

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Secretary Preston Cole Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Cole:

As you know, on October 29<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced removal of the gray wolf from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. That action requires the DNR to implement a harvest season.

Since 2012 Wisconsin law has required the DNR to establish a wolf hunting season whenever the wolf is not listed as endangered. Accordingly, the Wisconsin 2020-21 season can begin as early as January 4, 2021 when delisting takes effect and run through February or until the harvest goal has been met.

We request the DNR to immediately take steps required to implement the required 20-2021 harvest season, including:

- setting the harvest quotas and license numbers for each zone
- opening applications for wolf licenses
- selecting applicants from the at-random selection and the preference point selection
- establishing an opening day that allows for the longest harvest season
- taking any other necessary steps

Thanks for your help in taking this action.

cc. Keith Warnke, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division Administrator

Sincerely

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