

Resolution Requesting Audit of Bobcat Harvest Research Monies

Whereas, in 2005 the Department of Natural Resources set the bobcat application fee at \$6.00 with \$3.00 of that to be earmarked for bobcat research; and

Whereas, the State Legislature estimated for the next biennial budget that the total amount that would be generated for research would be \$30,000.00; and

Whereas, for every subsequent budget the legislature has used the same \$30,000 figure for bobcat research ; and

Whereas, in subsequent years there has been a significant increase in bobcat harvest applications:

2005	10656	2011	12378
2006	9461	2012	11424
2007	11670	2013	15733
2008	8017	2014	16047
2009	13087	2015	13962
2010	12431	2016	14395

Whereas, despite this increase in bobcat harvest applications, the amount of funds set aside for bobcat research has remained at \$30,000; and

Whereas, this discrepancy in funds set aside for research is inconsistent with the commitment made to trappers for the use of their application fees.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting held on April 20th and 21st, 2018 at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, requests the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate where the additional funds above the \$30, 000 budgeted for bobcat research in past years are and to adjust future budgets submitted to the Legislature to reflect the commitment for 50% of bobcat harvest application fees be used for bobcat research..

Submitted by the Wildlife Committee
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