

Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION No. 15 – 35

DATE: May 19, 2015

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

SYNOPSIS: Policy Statement Regarding the Wisconsin Wolf Population

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 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 nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, the DNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially approved a Wisconsin wolf goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, twenty (20) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties; 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 Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does advise that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request that the DNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request that the DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Gov. Scott Walker, and all state and federal legislators serving Juneau County.

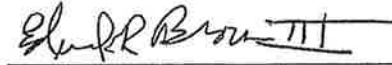
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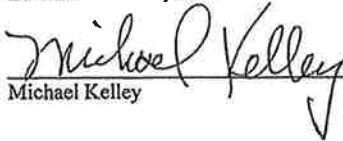
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:



Alan K. Peterson, Chairperson



Edward R. Brown, III



Michael Kelley

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on May 19, 2015



Kathleen C. Kobylski, Juneau County Clerk

Roll call: Motion carried
on voice vote.
Kathleen Kobylski
Clerk