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**Senator Carpenter to DNR: ‘We’re going to do the same thing?’**  
*State Senator criticizes the February wolf hunt and opposes planned November hunt*

(MADISON) – State Senator Tim Carpenter today released a statement in response to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ plans to allow another wolf hunting season this November.

“This Department made a decision to allow for another wolf hunting season in November. We know the February wolf hunting season was the result of a last minute court order and it was poorly planned and adequate rules, regulations and monitoring procedures were not in place.”

“There were more than 218 gray wolves killed in the abbreviated 3-day season. The court decision allowed for the total killing of 119 wolves, with another 81 reserved for Native American tribes. We all know that in just those three days, the total *reported* number of wolves killed was 83% greater than allowed. It was clear the Department did not have adequate plans in place earlier this year, won’t have rules ready until 2022, and now we’re going to do the same thing?”

“I am worried about the rush to sanction another hunting season for wolves when the Department has yet to determine the actual extent of the destruction this past season had on the wolf population in Wisconsin. We know that there were more wolves killed than allowed, but even the Department has no idea how many females were killed and what that might mean for the future of the wolf population in our state.”

“While I understand that there are farmers and ranchers in our state that have had legitimate concerns with their herds and the losses caused by wolves, they have always had the ability to protect their livestock. What occurred earlier this year and seems likely in the November season, is the wanton killing of incredible animals that have special meaning to many of our citizens. I think it’s an important question to ask the Department. Why are we doing this so soon again without adequate rules in place?”

“The DNR readily admits that it does not have the data to fully understand what happened earlier this year. They have no idea what the killing of female wolves will mean to the wolf population in our state going forward, yet they are sanctioning another season to kill 130 more wolves. That concerns me.”

“Without sufficient data on what the previous hunt actually entailed and without having regulations yet in place, the Department should delay the proposed November, 2021 wolf hunt until more studying can be done to measure the impact of the February hunt. If we are going to allow a wolf hunting season moving forward, we need to establish proper rules, regulations and monitoring measures that will be enforced.”

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