

RESOLUTION 2023-02 WOLF MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTION CONCERNING WISCONSIN WOLF POPULATION GOAL TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density; and

Whereas, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and reviewed and revised in 2007; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Wisconsin Conservation Congress (2011, 2013, 2021), officially support a Wisconsin Wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

Whereas, twenty-seven (27) county boards, from north to south, have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 107 officially listed conflicts in 2021; and 66 in 2022, and

Whereas, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrison Town Board advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harrison Town Board encourages the WDNR to include elected officials from counties and towns with high wolf conflicts on the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harrison Town Board requests that WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan. In particular, to work collaboratively with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other government entities to delist wolves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harrison Town Board requests that WDNR not relocate problem wolves from other counties in the state into Lincoln County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall forward this resolution to the offices of the Wisconsin Governor, Secretary of the WDNR, Adam Payne, DNR Large Carnivore Manager Randy Johnson, Secretary of DATCP, Randy Romanski, and state and federal legislators who represent Lincoln County, Town of Harrison.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 10/9/23.



Town Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathy Voermans Town Clerk