Citizen Resolution # 041022

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Eliminate the two-month summer period designated for training hounds to pursue bear in Wisconsin.

Presently, the State of Wisconsin allows residents and those from out-of-state to train dog packs to pursue wild bear on public land during the months of July and August. This activity must be stopped for the following reasons: Running dogs in the height of summer heat is cruel to the hounds, to the prey and to any other wildlife in the path of the pursuit. There is no charge, no licensing, no fee to use public assets in this way while the owners of dogs killed by wolfpacks disturbed by training activity are paid \$2500 by Wisconsin taxpayers for their loss. The present WDNR staffing situation leaves wide gaps in training oversight. Landowners who object to the trespass of hounds and the pursuit of bear have little or no recourse for the afront to their lives and property.

Would you support the elimination of free hound training in pursuit of bear in July and August of each year.,

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