

## Resolution

### Wolf Population Goal

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin may soon have wolf management responsibilities restored with Congress prohibiting court interference with decisions by the USFWS to declare wolves no longer endangered in Wisconsin, and

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin needs to responsibly manage wolves once management is restored including maintaining a stable population above the trigger level for determining endangered species status, and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation needs to be a responsible party in wolf management, and

Whereas, landowners will again have the ability to control problem wolves once management is restored to the state, and

Whereas, the state's wolf plan will soon be updated which can include the wolf management population goal, and

Whereas, a single point population goal is not only impossible to achieve but will be in continuous dispute among interest groups, and

Whereas, a population range is a much better management goal that can be maintained without continuous conflict, and

Whereas, it will take a number of years to reduce the current high wolf population to the state's goal,

Therefore, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting on April 22, 2017 adopts a wolf population goal of 350 to 450 for the period 2017 to 2020 and will work with the DNR to try and achieve this goal by 2020 and, then, reassess the wolf population goal utilizing new information concerning the results of a dramatically reduced wolf population.

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