

HOWLING FOR WOLVES®

STATUS OF THE WOLF IN MINNESOTA

Autumn 2023

Minnesota wolves have federal Endangered Species Act protections and there is no official wolf hunt – thanks to efforts by Minnesotans and people throughout the country. However, in February 2024 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce a new status of wolves and may delist wolves in the Great Lakes, which includes Minnesota.

Today, wolves in Minnesota are listed as “threatened” and many wolves (around 200, approx 10% of the state’s estimated population) are still killed for livestock producers for wolf-livestock conflicts.

Current Minnesota law allows the DNR to have wolf hunts including snaring and trapping when they lose federal protections.

HOWLING FOR WOLVES OPPOSES WOLF HUNTING AND ALL WILDLIFE SNARING. WOLF HUNTING IS DESTRUCTIVE, UNNECESSARY AND CRUEL. WHY:

- Minnesota wolf hunts from 2012-2014 more than tripled human-caused wolf deaths for years after the hunts ended. Wolves rely on their family packs and killing just one wolf creates unstable, broken packs with unpredictable effects including more conflicts with livestock and many more wolf deaths.
- Wolf hunting is never a legitimate way to “manage” wolves. Hunting quotas are meaningless because there is no controlled wolf killing. Hunting is no way to continue recovering wolves from going extinct.

ACTION AT STATE LEGISLATURE IN ST. PAUL

Recent update: Minnesota can remove the wolf hunt from state law. Last year the Minnesota State House voted 69-57 in favor of prohibiting wolf hunting. The bill was not passed into law due to the Senate leadership.

To do now: **Contact your State Senator!** HFW will have a website action active closer to the session start of February 12, 2024. Before the next session, find your state senator, contact them via personal email, attend town hall meetings and/or even make your own meeting. Ask your state senator to remove wolf hunting from state law. All State Senators need to hear from their constituents, especially Senators Nick Frentz (Mankato), Seeberger (Cottage Grove), Hauschild (Iron Range), Nelson (Rochester), Putnam (St. Cloud), Kupec (Moorhead), Latz (St. Louis Park), Pratt (Shakopee).

Come to Howling For Wolves' Wolf Day on April 17, 2024 at the Minnesota State Capitol. Attend wolf-related committee hearings on bills to prohibit wolf hunting. Watch our social media and emails for more information.

ACTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: URGENT THREAT

U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) introduced a bill, misleadingly named the "Northern Great Lakes Wolf Recovery Act" in the U.S. Senate. This would delist wolves in MN, WI, and MI Upper Peninsula and remove their Endangered Species Act protections. If passed wolf hunting could start again in Minnesota after no hunting since 2014.

CALL TO ACTION:

Tell our U.S. Senators to stop states' wolf hunting! Quickly send a pre-written, customizable email here today:

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