

Citizen Resolution # 040921

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Establish and implement a wolf management plan solidly based on the most current scientific knowledge and advice before any future wolf hunt is permitted

The Problem: Wisconsin allowed at least 216 wolves to be killed in 60 hours, thereby overwhelming the State's quota of 119 wolves and prompting an early halt to the hunt. The hunt was opposed by the majority of Wisconsin's citizens, all environmentalists, tribal spokespeople, and, significantly, all scientists called upon to advise the NRB.

Because the State was compelled to hold the hunt, contrary to scientists' advice, during wolves' breeding season, the actual number of wolves killed likely is far higher, on account of wolves killed in utero or orphaned. The hunt's timing, the rules regulating kill methods and the quota for the hunt all were based upon a management plan 20 years old and dangerously outdated.

During the January 2021 NRB meeting, scientists repeatedly expressed the need to create a new management plan based on current scientific knowledge before managing a wolf hunt. The need for a scientifically-accurate management plan persists and should be required before another wolf hunt is managed in the State. BE IT RESOLVED, on April 12, 2021, that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting in Bayfield County,, urges the WDNR to advise the legislature to take action to introduce a legislative amendment to prohibit any further wolf hunts until a new wolf management plan, solidly based on the most current scientific knowledge, is in place.

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