

Wisconsin Bear Hunters: Disappointed in the Revised Wolf Plan

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Carl Schoettel, President of the Wisconsin Bear Hunters' Association (WBHA), made the following statement after the Revised Wolf Plan released by the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) was releasee on August 1, 2023:

“Unfortunately, we would have liked the DNR’s 2023 Revised Wolf Plan to have utilized better science to account for all the wolves in Wisconsin. Wolves have significantly recovered in our state. We support a population goal of 350 wolves. Without a lower goal, the DNR’s Revised Plan continues to push off an effective hunting season. A harvest season would allow for proper management; especially in the northern parts of our state which are most affected by wolves. Containing the size of this population is essential for the safety and success of our rural communities.”

WBHA will continue to advocate for the safety of our hounds, sportsmen, farmers and all those affected by wolf depredations. We plan to continue to seek additional wolf management options, including working with the Department of Natural Resource to fix the process used to count all the wolves in Wisconsin.

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