

Natural Resources Committee:

It is somewhat incomprehensible to me that you are considering a hunting season for wolves. Their numbers are low (under 700) and they have not expanded beyond 5% of their historic range. This is a premature conclusion.

The wolf population on Drummond Island was fairly wiped out by dog diseases not too many years ago. Although they seem rugged, wolves are susceptible to diseases and can die off rapidly.

Please do not simply put wolves in a need to be managed category when they have hardly made a comeback. In fact, they will help regulate coyote populations. Please do not let the DNR simply make recommendations to satisfy hunters. The majority of us in this state, including Native Americans, do not want the wolf hunted.

Please include my comments in the official record. Thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter.

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