

Citizen Resolution # 690723



Resume Bear Trapping In Wisconsin-live trap

Bear trapping was suspended in Wisconsin in 1957. The population was small, and sentiment shifted away from a focus on eradicating bears throughout the state.

Today, bears have robust numbers, and management of the population is necessary to prevent too many conflicts. Many things have changed with trapping as well, those old steel traps many think of are just scrap metal.

In Wisconsin, trapping could be another safe option that is an alternative to hound hunting, and could use far less bait than the current bait and shoot methods - reducing the impact of baiting and hounds on non-target species.

Maine currently allows trapping by cable trap or a live cage trap, and it continues to be very effective. Special training is required just for bear to ensure proper techniques.

Would you support harvesting of a bear with a cage type live trap with specific requirements and high monitoring requirements?

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