

Citizen Resolution # 320421

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Ban the Use of Dogs from Hunting Wolves

The Problem: Wisconsin is the only state that allows dogs to be used when hunting wolves. Contradictory to that, Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 951.08 prohibits instigating fights between animals. Dogs are run through wolf territories despite WDNR alerts, resulting in dogs and wolves getting injured and killed. Hound hunting (six hunting hounds running off-leash per wolf), forces wolves harassed by these dogs to alter their behavior to perceive all dogs as a threat. This is often deadly to both species.

Hound hunting is also proven to be disruptive to wolves causing a dramatic increase in wolf conflicts and wolf depredation. The use of hounds when hunting wolves has changed things significantly. In the February 2021 Wisconsin Wolf Harvest, 86% of the wolves killed were by hunters using hounds. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, due to the use of hounds the swift pace of the wolf kills took the DNR by surprise. That compounded with a State Statute that requires a 24-hour notice to close the season resulted in the quota being exceeded by 82% within three days (Smith, 2021).

BE IT RESOLVED, on April 12, 2021 that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting in La Crosse County, urges the WDNR to advise the legislature to take action to introduce a legislative amendment to prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wolves.

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