



RESOLUTION # 7-22

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING WISCONSIN WOLF POPULATION AND REVISION OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (WIDNR) WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**RUSK COUNTY**

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. ALAN RATHSACK	✓		
4. TONY HAUSER	✓		
5. TIMOTHY MILLER			✓
6. ROBERT STOUT	✓		
7. RANDY TATUR			✓
8. LYLE LIEFFRING	✓		
9. BILL MCBAIN	✓		
10. KEN PEDERSEN	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER			✓
13. MARK SCHMITT	✓		
14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16.			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			✓
19. KEN BROWN			✓
YB BECCA STRICKLEN			✓
YB MEGAN VANDOORN			✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve Adopted  Defeated

1st Dusell Defeated

2nd McBain

No: 0 Yes: 13 Exc: 7

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Director

**FISCAL IMPACT:** (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

**Certification:**

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 1 day of March, 2021 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer  
Connie Meyer  
County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, the WiDNR established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999 and  
 2 reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based upon prey availability and human  
 3 population density; and  
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 5 **WHEREAS**, the WiDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management  
 6 plans; and  
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 8 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 9 both approve and support a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 animals or less; and  
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 11 **WHEREAS**, thirty six (36) county boards from Northern to Southern Wisconsin have  
 12 passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 animals or  
 13 less; and  
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 15 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin residents have experienced depredations and threatening  
 16 incidents involving wolves, including 104 incidents in 2021; and  
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 18 **WHEREAS**, high predator populations can contribute to reduced prey animal  
 19 populations, diminished hunting opportunities, livestock depredation, and pose a danger  
 20 to pets and people; and  
 21  
 22 **WHEREAS**, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of  
 23 maintaining a balanced population of wolves in Wisconsin.  
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 25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors  
 26 urges WiDNR to consider a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the  
 27 Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; and  
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 29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors encourages  
 30 the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Towns Association to work with  
 31 the WiDNR to place an elected official from one of the counties with the largest wolf  
 32 depredation claims to the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee; and  
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 34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors requests  
 35 that the WiDNR and other partners implement meaningful and accurate population  
 36 controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; and  
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 38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to the  
 39 offices of Governor Tony Evers; Preston Cole, WiDNR Secretary; Randy Romanski,  
 40 WiDATCP Secretary; and the State and Federal legislators who represent the People of  
 41 Rusk County.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Rusk County Land & Water Conservation Committee

Robert Stout  
Robert Stout, Chairman

William McBain, Sr  
William McBain, Sr

Terry Dusell  
Terry Dusell, Vice Chairman

Mark Schmitt  
Mark Schmitt

Jim Meyer  
Jim Meyer

Megan Van Doorn  
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