

**Changes in attitudes toward wolves before and after an inaugural
public hunting and trapping season: early evidence from
Wisconsin's wolf range**

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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Wolf Management in Wisconsin 2013 Public Opinion Survey

1. Were you aware of the 2012-2013 wolf hunting and trapping season
in Wisconsin before receiving this survey?
 Yes No

2. How often do you turn to each of the following sources for information about wolves in Wisconsin?

<i>√ Check only ONE box for EACH category.</i>	Never	Seldom	Occasional	Quite Often	A lot
Radio or Television					
Social media on the Internet					
News or magazine articles (in print or online)					
Talking with friends, neighbors, or family					
Public hearings					
Government brochures or handouts					
Brochures, mailings or handouts from a non-governmental organization					
Other _____					

3. How do you feel about the legislative decision to open the 2012-2013 wolf hunting and trapping season?

(√ Check only ONE)

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Neutral
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- I don't know

4. Did you apply for a tag for this past wolf hunting and trapping season (2012-2013)?

Yes No *If no, go to question 10*

5. Were you selected to purchase a tag for this wolf hunting and trapping season?

Yes No *If no, go to question 10*

6. Did you purchase a tag?

Yes No *If no, go to question 10*

7. Did you participate in hunting or trapping in the 2012-2013 wolf season?

Yes No *If no, go to question 10*

8. What methods did you use to hunt or trap wolves?

(√ Check ALL that apply)

Firearm Bait
 Bow and Arrow Night hunting
 Crossbow Cable Restraint
 Predator calls Please list if other _____

9. Were you successful at killing a wolf?

Yes No Not sure

10. Not counting yourself, do you know anyone personally who:

(√ Check ALL that apply)

A) Applied for a tag in the 2012-2013 wolf season lottery
B) Was selected to purchase a tag
C) Purchased a tag
D) Was successful in killing a wolf

11. Will you apply for a tag for the 2013-2014 wolf hunting and trapping season?

- Yes Probably No Not sure
 I already applied for one

12. Which, if any of the following rules would you support for the 2013-2014 hunting and trapping season wolves in Wisconsin?

(√ Check ALL that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No use of dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> No hunting at night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No use of traps | <input type="checkbox"/> No use of predator calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No use of bait | <input type="checkbox"/> No hunting wolf pups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No out-of-state hunters | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No hunting during the breeding and pregnancy season | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting only wolves that have caused property damage | |

<i>Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. CIRCLE the letter that best describes your opinion.</i>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel happy that wolves live in Wisconsin.	A	a	n	d	D
My tolerance for Wisconsin wolves has increased since people can hunt them.	A	a	n	d	D
Wolves keep deer herds healthy by killing the sick and weak animals.	A	a	n	d	D
Killing wolves is the only way to stop them from threatening farm animals and pets.	A	a	n	d	D
I think Wisconsin's growing wolf population threatens deer hunting opportunities.	A	a	n	d	D
We should let nature determine the number of wolves in Wisconsin	A	a	n	d	D
I would oppose all hunting of wolves.	A	a	n	d	D
I want to be able to hunt wolves in Wisconsin without restrictions.	A	a	n	d	D
I feel angry that wolves live in Wisconsin.	A	a	n	d	D
I would be afraid if wolves lived near my home.	A	a	n	d	D
Seeing a wolf in the wild would be one of the greatest outdoor experiences of my life.	A	a	n	d	D
I think wolves are essential to maintaining the balance of nature.	A	a	n	d	D
In general, the DNR is responsive to the concerns of most Wisconsin citizens.	A	a	n	d	D
The DNR is more responsive to the demands of people living in Madison and other cities than people living in rural areas.	A	a	n	d	D
The DNR is more responsive to the hunters' lobby than any other group.	A	a	n	d	D

13. During which years do you think you have seen or heard wolves around your land?

(√ Check ALL that apply)

- Never
- 1970s or before
- 1980s
- 1990s
- 2000-2011
- 2012-2013

14. I consider myself:

(√ Check only ONE)

- A hunter
- Not a hunter but not opposed to hunting
- Opposed to hunting

15. Under what circumstances would it be justified to shoot a wolf?

(√ Check only ONE)

- A) None → Skip to 16
- B) Only with a permit → Skip to 16
- C) Without a permit under some circumstances → Go to 15a

15a. Under what circumstances?

(√ Check ALL that apply)

- If a wolf approached a person and would not leave
- If a wolf was on someone's property
- If a wolf approached someone's pets or farm animals
- If a person saw a wolf while hunting other game (outside of wolf season)
- Other _____

16. Did your opinion of wolves change since the 2012-2013 Wisconsin wolf season?

(√ Check only ONE)

- I am more tolerant of wolves living in Wisconsin
- I am less tolerant of wolves living in Wisconsin
- No change → If No change, what is your opinion of wolves in the state?

(√ Check only ONE)

- I don't like them, but I tolerate them
- I am not tolerant of them
- I like having wolves in Wisconsin
- I am indifferent

17. Do you currently own a Wisconsin Endangered Resources wolf license plate?

- Yes
- No → If No have you owned one in the past?
- Yes No

18. Now that wolves can legally be hunted, would you be more or less likely to purchase the Endangered Resources Fund license plate?

(√ Check only ONE)

- Less likely to purchase
- More likely to purchase
- No change
- Not sure

19. In the past five years, have you donated to the Endangered Resources Fund on your state income tax form?

- Yes No Not sure

20. Now that wolves can be legally hunted, would you be more or less likely to donate to the Endangered Resources Fund on your state income tax form?

(√ Check only ONE)

- Less likely to donate
- More likely to donate
- No change
- Not sure

21. How many years have you lived in Wisconsin? _____

22. What is your zip code? _____

23. In what year were you born? _____

24. Are you:

- Male
- Female

25. Is raising livestock your household's major source of income?

- Yes, currently
- No, never
- No, not currently but it was in the past

26. Have you hunted in the past two years?

- Yes
- No

27. Have you regularly hunted at any other time in your life?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for your time!

Additional Comments: