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Citizen Resolution #

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(For Hearing Officer completion)



Wisconsin Wolf Harvest Moratorium

Each year the Conservation Congress accepts written resolutions from the public, in each county throughout the state regarding natural resource issues of statewide concern. These resolutions are introduced by the public in attendance during the Conservation Congress county meeting that is held annually in conjunction with the DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings in April.

In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress and for public vote at the annual Conservation Congress county meeting, all resolutions introduced must meet the following requirements:

1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
3. The resolution must have a clear title.
4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.

This resolution seeks Wisconsin Conservation Congress action in the form of a formal recommendation to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to issue a one year moratorium on wolf harvesting in Wisconsin. This moratorium is necessary to allow further study and revision of the Wisconsin state Wolf Management Plan to more accurately reflect what the current State natural carrying capacity for wolves is.

Several current studies in Wisconsin, including by the University of Wisconsin, have called into question the number of 350 as a sustainable number. These recent studies need to be evaluated and further data needs to be derived. This revision should be done now, as the current hunt was based more on politics than on science.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress recommend to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that a one year moratorium on wolf harvesting in Wisconsin be enacted to allow for the development of an updated Wolf Management Plan with a scientifically backed natural carrying capacity number.

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