## **Ending the Misuse of the Endangered Species Act**

- Whereas, the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population segment of Timber/ Gray wolves had been delisted and then relisted three times since April 2003 and July 2009;and
- Whereas, each time the gray wolf was relisted it was the result of lawsuit challenging the US Fish and Wildlife Service decision or on the failure to follow procedures of the delisting; and
- Whereas, currently the Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment of the gray wolves has been removed from the endangered and threatened species list by the US Fish and Wildlife Service as of May 2011; and
- Whereas, once again lawsuits by special interest groups threatens the delisting of the (WGLDPS) and once again seeks to place them back onto the list under the Federal Endangered Species Act; and
- Whereas, these lawsuits continue to misuse the Endangered Species Act and also undermine the Department of Interior and the USFWS ability to enforce provisions of the Endangered Species Act; and
- Whereas, these actions continue to weaken the goal of the ESA to improve the status of a listed species to the point that it no longer needs ESA protection and return the management of said species to the States in which they inhabit.
- Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting assembled April 13, 2013 in Wisconsin Rapids WI, support action that ends the misuse of the ESA by Legal Challenges after decisions of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Interior; and
- **Be it further Resolved,** that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation call on Congress to enact changes to the Endangered Species Act that seeks long term resolution to this issue.

Respectfully Submitted by the Dousman Gun Club