



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 WCC Wolf Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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| ORDER OF BUSINESS | 08/02/2021 | 7 PM | zoom |
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

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| Meeting called to order by | Steve Budnick, Chair at 7:01 PM |
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B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | Jeff Wilson, Lowell Wriight, Geoge Meyer, David Lois, Duane Hoefs, Jessie Espeseth, Steve Budnick, James Engebretson, Ron Krueger, Mike Hurlburt, Bill Yingst, Scott McAuley, Matt McHugh, Steven Ninneman, Steve Staver, Laurie Groskopf |
| EXCUSED | Jeff Giese, Mike Rogers |
| UNEXCUSED | Paul Witalson, Peter Mueller |
| GUESTS | Brett Weir, Corky Meyer, Rob Bohmann, Tony Blattler, Bob Nack, Jerome Donohoe, Cari Lee Zimmerman, Matt Lallemond, Justin Loehrke, Pat Quaintance, Dick Ellis |

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | no action needed |
| ACTION | |

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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| DISCUSSION | Steve Budnick review |
| ACTION | |

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| DISCUSSION | Justin Loehrke, Matt Lallemond, Rob Bohmann, Pat Quaintance, all in favor of higher quota and 350 or less goal. Question about six mile buffer for lethal controls around reservation boundaries |
| ACTION | |

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | Brief information about process of harvest committee (now done), wolf management plan committee and NRB meeting August 11. Discussion of DNR proposed quota for fall wolf harvest 130. Various committee members said the quota is too low and suggested anywhere between 275 - 500. A motion was made by McAuley, seconded by Ninneman, to recommend a quota of 500. Discussion followed regarding whether the tribes will be offered some of this goal, having not used their previous quota. Motion was modified to provide input only for the amount of quota for state harvest, not including the tribes. The motion was changed to approve a quota of 300 permits for state trapper and hunter use. | |
| ACTION | Motion carried for state hunter and trapper quota to be 300. no action on tribal permits. | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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B. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | Discussion requested decision by executive committee regarding the WCC wolf goal for the management plan. Groskopf made the motion to table this discussion as a goal was voted in spring hearing 2011 and again by delegates at state convention 2013. Seconded by McAuley. Discussion about the goal and also whether it was proper procedure to table this topic. Motion changed by Groskopf to re-approve wolf goal of 350 or less, seconded by McAuley, discussion about this motion | |
| ACTION | Reaffirm the WCC position that the wolf management goal in the new plan will be 350 or less. MC | |
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C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | Information and discussion about night hunting of wolves. No one does this except people who use calls to bring animals in. Very low percentage. Discussion of the agenda items that will be dealt with during the next wolf committee meeting. Resolutions forwarded to this committee will be grouped into 5 topic areas. Steve will send out email requesting ideas for dates and times for a next meeting which could take place between September 15 - end of October. | |
| ACTION | none | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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| DISCUSSION | Steve - deadline to apply for a wolf permit was August 1, but we have no idea what the quota will be. Each member might send a letter asking for an extension until the end of August. Duane - too many wolves on the landscape made obvious by the last harvest season. Scott - also about the deadline for wolf permits being too soon. But if they have many wishing trapping course, the trappers might not be able to meet the demand. Jeff - carcass examination should have been done in the past season. Laurie - yes, carcass exam and tooth aging done in laboratory because visual inspection is not accurate. Dave Lois - meeting in person would be better than zoom. |
| ACTION | |

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | 8:41 Motion by Dave Lois, Second by George Meyer |
| SUBMITTED BY | Laurie Groskopf |
| DATE | 08/03/2021 |