



WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN



The Wisconsin DNR is in the process of updating our state's wolf management plan. The DNR is committed to a transparent, deliberative and inclusive management plan update process that recognizes the diversity of interest areas regarding wolf management.

Today, the Wisconsin DNR manages wolves following the current [Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan](#) and in accordance with state statute. The plan underwent a review process in 2005-06 and was updated in 2007. Wisconsin's wolf population has changed in the years since the current management plan was last reviewed. In that time, our understanding of population dynamics has improved as well. The current process to revise Wisconsin's wolf management plan will equip the DNR and stakeholders with scientifically sound and culturally relevant management of this iconic, native species.

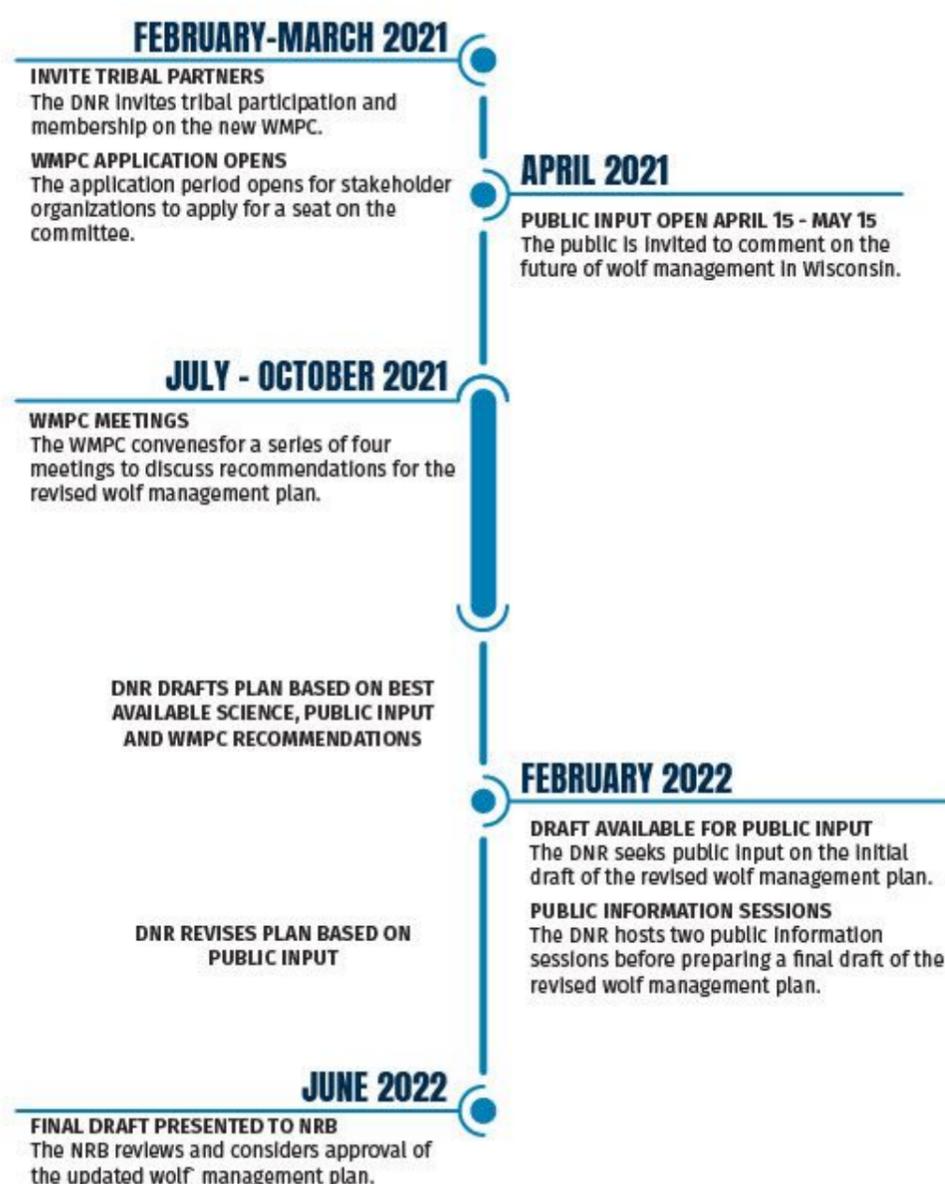
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WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

The wolf management plan provides overall guidance to the state's wolf management efforts. During the plan update process, the DNR will collect extensive public input through a wolf management plan committee, an online questionnaire and an opportunity to review and comment on an initial draft of the



UPDATE TIMELINE



February - March 2021

- Invite Tribal Partners: The DNR invites tribal participation and membership on the new WMPC.
- WMPC Application Opens: The application period opens for stakeholder organizations to apply for a seat on the committee.

April 2021

- Public Input Open April 15 - May 15: The public is invited to comment on the future of wolf management in Wisconsin.

July - October 2021

- WMPC Meetings: The WMPC convenes for a series of four meetings to discuss recommendations for the revised wolf management plan.

November 2021 - January 2022

- The DNR drafts a revised wolf management plan based on the best available science, public input and WMPC recommendations.

February 2022

- Draft Available For Public Input: The DNR seeks public input on the initial draft of the revised wolf management plan.



March - May 2022

- The DNR revises the draft plan based on public input.

June 2022

- Final Plan Draft Presented to Natural Resources Board: The NRB reviews and considers approval of the updated wolf management plan.

PUBLIC INPUT

The DNR is developing an online public questionnaire that will be used to collect extensive public input on wolf management from all interested individuals. This input will be used by the DNR to guide both short-term (fall 2021 harvest) and long-term (management plan) management objectives.

This questionnaire will be launched on this page in spring 2021.

Responses to the questionnaire will be used alongside the DNR's extensive, scientific 2014 survey on Wisconsinites' attitudes toward wolves. At the time this survey was conducted, wolves were under state management, including annual regulated harvest seasons. The information gained remains relevant today and will be considered throughout the wolf management plan update process. You can read the [full report on the survey here](#).

WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

A new wolf management plan committee (WMPC) will be formed through an application process in spring 2021. The WMPC's purpose is to provide input and recommendations to the DNR, ultimately resulting in a wolf management plan with broad public and scientific support.

The WMPC will be an inclusive and diverse committee made up of individuals representing hunting/trapping organizations, wolf advocacy/education organizations and agricultural/ranching organizations. In addition to these stakeholder seats, representation by certain government agencies, tribes and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will also be invited by the Department.

To learn more about the WMPC purpose, membership, and specifications, [check out the committee charter](#).

Stakeholder organizations interested in joining the committee are encouraged to [apply before 11:59 p.m. on March 19](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT WISCONSIN'S WOLF POPULATION AND MANAGEMENT

Visit our page on [wolves in Wisconsin](#) to learn more about our state's wolf population and how the DNR manages wolves. To learn more about wolf conflict management, visit the [wolf depredation page](#).



- How can I get involved?** +
- Is the Department involving the Native American tribes of Wisconsin in this process?** +
- Is the Department listening to all citizens interests regarding wolves?** +
- How will the DNR ensure the state's wolf population remains healthy and sustainable?** +
- How will the DNR determine the harvest quotas for the fall 2021 regulated wolf harvest season?** +
- How is the DNR collecting public input on the future of wolf management?** +
- Why is this process going to take until summer 2022?** +
- What is the wolf management plan committee and who is on it?** +
- How is the Wolf Management Plan Committee different from the Wolf Advisory Committee?** +
- Why doesn't the DNR wait until the management plan is updated to have a harvest season?** +