

Resolution 460120

RESOLUTION TO BAN DOGS FROM HUNTING WOLVES IN WISCONSIN

Dogs hunting wolves wasn't anticipated following wolf delisting in January 2012. Dogs are run through wolf territories despite WDNR alerts, resulting in dogs and wolves getting injured and killed.

Hound hunting, (six hunting hounds per wolf) will force harassed wolves to alter their behavior to perceive dogs as a threat when their territories are invaded, often deadly to both species. Exhausted wolves, harassed by hounds for six-months can't hunt, care for young or protect territory. Wisconsin anticruelty laws prohibit canine fighting. The scientific community majority and hunters agree that dogs hunting wolves is not necessary to have a successful hunt.

Hound hunting is proven to be disruptive to wolves causing a dramatic increase in wolf conflicts and wolf depredation/compensation payments that could better be spent on other WDNR conservation efforts. Depredation monies should not be paid for hunting hounds being put at risk.

Wolves were relisted as endangered (December 2014). Congress may take legislative action to permanently delist the wolf, returning management to Wisconsin which allows hound hunting of wolves, NOT advised by wolf experts.

PROPOSAL: BAN the use of dogs from hunting wolves. Wisconsin had a "successful" wolf hunt quota without using dogs, proving that dogs aren't necessary to train on or hunt wolves. All other states ban dogs hunting wolves. Would you support banning the use of dogs from hunting wolves in Wisconsin should wolves get delisted again? Vote yes to ban dogs from hunting Wisconsin wolves!

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