



WOLF HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Seeking Public Input: The DNR seeks public input on the Fall 2021 wolf harvest season as well as the ongoing revision to the state's wolf management plan. A link will be available on this page beginning April 15. Provide your comments on both topics between April 15 and May 15.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed gray wolves from the federal endangered species list on Jan. 4, 2021, returning management authority to state agencies. The Wisconsin DNR has successfully managed gray wolves for decades and will continue to do so in accordance with the laws of our state and the best science available.

The DNR is updating Wisconsin's wolf management plan with input from a Wolf Management Plan Committee, tribal partners and the public. Find more information on [the wolf management plan page](#).

FALL 2021 WOLF HARVEST SEASON

The DNR is preparing for a Fall 2021 wolf harvest season through a transparent and science-based process. The DNR has convened a 2021 Wolf Harvest Advisory Committee to provide input on the management objectives and harvest quota for the fall season. The committee will consider the current management plan, state statute and the February 2021 season report in providing input to the department. In addition, the DNR will coordinate with our Tribal partners and will seek further public input on harvest objectives.

Application Dates: March 1 - Aug. 1, 2021

The application period for the Fall 2021 wolf harvest season is open March 1 through Aug. 1. The application fee is \$10. Visit your [Go Wild](#) account or a [license agent](#) to submit your application. Drawing results will be available by mid-September.

Season Dates: Nov. 6 - Feb. 28 or when all harvest zones are closed.

License fee: \$49 (resident) | \$251 (non-resident)

Quota: The [Natural Resources Board](#) will consider the DNR's quota recommendation, informed by the 2021 Wolf Harvest Advisory Committee and public input, at its August meeting.

The [map of wolf harvest zones](#) is currently available. Wolf hunting and trapping regulations will be available in August.

FEBRUARY 2021 WOLF HARVEST SEASON



During the Natural Resources Board Special Meeting on Feb. 15, the board unanimously voted for a harvest quota of 200 wolves outside reservation lands. Of the approved quota, 119 wolves are allocated to the state, and 81 wolves are allocated to the Ojibwe Tribes in response to the Tribes' declaration and in accordance with their treaty rights within the Ceded Territory.

The department's approved quota considered 2020 wolf population data, population response to previous harvest seasons, scientific literature, and population model projections. The quota's objective is to allow for a sustainable harvest that neither increases nor decreases the state's wolf population.



FEBRUARY 2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS

View and download the [February 2021 Wolf Hunting And Trapping Regulations](#) pamphlet. Printed copies will not be available in time for the February wolf harvest season.

FEBRUARY 2021 SEASON INFORMATION

During the February 2021 season, wolves may be pursued statewide except in zones that are closed early .

Wolf harvest licenses and tags are not valid and may not be used within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Menominee and Red Cliff reservations nor within the designated Stockbridge-Munsee wolf zone except with DNR depredation permits.

FEBRUARY 2021 HARVESTING ZONES

HUNTING AND TRAPPING IN STATE PARKS

Visit our page on [hunting and trapping in state parks](#) for more information.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING AT FORT MCCOY

Fort McCoy is closed to wolf hunting and trapping during the February 2021 season. Fort McCoy conducts its own hunting seasons independent of the DNR's seasons. For Fort McCoy season dates and regulation information, please see [mccoy.iSportsman.net](#) [EXIT DNR].



Hunting is allowed according to Wisconsin state regulations with a few exceptions in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. For more information, please visit [the National Park Service's page on hunting](#).

Trapping is restricted in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The National Park Service has specific regulations on these sites to inform the public of special federal regulations already in place. For more information visit [the National Park Service's page on trapping](#).

NOVEMBER 2021 WOLF HARVEST SEASON

The DNR is actively working to prepare for a fall 2021 wolf harvest season through a transparent and science-based process. This approach will include coordination with our tribal partners and solicitation of public input on harvest objectives. The department plans to present its quota recommendation to the Natural Resources Board at its August meeting.

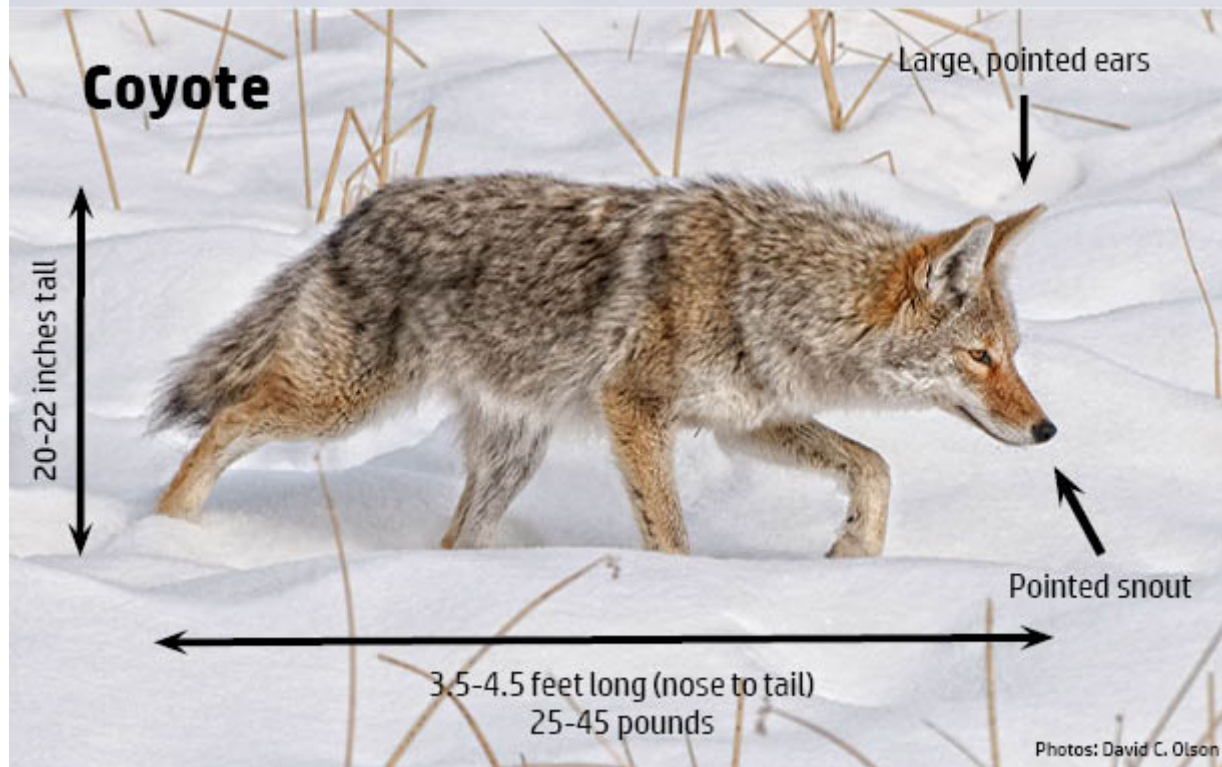
PREFERENCE POINTS STATUS

To find out about how many points you have accumulated, log in to your [Go Wild](#) account and look under "Applications and Points" on your home page.

WOLF IDENTIFICATION

While gray wolves and coyotes may look alike at first glance, hunters and trappers can look for several traits to identify their target species:

- **Ears:** Wolves' ears are smaller in proportion to their heads than those of coyotes. Wolves ears are also more rounded than coyote ears.
- **Snout:** Wolves have a blocky snout while coyotes have a pointed snout.
- **Body Length:** Nose to tail, mature wolves measure approximately 5-6 feet in length while mature coyotes measure 3.5-4.5 feet in length.
- **Weight:** Wolves weigh significantly more than coyotes. A grown wolf will weigh between 50-100 pounds. A grown coyote will weigh between 25-45 pounds.



WOLF MANAGEMENT

For more information about wolf management, go to the [Wolves in Wisconsin web page](#).

WOLF DEPREDATION AND CONFLICT

The DNR will continue to partner with USDA-Wildlife Services to address wolf conflicts in Wisconsin. If you suspect wolves in the depredation of livestock, pets or hunting dogs, or if wolves are exhibiting threatening or dangerous behavior, contact USDA-Wildlife Services staff immediately. In northern Wisconsin, call 1-800-228-1368 or 715-369-5221. In southern Wisconsin, call 1-800-433-0663 or 920-324-4514.

HISTORIC SEASON INFORMATION

- [Wisconsin Wolf Season Report 2014 \[PDF\]](#)
- [Wisconsin Wolf Season Report 2013 \[PDF\]](#)
- [Wisconsin Wolf Season Report 2012 \[PDF\]](#)
- [Wolf Hunter/Trapper Questionnaire 2014 \[PDF\]](#)
- [Wolf Hunter/Trapper Questionnaire 2013 \[PDF\]](#)
- [Wolf Hunter/Trapper Questionnaire 2012 \[PDF\]](#)

