

Resolution No. 14-15

Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population 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 WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially approved a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five (25) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 less (18); and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threat to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties; and

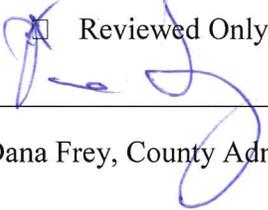
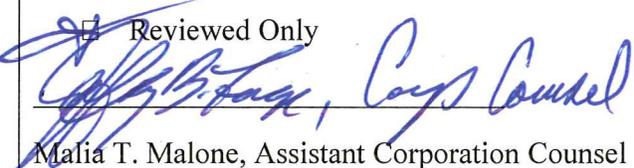
WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests that WDNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of Governor Scott Walker; Cathy Stepp, WDNR Secretary; Ben Bancel, WDATCP Secretary; and the state and federal legislators who represent the people of Polk County.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015
Submitted and Sponsored By:	Polk County Executive Committee;  William F. Johnson, IV Executive Committee Chairman
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

At its regular business meeting on the 19th day of May 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. 14-15: Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by majority voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by majority voice vote.
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:


William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest:


Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

