

# Wolf Management Plan

Timeline for update



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# Plan purpose

Provides strategic guidance for management of wolves in Michigan

- Maintain a viable population above a level that would warrant classification as threatened or endangered
- Facilitate wolf-related benefits
- Minimize wolf-related conflicts
- Conduct science-based wolf management with socially responsible methods



# Key steps

- Public attitudes survey
- Scientific knowledge since 2015
- WMAC guidance
- Tribal consultation
- Public input
- MDNR expert input



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## PLEASE SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVES ON WOLVES AND WOLF MANAGEMENT IN MICHIGAN

Greetings,

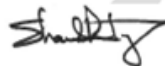
Wolf management in Michigan is at a critical juncture. This questionnaire provides an opportunity for your voice to be considered in development of an update management plan for gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) in Michigan. Wolves were recently removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species. As such, conservation of wolves becomes the responsibility of the State of Michigan through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources asked Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, as a third party, to conduct an independent survey that communicates the beliefs, attitudes, and ideas of Michigan residents about wolves and wolf management in Michigan. Whether or not wolves are of interest to you, your perspectives are crucial to obtaining representative public participation about how wolves will be managed in the foreseeable future.

I am sure you have received numerous solicitations during these past few months. I do hope, however, you will take a moment to share your perspectives about wolves and wolf management in Michigan. I assure you they will be included. The questionnaire should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. Even if you do not have direct contact with wolves, your perspectives still matter. I also assure you we will never reveal your identity or any information that could be used to identify you. All data will be pooled and analyzed at the regional scale (e.g., Upper, Northern Lower, or Southern Lower Peninsulas). Confidentiality will be protected to the maximum extent of the law and by the MSU Human Research Protection Program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Sent to 61,025  
individuals



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## Review of Social and Biological Science Relevant to Wolf Management in Michigan



A Reference Document for the  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources



Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Division Report No. 3707  
September 2022



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Jun-22			WMAC
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### About the council

The council was established to provide nonbinding recommendations for the proper management of wolves in Michigan.

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Consulted all 12 federally recognized Tribes



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5,475 responses  
20 emails





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Feb-22		Science review	WMAC			
Mar-22		Science review	WMAC			
Apr-22		Science review	WMAC			
May-22			WMAC			Update draft
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Mar-22		Science review	WMAC				
Apr-22		Science review	WMAC				
May-22			WMAC			Update draft	
Jun-22			WMAC			Update draft	
Jul-22			WMAC				Tribal consultation 2
Aug-22							Tribal consultation 2
Sep-22							
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Apr-22		Science review	WMAC					
May-22			WMAC			Update draft		
Jun-22			WMAC			Update draft		
Jul-22			WMAC				Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2
Aug-22							Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2
Sep-22								
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2,883 responses  
9 emails



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Feb-22		Science review	WMAC						
Mar-22		Science review	WMAC						
Apr-22		Science review	WMAC						
May-22			WMAC			Update draft			
Jun-22			WMAC			Update draft			
Jul-22			WMAC				Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2	
Aug-22							Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2	Final update
Sep-22									Final update
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May-22			WMAC			Update draft				
Jun-22			WMAC			Update draft				
Jul-22			WMAC				Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2		
Aug-22							Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2	Final update	
Sep-22									Final update	
Oct-22									Final update	
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Aug-22								Tribal consultation 2	Public input 2	Final update			
Sep-22										Final update			
Oct-22										Final update			
Nov-22											Director review		
Dec-22												Director action	



Thank you

