

Resolution No. 4-1215

Whereas, the WI DNR established a wolf goal of 350 (minimum overwinter count) animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this minimum overwinter count 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 WI DNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007.

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and WI Farm Bureau have officially approved a WI wolf goal of 350 or less.

Whereas, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a WI wolf minimum over winter count goal of 350 or less.

Whereas, twenty (32) county boards Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 or less (24), or 50 or less (1),

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,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Iowa County Board advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf overwinter minimum count goal of 100 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan, and

Be it further resolved that the Iowa County Board requests that the Wisconsin DNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf minimum overwinter count to goal levels, and

Be it further resolved that the Iowa County Board requests that the WI DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

Be it further resolved that the Iowa County Board favors management of Wisconsin's wolves by the State of Wisconsin, not the federal government.