit baiting to 30 days a year, but Wisconsin permits 145 days. This practice, which has doubled in the past ten years according to the Wisconsin DNR. It is this hounding and baiting, not wolves, who have caused unnecessary conflict which by simply limiting the time dogs and baiting are done, and reducing the millions of gallons of bait, which are making bears sick as well.

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