

Resolution No. 01-22

RESOLUTION CONCERNING WISCONSIN WOLF POPULATION AND REQUESTING REVISION TO WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (WDNR) WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Excu.
Olson	✓		
Route	✓		
Warndahl	✓		
Nelson (Chairperson)	✓		
LaBlanc	✓		
Ruck	✓		
Prichard		✓	
Kelly	✓		
O'Connell	✓		
Middleton		✓	
Luke (2 nd Vice Chair)	✓		
Duncanson		✓	
Arcand	✓		
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)	✓		
Demulling	✓		

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: _____

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Ruck Defeated

2nd Route

Yes: 12 No: 3 Excu: _____

Reviewed by:

Melan J. Malone, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:

Vince Netherland, Administrator

Reviewed by:

[Signature], Finance

FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:
No Fiscal Impact

Certification:

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 18th day of January, 2022 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Lisa R. Ross

Lisa Ross
County Clerk, Polk County

Committee Environmental Services

Recommended

Not Recommended

Neutral

1 **TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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3 **WHEREAS**, the WDNR established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in

4 1999 and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based upon prey availability and

5 human population density and nothing has happened to increase prey availability

6 or decrease human density in the intervening years; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf

9 management plans; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau

12 have officially approved a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) Spring Hearings

15 (2011 & 2013) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350

16 or less(confirmed by the Executive Committee of the WCC in 2021); and

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18 **WHEREAS**, thirty six (36) county boards from northern to southern Wisconsin

19 have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350

20 or less; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and

23 threatening incidents involving wolves, including 104 incidents in 2021; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the high predator population, wolves in particular, has reduced of

26 the deer population, diminished hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and

27 pleasure horse activities, and caused danger to pets and people.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Polk County Board of

30 Supervisors urges Wisconsin to approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the

31 next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors

34 encourages the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Towns

35 Association to work with the WDNR to place an elected official from one of the

36 counties with the largest wolf depredation claims to the DNR Wolf Advisory

37 Committee.

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors

40 requests that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population

41 controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan to bring the wolf population

42 to goal levels.

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Polk County Supervisors encourage

45 the expired chair position of the Natural Resources Board to the WDNR step down

46 and let the currently appointed chair resume duties.

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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution

49 to the offices of Governor Tony Evers; Preston Cole, WDNR Secretary; Randy

50 Romanski, WDATCP Secretary; and the State and Federal legislators who

51 represent the People of Polk County.

52 **SUBMITTED BY:**

Brad Olson

Amendment to Resolution 01-22 as approved by the County Board of Supervisors on 1/18/2022, has been incorporated in this document.