

Citizen Resolution # 070222

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Eliminate Compensation for Hound Owners

Wisconsin is the only state that compensates bear-hound hunters when wolves kill or injure their dogs. A hunter gets up to \$2,500 per dog; even when hounds are released in areas the state DNR has mapped as dangerous for wolf activity. The DNR program also has approved more than \$80,000 in payments to repeat claimants.* Many of the repeat reimbursements go to people from other states. The leading recipient is Marne Gall of Minnesota, who received a total of \$10,586 for three claims involving four dogs.** From 1985 to 2020 a total of \$908,435.00 was paid out in compensation for hound injuries or deaths.***Given that hunters knowingly put their dogs into a situation and location where there is a high probability that the dogs will be injured or killed, they should not be entitled to compensation. This is a risk they are assuming.

Do you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to end the payments to Hound Owners for dogs killed or injured by wolves while training or hunting bear?

Additional Information provided by author:

<https://wisconsinwatch.org/2014/01/state-pays-scofflaws-over-hound-deaths/> <https://p.widencdn.net/7o52me/WolfDamagePayments>

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