

## GUIDE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS FOR THE WISCONSIN WOLF DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

The first three questions are basic:

Name (optional)

How much of the plan have you read?

Are you a Wisconsin resident? (You do not need to be)

Part 2:

### **Overall, what elements from the draft plan do you Like?**

- The elimination of a numerical target population
- The importance of the ecological benefits of wolves and inclusion of tribal values and knowledge.
- The attempt to minimize the impacts of a recreational hunt by adopting buffer zones around tribal lands, shortening reporting requirements and making hunting licenses zone specific.
- Emphasizes the use of non-lethal methods to reduce conflicts.

### **Overall, what elements from the draft plan do you Dislike?**

- Absent is a commitment by DNR to work with the legislature to overturn PA 169 and remove payments for hunting hounds, killed by wolves.
- Hound training must be stopped.
- The plan should establish a zero hunting quota to protect wolves in our national forests and other areas prime habitat.
- The recreational hunting/trapping to reduce conflicts has no scientific basis.
- At a minimum, DNR should ban the use of dogs to hunt wolves in our national forests.
- There is considerable uncertainty in estimating wolf populations based on the occupancy model and should not be used solely to determine population.
- The plan should include an oversight committee which is comprised of biologists and professionals.

On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your overall support for the draft wolf management plan as written. (Suggested response 7)

Please provide any other comments related to the current draft wolf management plan:

Overall, the plan is good; however, the Committee was overrepresented by hunting organizations even though they represent the minority opinion of Wisconsinites. Too much emphasis was placed on the killing of wolves rather than co-existence.