

Citizen Resolution # 710521

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Protect Natural Predators as Balance for the Health of WI Citizens, Wildlife, and Intact Ecosystems

The Problem: Natural predators – wolves, coyotes, bears, bobcats, lynx, fox, and mid-range predators are so essential to intact ecosystems that they create trophic cascade effect throughout the web of life, keeping it healthy and vibrant. Imbalance creates disease epidemics like Chronic Wasting disease, Lyme disease and the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet, the DNR, in its deer management plans, continues to have seasons of killing our natural predators.

These keystone species change the nature of rivers and vegetation to the positive, affect the health of the deer herd positively, and keep lyme disease and other unnatural disruptions, threatening the health of people, their dogs, and wildlife, at bay. Along with the massive market trapping and destruction of natural predators, Wisconsin has CWD in 35% of the two-year old bucks. It has an explosion of field mice, and an artificially inflated 1.8 million deer herd, farmed in the wild, on an agricultural model. Deer and mice are the main hosts of the lyme –carrying ticks, so Wisconsin is epidemic with Lyme Disease.

Be it Resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting, held in every county in Wisconsin, April 12-15, 2021, recommend that the Dept. of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to the legislature, ending the trapping, hounding and killing of our natural mid-range and top predators to restore balanced ecosystems throughout Wisconsin and protect wildlife and human health.

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