

# Citizen Resolution # 570522

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## Expand trapping and dog hunting opportunity in State Parks

At present trapping is severely limited and dog hunting and training is prohibited in State Parks (even though both could and should be considered valid uses). Background: Currently, Wisconsin State Parks allow limited trapping opportunities. State park regulations read "No person may place a trap on dry land unless the trap is an enclosed trigger trap." Using an enclosed trigger trap highly limits the target species. There are two seasons: spring (April 1-Tues nearest May 3) and fall (Nov 15-Dec 15) within the park rather than mirroring the state seasons. This, again, limits trappers' ability to take advantage of the land. Abiding by state regulations, trappers should be able to use any legal trapping methods within our state parks whenever they are more than 100 ft off of a trail. With this, dogs outside of active hunting and/or training need to be leashed at all times. The leash rule exists now but is loosely enforced. Enforcing this would ensure that the traps intended for permitted species do not pose as safety concern. Furthermore, the use of dogs for hunting & training should be permitted. Dogs require immense amounts of training in order to successfully utilize their skills. Use of dogs has been part of Wisconsin hunter's heritage and continues to attract more people to the sport. Opening our state parks to both trappers & dog hunters provides an economic boost while allowing for management of various species, maintaining healthy animal populations within the parks.

**Do you support the WCC advising the Wi. DNR , WDNR Board, and Wi Legislature study and consider opening up State Parks to expanded trapping and dog hunting opportunity?**

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