Wisconsin Conservation Congress Bear Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Saturday, December 4, 2021 9:00 am



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bear Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will convene at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 4, 2021 via Zoom to review the agenda below. Please log on to the meeting at 8:45 am so that we can assist with any technical difficulties before the meeting begins at 9:00 am.

Meetings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress are public meetings and open to participation by any member of the public. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please join at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82705058583 or call (312) 626-6799 (Meeting ID: 82705058583#) to access the Zoom meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Organizational Matters
 - A. Call to order
 - B. Roll call
 - C. Agenda approval or repair
 - D. Review committee mission statement

The Bear Committee of the Conservation Congress mission is to ensure that we maintain a population of black bear in Wisconsin that allows the citizens the ability to harvest a percentage of that population each year but leave an ample amount of mature bears to continue the breeding process.

We also want to promote all legal methods for hunting the black bear which include;

- 1) Training season for hounds
- 2) Hunting with aid of hounds
- 3) Use of hounds and bait
- 4) Ability to use bait
- 5) Other methods

The charge of the committee is to help make it possible that everyone that hunts the black bear has a chance to have an enjoyable and maybe a successful hunt and that the future of the black bear in Wisconsin remains a noble and well sought-after animal.

E. Public comments

Citizens who wish to address the committee should contact the committee chair (**Mike Rogers** at **608-643-8057**) prior to **December 2, 2021**.

II. Information & Action Items

- A. Citizen resolutions
 - 1. Ban Chocolate Bear Baits (<u>131221</u>, <u>320921</u>, <u>681321</u>)
 - 2. Bear baiting rule change (<u>580521</u>, <u>040321</u>)
 - 3. Black Bear Baiting Regulations (<u>131021</u>, <u>320321</u>, <u>410721</u>, <u>681121</u>)
 - 4. Fatal, irresponsible feeding (<u>020621</u>)
 - 5. Reduce the Hound Bear Training Season (<u>132221</u>)
- B. Department Information & Updates
 - 1. Research update
 - 2. 2021 bear season harvest summary

- 3. Proposed 2022 harvest quotas/permits
- 4. Damage/nuisance shooting permits harvest data
- 5. APHIS-2021 human-bear conflict update
- 6. Law Enforcement Updates
- C. Future committee meetings
- III. Member Matters
- IV. Adjournment

Give Us Your Feedback:

Following your committee meeting, please take the time to complete the WCC Advisory Committee Evaluation Form and provide leadership with input and feedback on how well the committee functioned.

Visit <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html</u> and click on Advisory Committee Evaluation Form under Delegate Resources.

Committee Chair and Vice-Chair:

Mike Rogers Ralph Fritsch (608) 643-8057 (715) 850-2456

NOTE: Per the WCC Code of Procedures VII.J.3, committee members must notify the committee chair or vicechair no less than 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting to confirm your attendance.