

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS  
WOLF COMMITTEE MEETING  
RAMADA INN, STEVENS POINT WI  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
7:00 PM**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by chairman AL BROWN
- Roll call- all members present except M. Whiteside excused. S. Zimmerman excused. M. Bresee excused. A. Splitt excused. Michael Raulusonis absent. John Piechowski absent.
- Motion by Yingst/Bader to accept mission statement. M.C.
- Public comment by Laurie Groskopf, private citizen. She passed out several handouts (7:20 to 7:26) talked about delisting, 2 resolutions that should be considered, western seasons, wolf/human interactions of concern, get moving-get them off the list
- RALPH FRITSCH, WWF explained what the WWF has been working on with regards to wolf delisting

Wisconsin annual wolf damage payment summary

Wolf depredation on domestic animals and other nuisance problems in 2010

The history of wolves in Wisconsin dated 5/18/11

Grey wolf population 2010-2011

- Adrian Wydeven- the population has increased faster than anticipated, and our lack of control, most years, has not helped. More wolves equal more complaints in Wisconsin, and that equal more money spent on depredation complaints. Wolf/dog hybrid regulations enacted in July 2010 should reduce these types of animals on the landscape. Public comment period on delisting is open till September 26, 2011. The USFWS hopes to have them delisted by the end of the year. Wisconsin spent over \$204,000 last year in depredation payments. APHIS spent \$260,000 last year. This year the federal dollars have been dropped from the budget, more to come on how this works out. Wisconsin state management spent over \$485,000 last year.
- David Lopez WDNR endangered resources' was introduced, he will replace Randy Jurewicz who recently retired.
- Adrian Treves/Eric Olson UW Madison gave a report on how to predict high risk sites for wolf attacks on livestock and bear hunting dogs.
- Adrian Treves-predictions using past data-affected sites vs. unaffected sites-find out why? There were 10 predictors, of which only 3 were good in this model. Grass/hay/pasture- distance to pack-distance to forest. With this model we could predict problems 88% of the time. How can we use this info? The info can empower local action and put risk in perspective. You could also use it to put harvest season zones in high risk areas
- Eric Olson-his model predicted correctly 89% of risk for hunting dog depredation. And shows that 82% of the study area has very low risk.
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- Dave Oginski WDNR LE – not much new for now. Waiting for a change in status. Illegal wolf kill –Wisconsin =\$2000 to \$11,000- federal up to \$250,000 and jail time (9 months in jail and 3 year revocation of license) the courts will make the decision the topic of a wolf harvest will need to be discussed with the tribes, if a harvest is in the ceded territory the tribes can have 50% of the harvest. The tribes will be consulted about any future wolf season/harvest.
- **Citizen resolution 350111 motion by Steve Neineman/ Arnold Popp to accept MC**
- **Citizen resolution 440211 motion to accept by bill Yingst/Arlen Loker MC**
- Public wolf harvest discussion- we had a good supportive discussion. We had lots of detail on paper a few years ago, we should ask Adrian Wydeven /John Olson for copies and details
- Motion by Mark Loka/Steve Staver to support the following resolution, and send copies to Wisconsin's US congressional delegation and also to Wisconsin's state legislature and senate.

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS  
WOLF COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**WHEREAS THE PROCESS OF DELISTING WOLVES IN WISCONSIN HAS FAILED TWICE AND**

**WHEREAS THE CURRENT DELISTING EFFORTS APPEAR HEADED FOR FAILURE AGAIN, DUE TO THE UNPROVEN ASSERTION THAT THERE ARE TWO SPECIES OF WOLVES IN WISCONSIN, AND**

**WHEREAS THE WOLVES IN WISCONSIN NEED TO BE DELISTED AND THEIR NUMBERS CONTROLLED IMMEDIATELY TO REDUCE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND WOLVES;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS WOLF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION IN US CONGRESS TO REMOVE ALL WOLVES IN THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES POPULATION SEGMENT FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT,REGARDLESS WHAT SPECIES,AND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE US CONGRESS ACTS TO ENSURE THAT THIS LEGISLATION IS NOT SUBJECT TO COURT REVIEW**

- **ACT 21** was explained by Al Brown
- Motion to adjourn by Mark Loka /Arnold Popp MC at 10:08
- Those signing in were SCOTT MCAULEY, AL BROWN, LISA WILSON,MIKE BADER,KENRICHTER,MARK LOKER,BILL

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LOMA, DAVE OGINSKI, RALPH R FRITSCH, KEVIN  
MARQUETTE, LAURIE GROSKOPT, ERIK OLSON, ADRIAN  
TREVES, CGRISTINE BROWN NUNEZ, MIKE SCHMALZ, DAVID  
LOPEZ, ADRIAN WYDEVAN, STEV STAVAR, JERRY MCNALLY, STEVE  
NINNEMAN, GARY SCHENK, BRET BAUMAN

Submitted by  
Scott McAuley  
Secretary  
10-24-11