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Felzkowski Statement on Joint Wolf Hearing

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Madison, WI- Yesterday, the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Small Business, and Rural Issues and the Assembly Committee on Sporting Heritage held a joint informational hearing to discuss the 2021 wolf hunt and why the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) decided against an adaptive hunting season this winter.

Five minutes before the hearing the DNR notified the chairs that they would not be in attendance, but would provide written testimony – with arguments that centered on needing more time to prepare. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service first announced the removal of the gray wolves from the federal endangered species list on October 29, 2020.

Senator Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) had the following statement in response:

“I’m extremely disappointed that the DNR blew-off this hearing and, in turn, all of the Wisconsinites who tuned in to get their questions answered. The Department had two full months to prepare for a hunt and instead, they sat on their hands. Once again, this authority was not handed back to them so they could sit around and talk about it. Authority was handed back to them so they could act to manage this growing threat and allow Wisconsin’s sportsmen to engage with this emboldened predator.”

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