

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- ID Do you have any additional comments?
Open-Ended Response
- 1 I believe the Wolf population should be monitored and protected with no hunting and trapping season.
 - 2 dont hunt the wolves
 - 3 This is in violation of the 5 year waiting period in the original plan. Return to the original plan. Dogs are going to be killed by idiots who will mistake them, or even people for Wolves. And odds are some of the wolf hunters will be killed by dog owners by mistake, or in defending thier dogs. The Wolf population was impacted by the Boundary Waters Blow Down, ruining habitat and disrupting Wolf Pack populations. The only sane thing would to kill problem Wolves in the area close by deperadation/problem areas, rather than to drive wolves into new conflict by going into Non-conflict areas! Many problems attributed to Wolves arise from Dog-Wolf hybrids, which in turn arise from feral, or abandoned dogs. This is a RACIST affront to Ojibwa people. Wolves and Dogs are the same animal. If we allow hunting of Wolves, we will break down the cultural barriers that have kept "Mans Best Friend" protected from blood sport killing! The old hunters motto is "eat what you kill" DO WE REALLY WANT TO PROMOTE KILLING OF THE ANIMAL THAT PROTECTED US AND BECAME OUR FIRST COMPANION, PROTECTOR, AND PARTNER OVER 100,000 YEARS AGO!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - 4 I am not in favor of a wolf hunt. Do not allow a wolf hunt. Let them be.
 - 5 I believe that farmers and pet owners who have sustained losses should be allowed to deal with nuisance wolves on an individual basis. I do not believe that wolves should be hunted and trapped for sport and for license fees. Trapping is cruel and inhumane.
 - 6 After having spent millions of taxpayer's dollars, over the course of decades, to reestablish the Wolves existence in the state and region, why do we need to back-track to such primitive, fear-based activities and attitudes of decades ago, and re-decimate the population of a unique and vital species from our ecosystem? Are farmers and ranchers not suitably compensated for livestock losses due to natural predation? Are wolves really such a serious threat to the safety of Minnesota's citizens or their "pets?" Are wolves really taking too many of "our deer?" Or do we simply need more things to kill? The DNRs "Management Plan" had a crucial 5 year wait period "removed thru legislation" in 2011. Of all the legislative issues to be considered by our elected officials, why was it so crucial to fast-track the wolf kill-off? After the effort extended and the \$\$\$ spent to re-establish the population, why then is the "management consensus" to kill off nearly half of that accomplishment before reexamining the "Management Plan?" If Registration Compliance of wolf kills is considered crucial to appropriately address the decisions of season closure dates, quota #s, etc., what are the mitigations or penalties for non-compliance? If compliance is voluntary, that's seems to be a huge loop-hole in the Management Policy. Why, in any modern age, why would trapping and snaring even be considered as a viable method of "Management?" This level of outright cruelty only seems to serve the "hate factor" of the most outspoken wolf opponents. If the current state-wide population is approximately 3,000, how did the DNR come to a figure of 1,600 as being a "suitable winter minimum target goal," or 400 as a first year's "harvest quota." What precedence or past management experience is the DNR using to arrive at these numbers? Was any public feedback sought or taken into consideration with regards to these numbers? Finally, if my questions or comments seem to be far to "leftist" or "liberal-leaning," I apologize, but just know that they also come from an avid outdoor sportsman, fisherman, hunter and self-admitted "gun guy!" And one who also greatly appreciates, and benefits from, the efforts of our MN DNR! It just seems that we, as Minnesotans, can be smarter than this. Thanks for listening!
 - 7 Hunting and trapping of wolves is just wrong! The added removal of the 5 year waiting period after the wolves were removed from the Endangerlist just shows that this is really poor management of our wildlife than the claim of "wise and careful management by the DNR and our legislature.Please do not let this happen to our wildlife. Do not place the death of the wolves to create revenue for the state of Minnesota.I consider this to be extremely disapointing that this has become a issue that has fallen on deaf ears. Let the Minnesota wolves continue to be our Wild LIFE!!! I again say NO to a wolf hunt in Minnesota.
 - 8 I am a frequent user of public lands and natural resources in the parts of the state affected by the wolf hunt. I engage in a number of outdoor activities in every season, including, but not limited to: hiking, camping, boating, and snowshoeing. I value wilderness for a number of reasons, including, its aesthetic, ecological, and moral/ethical/spiritual qualities, and frequently seek out wilderness experiences. I see the wolf trapping activities as a specific and unreasonable affront to my wilderness / outdoor recreation experience. Moreover, the DNR, and all other proper authorities should be honoring the original plan to wait five years to properly asses and plan wolf hunting actives. It would seem that due diligence would afford more research to wolf population health and stability, including perhaps a wolf-hunt-beta-test for a first season instead of a full fledged season. It also seems like an unfortunate mis-management of our natural resources to so capriciously open a wolf hunt, as such an undertaking will undoubtedly affect ecology in these parts of the state. Two examples I'm aware of are the indirect affects on tree types and distribution (thus, effecting an important revenue source in this state) and their predation of other Northwoods animals, specifically, the moderation of white-tailed deer numbers. This predation, critically, helps preserve a (potential) place in the northwoods for animals such as Moose, and perhaps even the extirpated Woodland Caribou, species whose presence in our state are increasingly at-risk due to climate change related stresses. Finally, as I do snowshoe and engage in other winter activities during the potential trapping season, I feel that having big-game traps on public land imposes an undue risk / safety concern / burden on me as a co-user of these resources.

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- 9 It is too soon to begin hunting of wolves
- 10 Yes, I think their should not be any hunting of wolves, that man does not need to manage the population of wolves or any animals for the fact, because of man their is alot of animals on the extinction list because of over hunting and management. The wolves were extinct out west and were brought back only to be a sport for the hunters to kill again and the wolves will be gone again thanks to MAN. The wolves don't need man to manage their numbers they do that on their own, so please use the brains God gave you and cancel the law allowing shooting of the wolves and quit trying to manage everything it ends up as a diastor in the end.
- 11 I do not support the wolf hunt that is to begin in the fall of 2012. We fought so hard to keep the wolves off of the endangered species list. Why would we allow hunting of this animal now, even if there's a quota? It just doesn't make sense to me.
- 12 Are we going back to 1974 where hunting and trapping wolfs was done without any management. I understand now this will be allowed with certain rules and conditions. What I don't understand is why would the DNR allow the cruel practice of trapping? We should have learned a lot more about trapping and should know that this practice is cruel and should have been banned a long time ago. That brings me to my second point. If the DNR says that the wolf population is relatively stable for more than a decade, then why is it necessary to hunt wolfs again? Wolves are wild animals who mostly live outside human population, they don't need to be managed and certainly not hunted. We humans need to learn to respect wolfs in their natural habitat and if necessary scare them away with other methods than killing them. Live stock farmers know some of these methods and have used them succesfully during the wolf protection period so why not keep going. Hunting deer at least has a reason, they can be processed and be eaten; not so wolfs. Are we senseless hunting & trapping wolfs just for the fun of it without any purpose just to "Manage" them and for "Safe" public relation?
- 13 It seems that Minnesota has had a relatively stable wolf population for many years, and does not have huge problems with predation. What is the scientific backing for a wolf season at all? It seems nature has reached a nice balance. Don't wolf experts advise that hunting destabilizes packs and could lead to increased predation as hunting wild game becomes more difficult for smaller/broken packs? Leave a good thing alone. Wolves could be a wonderful assett as a tourist attraction...alive!
- 14 I don't see any good reason to have a wolf hunting season at all.
- 15 Stop the hunting of wolves now please
- 16 I say NO to hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota!!
- 17 I can NOT believe you could take an animal off the endangered list and put it on the list of hunted animals the next year. I find this whole idea disgusting and certainly disturbing. I also think the idea of trapping barbaric and not sportsmanlike at all. This isn't the stone age, and the idea of an animal lingering and suffering while waiting for his doom is horrific. At least a well placed gun shot is quick. You all disgust me.
- 18 I am not in favor of the wolf hunt at all. They just got off the endangered list without the proper waiting period to add to their numbers. The way in which they would be hunted is inhumane. Snaring and trapping, while also baiting, is a torturous way to die. Often times slowly. If you have to hunt, do it humanely where the animal would not suffer, but die instantly.
- 19 Let natural selection do its job. Couldnt manage wolves before, still cant do it now. DNR hands too full to do it right. Leave wolves alone.
- 20 I am completely against allowing the hunting of wolves, and am disappointed that this decision to allow hunting has been made.
- 21 Hunting and trapping of wolves is deplorable and should not be allowed.
- 22 No hunting of wolves in MN! This is disgusting. We are talking about animals that form very close ties with each other. No hunting of wolves!
- 23 i'd prefer to have open season on hunting and trapping dnr fuckers---i will never again contribue to your non-game fund---eliminate the dnr and save our tax money
- 24 It is to bad that we do not let one of our most cherished natural resourses - wildlife establish a self balancing life cycle. We should not allow any trapping/snaring of any animals for a 5 yr minimum to see if wildlife can reestablish their natural population cycles. Hunting and trapping is clearly established for a minority who are not interesting in letting our wildlife exist and we should be more progressive in seeking more humane ways to keep our wildlife exist.

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- 25 Persuasive Piece: Say NO to Wolf Hunting and Trapping "Swiftly running through the snow Wishing that he had ever known Never to hunt easy prey Or become wounded and die today. His heart beats fast as he tries to run But it seems there is no place he had not gone. Then he heard a boom in the air And then saw the men who were coming near He runs faster, trying to escape. What he did not know? It was already too late. Another boom, closer this time Now all that remains is a wolf on his side The hunters came up and look at their prize To their dismay, the wolf was still alive The wolf did not know what else to do But to say sorry, what else could he do "I am sorry." He said. "I didn't mean it, I was getting food for my family who needed it. Please forgive me, but the winter is hard, It seems there is no prey in these parts." But the wolf did not know that they can't understand So a hunter loaded his gun and shot him again. The wolf is gone, an eternal sleep Now another wolf is never to be seen." -Katrese Carino The poem by Katrese Carino explains the sadness of wolf hunting. Only about 3,000 wolves roam the land of Minnesota today. Wolves are hunted only for the sport of it. Minnesotan's should not be allowed to hunt wolves because it is cruel, unnecessary, and could affect the ecosystem. Wolf hunting in Minnesota is cruel. There are 5,000 registered trappers in Minnesota. Trapping is another form of hunting wolves. Out of these 5,000 trappers none work full time as trappers, they do it for a hobby. These traps do not kill animals immediately which most likely will result in the animals long suffering with a great amount of physical pain. Another reason it is cruel is because wolves rely on their pack members, if one dies they mourn there loss. Wolves have a heart like us, they feel the pain and loss of family members. Would you like it if someone for the "sport" of it killed someone in your family? ¶ The killing of wolves is unnecessary. Many inaccurately believe that the wolf population in Minnesota needs to be controlled due to the "large" amount of 3,000. Wolves control their own populations naturally. One way is through starvation. Half of wolves' puppies die at six months of age due to starvation while 1/3 of adult wolves die from the same cause. If wolf populations do expand to excessive amounts, it would cause the wolves to leave and expand their territories. This would most likely result in wolf packs entering the territories of other packs and would cause members of the pack to attack. These attacks would keep the population at a normal amount. Due to these natural causes and behaviors it would be unnecessary and a waste of money for humans to interfere. A healthy wolf population is necessary for the woodland ecosystem. If wolf hunting is allowed, this could negatively affect the ecosystem. Wolves help keep the deer and elk population in check which in turn prevents them from eating too much of the forest vegetation. This helps birds find homes on the nice luscious forest ground. Wolves also help keep water cleaner and safer to drink because they keep the deer from staying at the waters too long. When wolves were once again introduced in Yellowstone National Park in 1995 the ecosystem began to improve, the wolves helped decrease water erosion, cooled down river temperatures, and helped trees grow. All these components helped animals thrive in the Yellowstone habitat. Many think wolves need to be hunted because they attack farm animals. Hunting will not help this, and wolves generally do not attack farm animals. In 2011 there was an estimate of about 165,000 cows in North Minnesota, out of those only 91 were reported to be killed by wolves. If we do allow people to hunt wolves this could actually lead to an increase of wolves attacking farm animals. If the alpha leader of the pack of wolves were killed this would cause trouble for the other animals to
- 26 I think this whole idea is wrong and has been handled with haste, not thoughtfulness.
- 27 I am totally against the hunting of wolves in Minnesota. The animal barely gets off the endangered list and the legislature wants to let people start killing it. People who enjoy nature in a nonconsumptive way cannot enjoy it in the fall because all the shooting makes it dangerous to be outside. Fox were taken out of my area by the dnr & now we are over-run with rabbits. Kill wolves & more herbivores will overeat our native flora. Charge high park fees, but stop all this killing! Hunting wolves is no boon to our economy!! We need natural systems that are healthy and removing predators does not achieve that goal. If the DNR is now forced by law to have a season then eliminate the cruel trapping of wolves and make a season so restrictive that no wolves will be shot. I am just sickened by the idea of more killing for an animal that has been extirpated from most of its historic range. If you are still reading, I want you to know that I am also incensed by the sneaky way a season on the Sandhill Crane was created and want that abolished. I am also offended by the dnr actions that have allowed the killing of cormorant colonies. Your agency is supposed to be preserving our natural heritage not selling it or destroying it.
- 28 you people almost exterminated the wolf once drop both hunting and trapping what the hell is wrong with you bubbas????????? open season on DNR employees
- 29 I am in support of hunting, but not trapping wolves.
- 30 Trapping & Snares are inhumane & should NOT be allowed in the hunt. I'm dissapointed in MN & the DNR!!!!
- 31 I do not want Minnesota to hunt wolves. I do not want Minnesota to trap wolves. I am disappointed in all the attention in this survey given to the interests of hunting and trapping of the wolves. Please take as much time to consider other possible solutions with the community. Thank you,
- 32 Please do not allow the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. I am a resident and firmly object to the hunting and trapping of wolves. For the record it isn't hunting or trapping I object to but the hunting and trapping of wolves. Thank you for considering all the voices of Minnesota.
- 33 Trapping is unethical. It is unnecessarily cruel and will arm anti-wolf hunting movements ammunition to show the horrors of slaughtering wolves. They only need one photo of this grotesque act to launch billboards across the nation. Don't be greedy - hunt them if you feel you must - but don't allow trapping.
- 34 Why do we need a wolf hunting season? Trapping should be illegal. There is no need to have a hunting season if the numbers have been relatively steady. It is ridiculous to hunt them the first year that they are no longer protected. NO hunting or trapping season.

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- 35 To begin with, most of the questions in this survey are not relevant to me as I oppose wolf hunting. That being said, my comments are as follows: There are many problems with the proposed upcoming wolf season in Minnesota. Some of these problems are specific to the hunting and trapping of wolves, while others are systemic problems within the Department of Natural Resources. The specific problems are easy to enumerate, and have been outlined by many people again and again, only to be ignored by legislators and state officials. The fact that wolves have neared extinction, only to be carefully reintroduced, seems lost on most officials. The fact that wolves which threaten humans and livestock may already be killed, a fact that nullifies a major contention behind the proposed wolf season, has also been ignored. In fact, all of the major reasons outlined as to why wolves should remain protected have been generally disregarded by state officials. But the problems with the proposed wolf hunt are only a part of the problems with the DNR. First, there is the problem of wildlife management, which is entirely corrupt. The concept of population control of wild animals is based up upon the false pretense that there is a correct minimum and maximum number of any given species that should live in a given geographic area. If the standards of wildlife management that the DNR practices were applied to humans, it should be noted that the State of Minnesota suffers from a gross overpopulation of humans by a ratio that far exceeds any other species. We are also the greatest cause of the spread of disease and damage to our natural environment. The idea that other species should be culled according to false metrics that are not evenly applied to all species is both misleading and, from the perspective of the species being culled, deeply wrong. The Department of Natural Resources has an inherent conflict of interest when it comes to wildlife management. The same department that seems to be charged with protecting wildlife also achieves funding through the sale of licenses for the hunting, trapping, and fishing of wildlife. How can we trust officials to protect wildlife, when those same officials stand to benefit when that wildlife is destroyed, or "harvested" in exchange for money to the agency run by the officials? Benjamin Franklin once said that "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote." In this case, the democracy as exacted by the state and DNR is a group of hunters deciding when the wolves are endangered. Liberty is the rest of us demanding justice for the wolves, and all wildlife in Minnesota. Mark my words on the following point; hunters are not environmentalists, and they never can be. They have an inherent conflict of interest. Like the wolves "looking out" for the sheep, hunters can never truly represent the best interests of wolves or any other "game" wildlife. And the problem here is that the Department of Natural Resources is run by (and for the interests of) hunters when it should be run by scientists, ecologists and environmentalists. So long as DNR is run by those who benefit from fees paid by hunters and fishers, many from out of state with valuable tourist dollars, there will always be a clear loser: wild animals. It makes me sad to realize that the wolves probably never really had a chance against these foes. Once the suggestion was floated to congress to delist them from the endangered species roster, politicians of both parties stumbled over themselves to support a wolf hunt. The smell of money from pro-gun and hunting lobbies was too alluring to resist. Unfortunately, wolves do not have any high paid lobbyists to buy them votes, so the cards were stacked against them. Once the wolf hunt was approved, the full control was handed over to the DNR, a state agency which has become little more
- 36 Do not hunt wolves yet, population too low
- 37 i would request that you keep the grey wolf on the endangered species list and not allow either hunting or trapping and leave the poor species alone---if you were TRUE stewards of the environment this is what you would do
- 38 Wolves have the right to live just as much as humans do if not more considering people kill thousands of other people every day and how many people have wolves killed? That's right, NONE.
- 39 The wolf became an endangered species. Only through protection did they survive and come back to a stable population. Now that they have succeeded in surviving, you want to kill them off again. Trapping is a cruel method of hunting, it creates a long and painful death for a animal left to wait and die in pain and panic. Traps should be outlawed. Man is supposed to be the superior creature with the advanced brain. With this advanced intelligence, this is all we can think of...killing creatures that also know fear, panic and pain left to die in a trap. You also have to know that once they are allowed, they will not all be picked up again. The only way to insure this is to have the same number returned, accounted for at the end that you started with. No one is going to bother to check or account for the traps. They will be left where they were put and kill what ever creature makes the mistake of getting too close. At least print the final count in the paper, on radio, news media, places where all people will know what you are doing and why. Be accountable for the sake of the animals and their survival.
- 40 LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE, THIS HUNTING IS IN EXCUSABLE, IT DOESN'T NEED TO HAPPEN. WHY DOES EVERYONE WANT TO KILL THEM ANYWAY, OH I KNOW THEY WANT A TROPHY FOR THEMSELVES. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN.
- 41 Please do not allow trapping of these beautiful animals. This is not what will create a good wolf population in Minnesota and it will not solve the issue of livestock.
- 42 This is FLAWED !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please no hunting and trapping wolves! They need to be protected for many years!!!
- 43 I am against any sort of wolf hunting season. I also think the minimum population goal of 1,600 wolves is much too low as that would be a roughly 50% reduction from the current population which seems egregious. Further, I think trapping is extremely cruel and should not be allowed under ANY circumstances. I do not understand how trapping is a sport? Rather it is an unfair and cruel practice that is inhumane.
- 44 Your survey is flawed on only asks for information from those who vote yes. There's no room for comment from those who vote no, you solicit no opinions from them. Your pre-amble is leading as are your questions. The assumptions and data you base these questions on are flawed and misleading. You seem not to want information, but to want permission. This survey reads as though the decisions have been made already and you are seeking information for a PR exercise so you can claim you surveyed opinions when you did, in fact, not.

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- 62 I am deeply saddened by the decision to open up wolves to hunting and trapping. I will never understand how 3,000 wolves can be a healthy enough population that they warrant a hunting season. I fear the only thing that will come of this hunt is that they will end up right back on the endangered species list. A five year period for scientific study is the MINIMUM amount of time that should be allowed to study the wolf population before a hunt. The wolf population is more than capable of managing itself, yet for some reason we feel like we must get involved. If at all possible, please put the wolf hunt on hold.
- 63 Don't do it.
- 64 hunting wolves is just wrong. I may be young but still I know this. my ancestors worshiped the wolves we are from wolves and how would you feel if whatever you considered close or godlike began to get hunted and killed for fun? than how would you respond to this?
- 65 To Kill the wolf right after it is delisted is wrong. There was a five year moratorium on killing wolves after they were delisted. Studies and history have shown that wolves have a natural "balance" within their populations. There is no need for a wolf hunt because a few farmers and ranchers are having problems with depredation. They are already being compensated and if it isn't the wolves depredating, then it will be other predators. Will a bounty be placed on all predators just because a few predators need to feed? The Minnesota Legislators were very wrong in not taking the time to consider putting the bounty of the wolf. Also, to allow the barbaric form of torture of trapping the wolf is senseless. Look at what has happened in other states such as Montana and Idaho. The wolves there were and still are being tortured through trapping. I am opposed to the Minnesota sanctioned killing of wolves through firearms and TRAPPING! I cannot believe our beautiful state would participate in this cruel and inhumane killing of the wolf!
- 66 I am firmly opposed to the opening of wolf season.
- 67 I am so against this wolf hunt for many reasons. This is not necessary. I will NOT vote and in fact will actively lobby against any candidates who support this. Trapping will likely result in many people's pets being caught up and trapped and I hope people file suits against the trappers and the government if this is allowed. Can't these men who feel powerful shooting animals---find another hobby. Killing these wolves is wrong. Shame on you.
- 68 DO NOT KILL MINNESOTA'S WOLVES!!!!!!
- 69 Stop the "harvesting" of wolves. These are intelligent, sentient creatures, not vegetables. Hunting and trapping are inhumane, and they upset the natural balance of the ecosystem which is being reestablished.
- 70 Public comment was insufficient
- 71 I do not support the hunting or trapping of wolves under any circumstances. This is just another instance of the DNR seeking out opportunities for humans to kill more species. There is no "scientific" rationale for killing wolves. And trapping is completely inhumane and should not be allowed at all.
- 72 Do not allow hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 73 Do not hunt these animals. They will only end up where they were before...needing our protection. Wolves are pack animals, you hurt one you hurt them all. If they're numbers have truly been steady for the last 10 years, why are you ready to hunt them now? Leave them alone, they're obviously able to control they're own population.
- 74 I do not support a wolf hunting season. At least honor the 5-year wait. Thanks.
- 75 do not open season yet
- 76 I do not think that wolves pose a high enough threat to hunt and kill/maim them. I do not want trapping to occur as this is cruel to let an animal suffer for any length of time.
- 77 This survey is flawed. It does not allow proper expression of opinion. Trapping is cruel and inhumane and should not be allowed for any reason at any time. In my opinion, the DNR and it's funding is too closely tied to hunting and fishing, resulting in the DNR pandering to the wishes of hunters and trappers.
- 78 I am extremely disappointed that the great State of Minnesota would allow the hunting and trapping of wolves. I feel that this action is NOT in the best interest of the wolves, nor the people of the State of Minnesota. PLEASE reconsider! These are beautiful creatures who deserve better.
- 79 I am TOTALLY against the hunting and trapping (especially trapping!!!) of wolves in Minnesota. It is ABSOLUTELY a cruel and UNNECESSARY way to treat beautiful wild animals such as wolves. WHY on earth would you endorse and pass this horrible law in a beautiful state as Minnesota with kind and gentle people who should not have to be identified as a state where animals like wolves are slaughtered because a small group of people want it to happen. I recently moved to Minnesota and if I had known this law was being thought about much less passed, I would NOT have moved to the state. I guarantee you there are many others just like me--well-educated, high paying jobs, that will help the Minnesota economy who will NOT be moving to Minnesota. DO NOT PASS THIS HORRIBLE LAW!
- 80 we need to protect the lives of our wild friends the wolfs
- 81 This is WRONG! I'm very disappointed in Gov. Dayton signing this into law while attached to the budget bill. This vote is flawed!!! We need the 5 year initial plan re-instated.
- 82 Wolves are not encroaching on our territory, we are encroaching on theirs with urban sprawl. The wolve hunts are an outrage and bring shame to MN.
- 83 I do not favor having a hunting / trapping season for wolves. Trapping, in particular, is a cruel, slow, inhumane death. I believe the DNR can find ways to maintain a healthy balance for the wolf population, other than sanctioning the random taking of lives by those who kill in cold blood.
- 84 I do believe that wolves should stay on the endangered species list. They still need to be protected.

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- 85 Wolves do not need to be managed. There is no explosion in the wolf population according to available data. Beyond hunting, it is plain shameful that the Minnesota DNR is also planning on trapping wolves. Apparently, the leadership has no concept of the notion of torture or cruelty. I am angrier about the wolf hunting/trapping proposals than I've been about any political subject in years. Besides being unnecessary, the killing of wolves is another way to alienate and anger a large number of Minnesotans. If put to a vote, there would be no wolf hunting or trapping in Minnesota. The DNR leadership well knows this. The current culture in the leadership is evident in other areas, most recently in the killing of black bears that were wandering in populated areas. Compare the Minnesota DNR's methods with those of, say, Colorado. The Minnesota DNR leadership is an embarrassment. Others have spoken more eloquently than I. But I feel it necessary to let the DNR know how poorly they are regarded under the current regime.
- 86 I think it is a shame the season was begun so soon after delisting was approved. The DNR should proceed as cautiously as possible. Wild animals and wild environments have intrinsic value apart from their value to exploitive humans, and should be protected. I really object to allowing snares. Years ago one of our dogs ran into a snare and it was only by the sheerest good luck that we heard her yelp and were able to find and release her before she was strangled. This occurred during the summer, so the snare had either carelessly been left up for many months or was being used by a poacher. Opening this hunting/trapping season makes it much more likely that these kind of careless or illegal activities are likely to occur.
- 87 I feel that too much public money has been spent on increasing the wolf population to start killing them now. I am especially opposed to trapping which is extremely inhuman.
- 88 WOLVES AREN'T DOING CRAP TO HUMANS.RELOCATE TO A AREA LIKE GEORGIA WHERE DEER ARE OVER POPULATED,PROVEN IN HERNANDO COUNTY, TO KILL A ANIMAL WITH OUT COMPASSION FOR THE LIFE OF THAT ANIMAL HAS SERIOUS MENTAL ISSUES.I RAISED WOLVES.YA DUMB ASS'S, THEY BEHAVED BETTER THEN ANY DOG I EVER HAD. I LIVED WITH WOLVES ALL MY LIFE. ITS THE COYOTES THAT ARE AGGRESSIVE SO WHY ARE YOU TAKING IT OUT ON THE WOLF.IM SUING THE GOV. FOR 11 MILLION DOLLARS, FOR SHOOTING WOLVES FOR NO REASON. YOUR NEXT ON MY LIST! LEAVE THEM ALONE.ON F.B. SHOOT THE HUNTERS!
- 89 This is a bad idea. We should live and let live, not try to control everything.
- 90 We would never let another treat mankind in such a fashion without serious repercussions, and even with all that, wolves just want to live their lives away from us, in peace. We once decimated their populations, many in a cruel and inhumane manor and they have fought to survive and come back from that. We have absolutely 'no right' to begin hunting them again after they've finally rebounded from our atrocities. "I am very much against having a wolf hunt."
- 91 I do not support wolf hunting at all!
- 92 Leave the wolves alone. It's that simple.
- 93 I don't believe in a wolf hunt. I'm not against hunting. Grew up doing it myself. I disagree with the nature of the hunt. We know that livestock losses don't add up to reason enough to murder countless innocent animals. Wolves hurt hunting. Not the case. We know through science that the wolf is a Keystone species and have kept ungulate herds at healthy levels. When hunting, people are required to actually hunt for the animal. I never enjoyed the hunt when I could shoot them in a barrel. Snares and trapping should not be a supported method of "hunting" It is not hunting, rather an indiscriminate form of punishment. Keep Politics out of science. The Endangered Species Act was set up to protect our natural treasures. Once delisted, you couldn't wait five years. Don't follow the western states and their horrible management plans. Thanks Please do the right thing. Be
- 94 It is just wrong to hunt wolves. Man did it once and we almost lost them. Man is stupid enough to do it again. Say NO to the hunt. Tell Man to learn to live with nature and we won't/don't need to hunt them. Wolves are beautiful animals that I want my kids and grandkids to be able to enjoy. Common sense around wolves should prevail and the "harm" Man thinks they cause would not be there.
- 95 You have mad it open season on the wolf year round what a pack of pukes. Life long hunter here how do you trap a wolf dnr what a waste of time and money.
- 96 The trapping of wolves is inhumane and cruel. There is no scientific reason for allowing either hunting or trapping of wolves. As your information indicates, the population has remained stable for ten years. Minnesota is not being overrun with wolves, and establishing a hunt is unnecessary and destructive. I urge you to leave the wolves alone, and for God's sake do not allow the barbaric practice of trapping them! I sincerely hope that, despite the biased nature of this survey ("when would you like the season", not "WOULD you like the season", for example), someone on your end will pay attention to those of us who are completely opposed to killing these animals."
- 97 This is just terrible---terribly flawed system. Shame on you, MN.
- 98 If this hunting season happens, I will be not be travelling to Minnesota to hunt , or fish, or anything.
- 99 Shooting wolves is unfortunate as they are highly intelligent family oriented animals. Snares and traps are indiscriminate as to which animal they kill. Please do not allow the setting of snares and traps.

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- 100 Growing up in Minnesota I was always proud of the fact that we were protecting wild life and had a mission to protect the wolves...I don't find that the wolf population is unreasonable, and there is a potential that they will fall to a level where they will need to be put on the protected list again. I'm not against control of nuisance wolves that are creating a great hardship from livestock loss, but only in that type of situation; general and random killing of wolves does not cull out livestock stalkers...I received the link to take this survey from someone in Texas, and many people are voicing their opinions against this. This really reflects poorly against the duty of the DNR and the state of Minnesota. The DNR should take pride in having a successful and NATURAL ecosystem and find other ways to fund the DNR's goals other than selling raffles for the slaying of what we have been protecting. It seems so utterly foolish.
- 101 Spirit of the Wolf Once I was held in high esteem and was sacred among your people You welcomed me and saw me as a spiritual being and a sacred animal I was known to you as the Teacher and Brother and taught you how to know I taught you the importance of family and how to hunt for food I was a patient teacher with your people and a pathfinder to guide you There were ancient songs, dances and stories told about me And I was a part of your myths and legends We once lived in harmony and our spirits touched Our Alpha pair are responsible for the leadership They are the mother and father of our family We are very social and have very strong family bonds We all care for our children whether they are ours or not We love our children and all contribute to their care and education There is no such thing as an orphan in our world We cooperate together in raising the next generation and in the hunt We never attack another unless our young or family are threatened We are extremely intelligent and curious and learn very quickly We mourn our dead and we understand the importance of family We love each other deeply and enjoy one another's company We do not compete with each other for food nor kill for pleasure We will fight to the death to protect our young and defend our pack We are not aggressive, we are very loving Yet we are very strong and have great endurance We remain together through our life and mate for life We hunt the old, the weak and keep the herds strong We swiftly end the suffering of those whose time has come to an end We extend our caring to others and will take you in as part of our family We are loyal to the end We will walk the spiritual path with you To protect you and warn you of things you cannot see We will guide you and help you We will be your eyes when you cannot see and your ears when you cannot hear The Creator equipped us to survive in a harsh environment We were the most successful of animals until you took our habitat away Now you hunt us mercilessly and lay snares and traps for us You kill the mothers and fathers and leave our young to die alone You poison us with bait and shoot us with your rifles You hunt us from the skies and we cannot escape When one of us is killed by you we all grieve the loss of our family member Yet you torture us without mercy and are amused at our grief We are dwindling more and more upon this earth that we once roamed free Because you have decided we don't have a right to live You think of us as pests and destroyers of your livestock and animals But we are only trying to feed ourselves and our children You took away our hunting grounds and left us no choice And our source of food is gone since you have destroyed their habitat as well Your hearts have grown cold when you can look at us as the enemy instead of your friend We no longer live in harmony and instead we are afraid of you We see you have long drawn away from the life we taught you of strong bonds and family We see you have developed into a killer of all things Can you look into my eyes and not see my spirit? Can you look at my family and I at play and not see our hearts? Have you forgotten who we are and that we are part of Creation? Have you forgotten that we are teachers of the natural way of life and how it should be lived? When we are gone, man will have destroyed part of himself When we are gone, there will be an emptiness on the Earth When we are gone, one day you will miss us When we are gone, all that will be left of us is our Spirit May our Spirit forever go on and teach those that will listen
- 102 I really cannot believe you are even considering this. One of The most beautiful creatures God has created. They will be extinct before you know it and then you will wish you hadn't done this. Do something about the budget and leave the wolves alone, Please!!!
- 103 I vehemently oppose the hunting of wolves
- 104 The grey wolf population is healthy and stable. I do not understand how some hunters (of which I am one) can dictate that a state protective regulation be changed due to their emotional and not scientific interpretation of the facts.
- 105 Personally, and for my family, we are against this policy. However, to a certain extent I can understand the state's plan to allow for people to hunt wolves. This practice is largely unsuccessful and as a compromise satisfactory to many. However, I am strongly against snaring and trapping. This cruel and indiscriminate method of killing should be illegal. Is Minnesota really going to allow this antiquated practice to return in full force? I hope not; I hope we are better than that.
- 106 I don't understand why hunting of wolves in Minnesota is necessary. The population has been stable and not a problem. Only with the change in the endangered species list has this become an issue. And suspect, because there are those who want a "trophy", or by those who think that the deer they want to harvest is going to reduced, even though it has not been reduced during the whole time that non-hunting of wolves was enforced. I have seen more mistakes made with "management" than not.
- 107 Yes. I am not a hunter. I in fact oppose all wolf hunts.I think that we should allow Nature to unfold as it should. No one has the right to decide the fate of anyone or anything, human or animal. Trapping and luring to kill is inhumane, unethical, immoral and should be banned in all states. I am not understanding the method of taking wolves off the endangered species list, and then allowing killings that would only prompt your government to re list them. Are you numbers based on scientific fact or hunters demands? I oppose the wolf hunt and I encourage you to rethink allowing the 2012 hunts.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 108 PLEASE DO NOT HUNT WOLVES!!!! LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE...THE WOLF BELONGS HERE FOR A REASON!!!
- 109 What gives you the right to take the life of a wolf?What does killing the wolves benefit? What is wrong with your state of minds?or hearts?
- 110 I have nothing against hunting. I feel that in order to silence those against the Endangered Species Act, if a population of listed species reaches the recovered number, they should be removed from the endangered list to show the nay sayers that the ESA works. That being said, I will never understand the taking of animals (the wolf in this case) just for their pelts so I am not in favor of a wolf season. Thanks for taking my comments,
- 111 dnr decision making should be under review , outrageous!!!! leg traps!!!!
- 112 There is no reason to hunt wolves at all! Their numbers have not exactly risen and they are in no way at a point of being dangerous to humans or livestock. They are barely at a sustainable level. Please do not allow hunting of wolves!!
- 113 I am AGAINST hunting, all animals deserve respect and love!
- 114 Wolves shouldn't be hunted at all.
- 115 I think hunting and especially TRAPPING is awful and barbaric. Aren't we as humans supposed to be the care takers of animals? yet all we do is destroy them. Hunting with guns is one thing but trapping is horrible the animal takes hours sometimes to finally succumb enduring horrible pain. What is a child is in that area and steps on the trap? it would break the bones and possibly make it so the child would lose their leg!!! Other animals can becoming trapped or entangled in snares also. This is a horrible way to hunt any animal... have you seen these traps??? how would you like that to end up on your foot? What if your dog is out hunting with you and steps on it... what then? Do you just shoot your pet? Please rethink what you are doing.... "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated". Mahatma Gandhi
- 116 No wolf hunting.
- 117 Trapping is the most inhumane and horrible method. I don't like them being shot at either, but that is far more humane. I would prefer to see the population controlled by using selective area oral birth control methods. It has been used successfully to control populations of various forms of wildlife.
- 118 Please do NOT hunt the wolves! Thank You!
- 119 I don't believe there should be any wolf hunting or trapping season. There is no reason for it, other than politicians and the NRA, who have demonized wolves for votes and support money. A far better policy would be to reimburse farmers and ranchers fairly for any livestock taken, and further education programs. A note of sensibility as well: perhaps any person who's dumb enough to raise sheep or calves on his/her farm in the woods of northern Minnesota might expect to have a few losses due to predation, without a government handout.
- 120 Please don't start shooting the wolves!! Many people torture these poor animals and go crazy hunting them down!! They are just coming back in numbers , lets not destroy that!!
- 121 Minnesota's wolf population (estimated to be 3000 wolves) has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. While we support the management problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. We support the closure of core habitat and the protection of collared animals and encourage buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring is being proposed by DNR even though it is not mandated by law; again, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring.
- 122 I believe Minnesota has the most comprehensive and valid management plan I have seen thus far. I do not however support trapping of any type. There are to many cases of animals being trapped that were not intended, even domestic animals and humans. I understand that there has to be wolf management plan and season but if you don't want to hunt the specific animal then you shouldn't be killing anything. Trapping is cruel and inhuman. Please take trapping out of the management plan.
- 123 Can we have a hunt for the wolves on unarmed hunters brought naked into the wolves' territory. Any hunter that makes it out alive can get a permit to hunt wolves next year. The hunt to last no longer than 9 days and the human unarmed hunters can get no aid from anyone during this time. Each hunter must go through this reverse hunt to receive a permit to hunt wolves during the next hunting season. This season for the wolves to hunt the human hunters will start on February 1st and run through February 10th. there will be no quota on human hunters the wolves can kill. Politicians who vote for allowing wolves to be hunted have to participate in the human hunt by wolves.
- 124 This is not a matter of management being proposed by either State legislators or the MN DNR. This is simply the desire of hundreds-of-thousands of hunters to obtain more trophies. Please do NOT allow the hunting or trapping of Minnesota wolves!
- 125 Since i see no RATIONAL motive for killing wolves outside the depredation system, i cannot support any season to kill wolves. i'm dismayed that our state legislature overruled the DNR's recommendation. i'm especially disgusted with Senator Franken's position in his anti-wolf, pro farmer T.V. statement. a sad day for minnesota. we now have categorized the wolf as vermin as we did the bear in the early 1950s.
- 126 I oppose any wolf hunting. They will regulate themselves & are part of nature so deserve to live freely.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 127 I am not opposed to wolf management or a hunting season in Minnesota. However, it should be based on sound science and target depredating wolves. This plan is not science-based and does not target depredating wolves nor does it close areas such as national forests and the BWCA to hunting nor does it close areas where no depredations have occurred. I also do not think the season should be held during deer season.
- 128 I dont think they should be able to hunt or trap wolves anytime of the year, they need to LEAVE THEM ALONE.....
- 129 There is no scientific reason for allowing either hunting or trapping of wolves. As your information indicates, the population has remained stable for ten years. Minnesota is not being overrun with wolves, and establishing a hunt is unnecessary and destructive. I urge you to leave the wolves alone, and for God's sake do not allow the barbaric practice of trapping them! I sincerely hope that, despite the biased nature of this survey ("when would you like the season", not "WOULD you like the season", for example), someone on your end will pay attention to those of us who are completely opposed to killing these animals.
- 130 I am not in favor of hunting wolves. I am especially against trapping. Traps are cruel and a very poor method of eliminating any living thing. Your survey states that Minnesota's wolf population has been stable the last ten years. That indicates to me that we are not being overrun with wolves. I own property in Northern Minnesota near the boundry waters and am rarely even fortunate enough to see a wolf. I feel that wolves should be handled similar to problem bears on a case to case basis. If livestock is being taken in a particular area, a live (non leg hold) trap should be used to capture the wolf so it can be collared and relocated. If it continues to be a problem, then it should be taken care of in a humane manner, not trapped in a leg hold trap.
- 131 Minnesota's wolf population (estimated to be 3000 wolves) has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. While we support the management problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. We support the closure of core habitat and the protection of collared animals and encourage buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring is being proposed by DNR even though it is not mandated by law; again, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring.
- 132 I'd prefer you to only allow farmers to shoot problem wolves that are attacking their animals. If you have to allow hunting, please do not allow trapping. It's not fair and it's cruel.
- 133 Minnesota's wolf population (estimated to be 3000 wolves) has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. While we support the management problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. We support the closure of core habitat and the protection of collared animals and encourage buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring is being proposed by DNR even though it is not mandated by law; again, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring.
- 134 No Wolf hunting please. This is what caused them to be endangered! Why is it that people have no memory of this? This is cruel.
- 135 This is disgraceful. There is no need to kill these animals. STOP the slaughter of the wolf!
- 136 I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY WOLF HUNTING. If you go forward with a wolf hunting season, it is my hope that the ALF will take swift and aggressive action against all hunters.
- 137 I am against wolf hunting in Minnesota! Our wildlife and forests make our state. Shooting wolves or trapping them is only going to hurt us. We are stewards of the environment. Enough wolves die each year because of natural causes. There is NO need to hunt or trap them. If people are complaining about wolves killing too many deer or their livestock, they should feel blessed instead of angry that we even have wolves in our state. If we start hunting wolves, we might as well hunt anything and everything, just have a free-for-all. The wolf hunting bill is ridiculous!! We are encroaching on their territory, not the other way around. If we don't protect what we have the state will really go to hell.
- 138 Hunting and trapping wolves is cruel.
- 139 This is just WRONG. The only reasons to kill any creature....if you are personally in danger from animal.....and the other...for much needed food. Not for sport or "bragging rights"
- 140 I am against wolf hunting season in Minnesota.
- 141 The wolf population has been stable. There is no basis for a hunting season. When the wolf was delisted, there was supposed to be a 5 year moratorium. Minnesotas want their wolf population and see them as part of the natural ecology of the state. There is no basis for this hunting season and no reason for humans to be killing them. Problem wolves are a different issue, not addressed by this method. There is never a basis for trapping.
- 142 I am against any wolf hunting/trapping.
- 143 I am not in favor of any wolf hunting season. There are few problems with wolves and these can be taken care of locally. The wolf is a special animal to Minnesota wilderness and needs to stay that way. Hunters do not need more reasons to go out and shoot guns at anything that tries to run away.It was so sad to see a hunting season on sandhill cranes and now the wolf is in danger at being shot and trapped. Trapping is very inhumane way to trap and kill an animal. We need to stop this now!

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- 144 Minnesota's wolf population (estimated to be 3000 wolves) has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. There is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. I support the closure of core habitat and the protection of collared animals and encourage buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring is being proposed by DNR even though it is not mandated by law; again, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring. Humans nearly exterminated wolves in the past, and for this reason they should remain on the endangered species list, and NEVER open to hunting.
- 145 If the wolves were under protection and had a 5 year wait there was a reason for it. If they were endangered from hunting before don't you think it will happen again? Clearly it is not the wolves that is a problem. People are taking up wolf and other animal habitat areas leading to change of their diet and home. If there are any wolf related problems there are other ways of solving it other than hunting. Once wolves were respected, what happened to that?
- 146 I do not understand that people are wanting these wolves killed. Why do they want to kill such a beautiful animal as a Wolf. Wolves help keep the wild herd animals healthy by hunting the sick, weak, old, and lame. Also by keeping them moving the wolves help keep the forests alive.
- 147 Please do not begin this process of hunting and trapping wolves.
- 148 What bothers me about the reintroduction of wolves or wolf management programs is that the programs in Minnesota or any other state with similar wolf introduction is that they all eventually end up having hunting seasons to make the outdoor sportsman happy. JUST LEAVE THE WOLVES, THE BISON AND THE GRIZZLY BEARS ALONE AND LEARN TO LIVE WITH THEM.
- 149 Just looking at and reading this presentation makes me sick! What is being pushed through is JUST PLAIN WRONG ON EVERY LEVEL! Plain and simple, this is just an excuse to provide revenue for what is sick, pathetic recreation! This is absolutely NOT a valid reason to go about gaining revenue for the State of Minnesota. It is senseless, because Minnesota has so many wonderful aspects of nature to enjoy just as it is with out killing our wolves. Minnesota is a beautiful State and we should be setting an example of how to be progressive in the choice to protect our natural resources with care and forethought. The wolves are not the problem, the people are. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to see this! Every argument in favor of a 'need' to justify a hunt at this time as opposed to the planned 5 year waiting period is just an excuse to try to justify something that is unjustifiable! Call it a hunt, call it a need, and call it anything you like. CALL IT WHAT IT REALLY IS; IT IS A SLAUGHTER! IT IS SENSELESS! DEEP DOWN YOU WHO VOTED THIS IN KNOW IT! MINNESOTA DOES NOT NEED A WOLF HUNT AND MINNESOTA DOES NOT WANT A WOLF HUNT! Listen to the people. You are in a position to do the brave thing; the brave thing is to stop this insanity right now! Men don't have to kill innocent animals to feel like 'real men'. Men will truly be brave by having a conscience, treating God's Beautiful Creatures in a humane manner, and respecting the opinions of those who voted you into office in the first place. Remember, a time will come when you can be voted out. You are not representing the people who are counting on you to do the right and admirable thing. Do not feel that you were pressured to go through with this horrific slaughter because you are afraid to admit that you were pressured by a very small minority who pressured you to push this thing through without taking the time to ask the people who make up the majority who do not want this to have the right to voice their opinion or to vote in a democratic venue, nor did you look at the big picture as to how this will impact the natural balance of nature. If you go through with this you will see that it is a huge mistake. There is no valid reason for this atrocity, massacre, bloodbath... pick a word! The use of live-traps and snares is inhumane, merciless, sadistic, cold-blooded... pick a word! It is what it is; SENSELESS KILLING FOR SPORT AND FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GAIN AT THE EXPENSE OF WHAT WAS PROMISED TO BE A PROTECTED SPECIES THAT IS NOT A THREAT AT ALL! The only threat is that to the wolves by those who are cowards and sold out! SHAME ON YOU! Thank you for letting me voice my concerns. PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! NO WOLF HUNT!
- 150 I am opposed to any trapping of wolves at any time because it is a cruel and inhumane treatment of animals.
- 151 There is no excuse for this disgusting hunt. Put your own damn inbred hillbilly foot into a trap and see how you feel. Better yet put your balls in one. I will never visit your state. You over hunt, over fish, you people are pigs. Manage your greed. The animals are just fine the way they are.
- 152 I do not support any leg, snare or equivalent trapping of wolves, ever. I believe the MN DNR should wait for 5 to 10 years before considering any wolf hunt and the issue should receive more input from the general public in a more accessible manner.
- 153 This process was ramrodded through the legislature by agenda driven zealots. Political extremism is not and never will be an acceptable basis for resource management. The possibilities for "unintended consequences" and DNR officials begging for forgiveness after the fact are extensive and wide ranging. Of course at that point the politicians will be no where to be found. NO HUNT!
- 154 Wolves are a natural part of our wild American heritage. They should NOT be trapped or hunted!
- 155 Leave the wolves alone
- 156 I do not approve of any plan to hunt wolves in MN.
- 157 It makes me sick that this has taken place. There should be a hunting season for child sex offenders and murders. They say the wolf is a predator but man is the worst by far.
- 158 I don't support any hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. The current program to have wolves removed that have preyed on livestock is all I support.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 159 Hunting wolves is bad. Trapping is even worse and extremely cruel! Both pose a great threat to pets like dogs and particularly large dogs like Malmutes. Most hunters will shoot at anything resembling a wolf.
- 160 I am VERY CONCERNED about trapping of wolves. Please read Sam Cook's article this spring about the man who was walking his dog and his dog got in a trap, and he couldn't get it off and he watched as his dog was dying and was in extreme pain and the only thing he could do was SHOOT HIS DOG ! And he was sick about it. This will happen a lot when there are traps all over the woods. How are we going to know where they are. You are supposedly killing wolves to save our dogs and we will end up with dead dogs instead We should not be trapping wolves, however any traps should be marked where they are; this is a very cruel thing to do to any animal. Trapping is barbaric and we should not treat animals this way. The number 1600 is way too low to take the wolf number down to. I suspect that the DNR really wants the fees as the wolves are really not causing problems. I do not feel you really got adequate input before making this decision. Wolves have value as part of a healthy eco system, tourism and education beyond hunting and trapping.
- 161 I am against the hunting for the Gray Wolves...I believe it is to drastic to start a hunting season on a species that had been protected for many years under the Endangered Species Act..and then to just start hunting them..This is not responsible Wildlife Management...Please consider another alternative to management than killing these very important and very beautiful animals..the Gray Wolf! Thank you for your time
- 162 What happened to public input on this important decision? I strongly OPPOSE hunting and/or trapping wolves!!! I cannot believe hunting and/or trapping of wolves will be allowed! and, especially in the Boudry Waters which is a place where people go to enjoy the wilderness and all it has to offer - including wildlife (and wolves). This is appalling! Also, trapping and snares should be banned from any type of hunting as it is an EXTREMELY IN-Humane practice of eventually killing. - - - Please reconsider putting wolves back on the protection list.
- 163 Please do not permit a wolf hunt or trapping. These creatures are the apex predators which keep balance in the other wild species. They should be allowed to live and do the job they were created to do.
- 164 Trapping should not be allowed, it is not necessary. It's 2012 - if you're going to allow hunting of wolves in order to "manage" the wolf population, that seems to be reasonable and manageable. But follow established hunting laws, rules and regulations. Trapping is inhumane and not necessary.
- 165 To Whom It May Concern: As a native Minnesotan and forty-year camper in our Minnesota northland areas, I am unalterably opposed to the hunting and trapping of Minnesota's wolves. Aldo Leopold, one of the nation's best known conservationists from neighboring Wisconsin, learned and wrote in his now famous "Sand County Almanac" in the 1940's about the symbiotic relationships between predator and prey. His early thinking was that if you reduce predator numbers you would increase the number of deer making for better hunting. What he found out later from his more systematic studies was that, indeed, reducing the predator population increased the deer population, but had the unanticipated consequence of causing severe damage to forests and cropland among other things. We need and must protect the natural balance between predators and prey; these two populations will regulate their numbers over time naturally without the need for the kind of overzealous human intervention that is proposed. Beyond the now well-known scientific evidence regarding predator and prey relationships in the wild, wolves are an important part of the mystique and beauty of the north woods experience. Wolves are symbolic of the wildness of Minnesota's treasured northland. I am greatly disturbed by the plans that permit a hunting and trapping season on Minnesota's wolf population. I am especially opposed to any form of leg-hold or body-hold trapping of wolves, that amounts to cruel and inhumane torture of this majestic predator. Surely, in the 21st century we have evolved enough in our thinking about wolves, not to permit such barbaric practices based on stereotypes or irrational fears. We are equally outraged that the Minnesota DNR has not advocated more vigorously to continue to protect the wolf population with more creative thinking. It is the hubris of our DNR and legislative leaders that leads them to believe they must "manage" the wolf population especially in the manner proposed. What harm can amount from a more long-term monitoring of the predator prey relationship involving wolves in order to assess how the two populations fluctuate and keep one another in balance over time, before implementing, if needed, a very conservative management plan? Wendell Berry, writer, academic, and environmentalist observed, "Whether we and our politicians know it or not, Nature is party to all our deals and decisions, and she has more votes, a longer memory, and a sterner sense of justice than we do." Please postpone implementing the wolf hunting and trapping proposal until longer-term studies in Minnesota are completed regarding the natural balance between the wolf population and its normal and customary prey. In any case, I remain unalterably opposed, for any reason, to a trapping season in ANY form! The integrity of the last remaining wild places in Minnesota will be further diminished if the proposed hunting and trapping season is implemented. Take a stand for Minnesota's wildlife! Thank you.
- 166 "Harvest"... we harvest corn and beans, not wolves.
- 167 I am absolutely and totally against the hunting or trapping of wolves.
- 168 I don't feel that it's right to hunt the wolves during the time when there will be pups involved. The cutting of the wolf population from 3,000 and taking 1,600 is too much and will do more harm than good to the eco system which the wolf plays a very important role. Also, if this is the cut rate of 1,600 a season, the wolf will be back on the endangered list in a very short time. If you really think about it, 3,000 is not alot of wolves in contrast to the territory that they live in. I feel this whole thing should be thought through again and if you are going to allow for them to be "taken", at least keep it humane. Traps and snares as well as other means along those lines are not humane. They cause the animal to suffer a very painful death. How would you like to be caught in one of those devices that practically cuts your limb off while you are still alive and feel every bit of the pain?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 169 I have lived and hunted deer for 45 years in Itasca county and been a MDHA member. I would rather see a live wolf than a big buck while hunting. I feel the SEASON SHOULD BE CLOSED IN ZONE 1 where the population has been stable for 10 years and only allow trapping on problem farms. There were only 80 problem farms last year. THE FEES ARE WAY TOO LOW.. Wisconsin is 3 times as high. Resident hunting for this trophy animal should be \$100 and non-residents \$500. There should be NO TRAPPING except for problem wolves. There should be NO PARTY HUNTING-the proposed no-aid party hunting is unenforceable. There should be NO HUNTING AFTER DARK OR WITH BAIT. Now that the Feds aren't involved how will the DNR ADDRESS PEOPLE THAT SHOOT AND LEAVE THEM LAY IN THE WOODS GUT SHOT without a license. Two years ago the Feds trapped the wolves north of Hill City because they attacked a few dogs. I used to enjoy hearing them howl in the Golden Anniversary State Forrest by our house. I haven't heard a wolf howl for two years. I miss that sound. I hear them up north on the Scenic highway at my cabin all the time. I urge you to go slower than proposed and see what the incidental kill is this first year. They just found the Alpha male wolf on Isle Royal dead in a mine shaft. The pack was in disarray because of this. The same will happen when you open the season on wolves. I resubmitted this because I wasn't sure the first one was sent. R L
- 170 We are opposed to allowing Minnesota Gray Wolves to be hunted and trapped after just being taken off the Endangered Species List. It is too soon, we don't believe enough study has been done to ensure that open season on the wolves will not quickly cause a significant decline in their population and cause a ripple effect in our ecosystem. From what we've read the legislation passed in 2011 to allow immediate hunting and trapping of wolves after delisting was not well thought out and important input from knowledgeable wildlife groups wasn't given serious consideration. The wolf population has not even been accurately counted since 2007 so we don't know just how well their numbers are doing now. A limited, biased and unfair survey was done enabling this process to push wolf hunting and trapping through. We are very disappointed that certain representatives and our governor have allowed this bill to pass so quickly. This issue should have been approached with caution, too much damage can be done to the ecosystem. While the damage might not show up dramatically right away, it could be far reaching and take decades to fix. It would be much wiser and safer to wait, do the necessary research and observation, and make sure the wolf population can sustain and thrive even with a hunting and trapping season.
- 171 The killing of wolves in our beautiful state is cruel and unnecessary. The idea of trapping any animal, let alone a wolf, is sickening and brutal. Have you ever come across an animal left to die in a trap? Let nature continue to balance the wolf population and keep human hands out of it.
- 172 This entire process is flawed and wolf hunting should not be allowed in Minnesota under any circumstances. Thank you
- 173 I am against any form of hunting or trapping wolves. please reconsider the decision and stop this from happening.
- 174 This process is seriously flawed. Wolves should remain unhunted in the state of Minnesota. I DO NOT support wolf hunting in Minnesota.
- 175 Any state who participates in Wolf Hunting Seasons, we will personally post as a state who promotes senseless wildlife killing and will ask that people take their tourism dollars and vacation plans to areas who do listen to what the "people want" rather than what the government and a select few lobbyists want.
- 176 I have loved wolves all my life and love going up to the boundary waters or up north and hearing them in the distance. I think wolves are a part of nature and helps to keep everything in the wild balanced. It would make me so sad to see these beautiful creatures hunted. You know people will abuse it and much more will be killed than they are saying.
- 177 I think allowing the hunting of an animal that has JUST been removed from the endangered species list is not intelligent. Hunting to keep an animal population under control to keep animals from otherwise starving to death is one thing, but the "sport" of going into a natural habitat to kill is barbaric.
- 178 I urge the DNR to not that is NOT have any wolf hunting in the state of Minnesota. Please put your time, effort and money into stopping the spread of exotic invasive species that is threatening our entire state ecosystem,

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 179 I am not in favor of a wolf hunting and trapping season in Minnesota. I am not a hunter, but I do not object to the hunting of deer, game birds and waterfowl (with some exceptions). However, the season established by the 2012 Minnesota Legislature for the taking of wolves in Minnesota is, I believe, grossly negligent in its consideration of modern comprehensive conservation management practices as a whole. Consider:
- This DNR public comment process gives participants no direction as to how the comments will be received, tabulated and further reported and/or what impact those comments received may have on the upcoming season or on future hunting seasons. These comments, their volume and content, are an important socio-political consideration for examining public perception and future viability of this taking season or any other.
 - The potential for grossly under-reporting total harvest exists with any species that may be vilified by the public, irrationally feared or otherwise wrongly viewed as a competitive threat to primary target species (deer, moose, elk, etc.). If no accurate count of Minnesota timberwolves exists, how will the public know whether 400 legal turns out to be 1,000 taken?
 - Recent peer-reviewed studies have shown that the indiscriminate hunting and taking of wolves, a socially advanced pack animal, is highly disruptive to the function of the pack. It is likely that hunting pressure on wolves will actually contribute to a higher incidence of domestic and farm animal predation, which will in turn cause further public pressure for greater reductions in wolf numbers. It seemed strange that international wolf expert David Mech left this information out of his public testimony, nor was he so asked by any of legislators participating in the public hearings of the Environmental subcommittees that received his and others' testimony.
 - Current regulations registration requirements for non-target species taking (either by firearm or by trapping and snaring) do not exist under this plan. The plan shows no particular consideration for other federally protected endangered or threatened Minnesota species (the Canada Lynx, for example) and what impact 6,000 additional licensed hunters or trappers may have on those species.
 - The DNR has shown little effort for bettering the public understanding of the timberwolf as a pinnacle Minnesota species, its importance to the viability of the ecosystem it dominates and to the positive (yes, positive) impact it has on health and vigor or the prey species on which it relies. To the contrary, it seems state legislators have fallen prey to the least common denominator (think deer hunting lobby) in finding direction for "predator control" and "predator management," two concepts that, with our greater understanding, would be better left in the dust of the 20th century.
 - In a world under the continuing threats of overpopulation, deforestation, desertification and mass extinctions of the likes we have never seen before, the world looks to us (Minnesota included) for taking an ecosystem-based approach to conservation planning and practices. Our large predators world-wide are in peril. Trophy hunting seasons (which is what this is essentially) are in no way the answer for all of us to persist together. I have no doubt that the hunting and trapping season as proposed will cause the further decline and disappearance of the timberwolf in Minnesota. Wolves as a whole will not be lost. They are resilient. But what this season does do is put undue stress on a recovering specie in which we are so fortunate to share our land. The opportunities for gaining a better understanding for future management and recovery efforts of all kinds of species relies on us keeping the timberwolf a whole and functioning piece of our environment puzzle. I hope our legislators can one day again see the forest for the trees and take a stand against this unnecessary
- 180 I have lived and hunted deer for 45 years in Itasca county and been a MDHA member. I would rather see a live wolf than a big buck while hunting. I feel the SEASON SHOULD BE CLOSED IN ZONE 1 where the population has been stable for 10 years and only allow trapping on problem farms. There were only 80 problem farms last year. THE FEES ARE WAY TOO LOW.. Wisconsin is 3 times as high. Resident hunting for this trophy animal should be \$100 and non-residents \$500. There should be NO TRAPPING except for problem wolves. There should be NO PARTY HUNTING-the proposed no-aid party hunting is unenforceable. There should be NO HUNTING AFTER DARK OR WITH BAIT. Now that the Fed's aren't involved how will the DNR ADDRESS PEOPLE THAT SHOOT AND LEAVE THEM LAY IN THE WOODS GUT SHOT without a license. Two years ago the Fed's trapped the wolves north of Hill City because they attacked a few dogs. I used to enjoy hearing them howl in the Golden Anniversary State Forrest by our house. I haven't heard a wolf howl for years. I miss that sound. I hear them up north on the Scenic highway at my cabin all the time. I urge you to go slower than proposed and see what the incidental kill is this first year. They just found the Alpha male wolf on Isle Royal dead in a mine shaft. The pack was in disarray because of this. The same will happen when you open the season on wolves.
- 181 Wolves like many animals may hunt for their food, its part of the food chain. I feel these animals should not be hunted. Hunters (animals) are part of a food chain, I feel humans forget that. There are other animals out there where the wolves are part of their food supply process. This hunting lottery is a way for gamers to play, its a kill for fun license. Deer hunting people do this as a food supply process. wolves are being hunted for fun, not food supply for humans.
- 182 I VERY strongly oppose a hunting/trapping season for wolves in Minnesota. PLEASE protect the wolves that we have worked for so many years to save and bring back from extinction. Don't go BACKWARDS!!! Thank you.
- 183 I heard that people still kill wolves even when they are not to be hunted! Why do we kill wolves-for their meat? No-for their fur and for the fun!!! What a waste of a beautiful animal!!!! I say NO to the hunt! Shame on those who want it! And they probably are hunters!!!! NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 197 I don't support the trapping of wolves. The use of traps cause horrible suffering. Furthermore traps can entangle other animals including domesticated... for example dogs. Hunting wolves is much more difficult than trapping, so what. Let those who want to hunt be sporting about it and meet the challenge.
- 198 This plan is flawed, please review plans to hunt and trap at all.
- 199 I would only support wolf hunting if the hunter is required to wear a raw pork chop around his neck for bait and use his bare hands to hunt the wolf. This policy would have the added benefit of reducing the population of bloodthirsty Minnesota redneck wolf hunters.
- 200 Not to mention the 5 year waiting period after wolves were de-listed there are serious flaws in this plan, and trapping should be unacceptable regardless of the "game" animal. These creatures have the same rights to be here as you and I and also the same claim to deer and elk populations. I saw 2 wolves when I visited Minnesota and it was a magical experience that I will never forget. Ask yourselves- WHY are you afraid of the big bad wolf?
- 201 I oppose any hunting or trapping of Minnesota's wolf population, which has been stable for more than a decade. There is no scientific evidence to support the need for a hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. I do support the closure of core habitat and the protection of collared animals and encourage buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring is being proposed even though there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring. Please reconsider your position on this unnecessary action and do the right thing for your state, your citizens and most importantly, the wolves.
- 202 If the wolf population is stable, why the desperate need for a hunt? I can't help but believe we are just appeasing the NRA and those who want something new to hunt for "sport." I also abhor baiting and trapping. What a cruel, painful, horrid thing to do to another living being. Are we so above all else that we have the right to treat another this way? It's disgusting! Would you want that done to your dog? Of course not. Why is any other living animal different??? We need to abolish canned hunting also. Sick!
- 203 Just so I understand; 6000 hunters going after 400 Wolves, and you expect the hunters to check their e-mail or a text message to see how many have been killed and to not kill a wolf once the limit has been reached? Common sense tells me this is a bad idea and its just not going to work; one reason is that I can't even get a cell signal in my basement, how do you expect someone in the middle of the Boudry Waters to check their e-mail. We just don't need to kill wolves.
- 204 This is shameful.. Shame on you guys for destroying for our children wildlife ..Others made sure you got to enjoy our nature and you intend to destroy our wildlife for the next generations.They deserve life ,just as you deserve life from other people harming you... Shame on you
- 205 I don't support wolf hunting season in MN.
- 206 I believe that this is a despicable and inhumane proposal! I don't see how the previous ruling to protect the wolves can be overturned! This is an outrage and if more people knew about this ruling,they would agree! You can bet that I will now start informing people about this and many other unfair rulings being proposed! How inhumane and uncivilized we have become.We have become the predators,not the wolves! Shame on you,Minnesota if this law is passed.
- 207 There is nothing worse than trapping. Anything can wonder into a trap, not just a wolf. It is a slow, painful death.
- 208 I understand why you have decided to have a wolf hunting season, and I'm not necessarily objecting to it. What I do object to is the use of steel jaw traps. I support hunting, but I don't support trapping. I consider it needlessly cruel and inhuman and, frankly, unsportsmanlike.
- 209 Please do not extend the season to include a later season and limit the amount of wolves killed 400 is to many. no proof shown that many need be killed. JUst satisfying hunters and trappers is this is.
- 210 at least 4 tribes in mn have said no wolf hunting on their reservations or ceded lands. please respect the decision of the tribes to terminate wolf hunting within the reservation boindaries.
- 211 You've stated that the wolf population has 'remained relatively stable for the past 10 years', therefore, you can't cite control of the population as a reason for opening a hunting season on wolves. Your conclusion that a wolf season is necessary to control wolf population, and that it is a conservative approach and consistent with the state's wolf management plan is fallacious.
- 212 I think it is wrong to open a hunting season on wolves. We must continue to protect these beautiful animals. People will hunt them for their fur-it is disgusting.
- 213 wolves are necessary for all wildlife and eco system without them the eco system fails ,and more animals suffer including deer. wolves are still endangered, hunting should be banned
- 214 Please don't hunt wovles! I am very much against this action.
- 215 STOP!!! Stop the hunt. It is so sad that with all the knowledge we possess as a people we still engage in hunting wolves. When will we learn? I vote no. NO HUNT. Thank you.
- 216 Trapping should not be allowed. Animals suffer terribly until trapper arrives to kill them.
- 217 No time like the present to cross Minnesota off the list of prospective tourist destinations. Thanks for the advance notice.
- 218 As an advocate for the preservation of the species, not sure of they need to have any hunting season as it was also stated that the wolf population has been stable for the last decade. Feel that the wolf population may actually stabilize your deer population...there is a need for the predators in the natural balance.
- 219 No reason to waste tax dollars on Wolf hunting. Allow nature to mage itself and do not sell out to pseudo willdlife gaming/hunting industry. Pls keep Minnesota wild!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 220 please do not allow hunting or trapping of wolves. they are extremely valued in our ecosystems and help other species live.
- 221 I do not support this idea whatsoever. Please do not allow for this hunt to happen.
- 222 This survey is crap! One question dedicated to whether or not you are ok with hunting wolves and all the rest is about when to hunt them. You already have your minds made up and don't care about the current 5 year waiting period. You're opening the gates to just have the wolves end right back up on the list! You think people are going to just up and stop when your "quota" is reached? No! They are going to keep hunting until they get that animals skin since it's been taboo for so long now. Give them at least the 5 years we promised them. They need to get their population up before we just harvest them. Their crop is not ready yet! They deserve a chance.
- 223 I oppose any trapping and hunting
- 224 I think the entire process for public input was flawed. Hunting wolves will put them back on the endangered list.
- 225 There should not be any hunting season on wolves. They should be on federal protection lists.
- 226 I am very against hunting, trapping shooting killing wolves. Shooting is bad enough, but there is no reason what so ever for anyone setting a trap for an animal. It is inhumane and cruel. Also what happens when traps are forgotten, misplaced, etc. Another human or animal could happen upon it and be hurt or tortured. This is a very sad representation of the State of Minnesota.
- 227 stop hunting wolves period!
- 228 If the wolf population has remained unchanged during it's time on the endangered species act, then WHY do they need to now be managed? They are doing a great job keeping their numbers constant to the prey population. The DNR does NOT know how to manage anything, except bow down to the hunter groups to declare open season on this highly intelligent animal.
- 229 THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY SEASON ON WOLFS, THEIR NUMBERS ARE STILL TO LOW,FURTHERMORE NATURE WILL AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTROL THE POPULATION OF ANY AND ALL WILDLIFE, IT WORKS....
- 230 Please do not trap and hunt the wolves.
- 231 I DO NOT think that there should be a hunting season on wolves at all.
- 232 I don't believe that Minnesota should kill wolves at all. I don't understand why people want to kill animals that are so important to the ovverall ecology.
- 233 I am against a wolf hunting season in MN.
- 234 I strongly oppose this.
- 235 Stop this wolf hunt now. It is cruel and inhumane. First they were endangered and now you want to hunt them because there are too many. Get a life and worry about the more important things that matter to poor people, handicapped people, and people in need.
- 236 I stongly believe that this hunt is unacceptable and panders to hunters and trappers. It has taken decades to rebuild the wolf population and the 5 year period without hunting should remain in place. Hunting of the wolves at this point in time is wrong and short-sighted. Minnesota should stand up for real conservation measures and reach for the goal of longterm stability in the wolf population before any hunts are allowed.
- 237 This is wrong and we shouldn't interfere with mother nature. it never works out when we do.
- 238 HUNTING WOLVES FOR SPORT IS TOTALLY WRONG.
- 239 Trapping is needlessly cruel. Minnesota will lose tourism money if this is allowed. There is already an active ban on states that have trapping on wolves and other wildlife. Trapping gives an unfair advantage to the trapper. A trapped animal suffers in pain until the trapper checks their traps. The trapped animal is then "dispatched" in very cruel and abusive ways (cattle prods, strangulation, or crushing the wolf's throat and chest by standing on it). Wolves are not taken for food they are taken for their pelt or hide. It's disgusting to think of all of the public money that went in to saving them just to put a few bucks into a heartless trappers pocket. When the wolves are gone no one will help bring them back if this is the outcome for a so called recovered animal. That ban on the wolf killing states that I mentioned earlier it's not just the US, it's world-wide.
- 240 There should not be a hunting or trapping season for wolves.
- 241 What a waste of public effort and money! For what, a few lottery bucks? The project management likely cost more. Please cancel wolf hunt.
- 242 There is no need for a wolf season in MN. At the very least, the 5 year waiting period should be reinstated.
- 243 NO WOLF HUNTING.....PERIOD
- 244 The hunting and trapping of precious gray wolves in Minnesota is deplorable and barbaric. I will not support the decision to hunt or trap.
- 245 The Wolves were here first! Find other ways besides killing to "control" the population that no longer has lost its natural way of succession!!!!
- 246 I would prefer there were no late season. Please consider discontinuing the option to trap. I don't support the use of leg traps in any situation. Thank you.
- 247 I am totally opposed to the execution of innocent wolves. This is outrageous. No to the wolf hunt. Protect our animals from this targeted execution.
- 248 STOP THIS CRAZINESS OF A WOLF HUNT!!!! IT IS WRONG AND TOTALLY UNECESSARY!!!!!!
- 249 STOP THEWOLF HUNT. IT IS VERY WRONG AND UNNECESSARY!!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 250 This is despicable. Allowing deer hunters to take pot shots at a recently endangered animal makes me sick. We should be ashamed of ourselves. When I start hitting wolves with my car instead of deer in northern Minnesota I may start to think there are too many. Don't allow this!
- 251 No hunting and no trapping of wolves. Mother Nature knows how to manage wildlife. Humans playing yo-yo with hunting to extinction, then protecting the endangered animals, then allowing hunting again. The arrogance of humans are creating our own eco problems.
- 252 I do not support any trapping legislation in the state of MN and certainly do NOT support a wolf hunt of any means.
- 253 As a 5th generation born & raised Minnesotan, I am appalled by the state legislature removing the 5 year waiting period after the wolf was de-listed, before any decision was to be made about hunting and/or trapping our wolves. I am further appalled that our legislature fast-tracked the hunt to begin right away this Fall 2012. The forces in our legislature who forced this wolf hunt thru do NOT represent the will of the majority of Minnesotans. They are merely representing a small fraction of business interests/farmers, & the more radical of hunting groups (MANY hunters are NOT interested in hunting the wolf). Many of the forces that drive our legislature to dictate these mandates to our DNR are NOT EVEN FROM MINNESOTA. THEY ARE OUTSIDE GROUPS. Minnesota wolves were hunted & trapped down to only 600 native wolves 40 yrs ago when they had to be listed on the Endangered Species Act in order to save them. Minnesota is the only state, in the lower 48, where we still have our native wolf population. THAT is something to be so proud of & to protect & respect. After being listed for 40 yrs, there are still only 3,000 wolves in our state versus 5.3 MILLION people. It is utterly greedy & outrageous that our legislature looks at those numbers & determines we must decrease the number of WOLVES! This 3,000 wolf population has remained steady for the last 10 yrs, ergo, it is NOT increasing, so it does NOT need to be reduced by the artificial means of hunting & CRUEL trapping. If you kill 400 wolves out of a total of only 3,000, you are killing 13.3%, which is an absurdly large percentage to be killing, to satisfy a few farmers (who, by the way, are farming in the wolves' territory, NOT vice-versa). Also, if you randomly trap & hunt wolves (instead of only targeting so-called "problem" wolves), you will be taking out some of the Alpha wolves & more experienced leaders of the various wolf packs, which will only lead to chaos in the pack. The result will be much less experienced, younger wolves going rogue & hunting where they are not supposed to (ie; killing live-stock). I would assume that many of those working for the DNR have degrees in Wildlife Biology & Ecology and are more than aware of this fact. Yet, you are choosing to ignore it, in the face of nasty forces in our legislature bullying you into allowing this hunting & trapping! The forces in the legislature don't even know, nor do they care, what they are talking about and they do NOT represent the majority of Minnesotans. If this wolf hunting & trapping had been put to a referendum of the people in this state, it would've been voted down. Why do you think Minnesotans voted for our Legacy Amendment & our Critical Habitat License Plates?? We did those things because we want our wildlife & it's habitat to be preserved forever. Minnesota tourism business thrives on our gorgeous natural areas & the wolves that live here. Minnesota tourism businesses earn FAR MORE MONEY on people coming here for a chance to see & photograph our wolves, NOT TO HUNT THEM OR TRAP THEM. It's truly hypocritical that Americans preach to 3rd world countries like Costa Rica that they must save THEIR natural habitats & species because of eco-tourism & yet, when given the chance ourselves to save the wolves & their habitat for the very same reason, we instead let the narrow, tiny interests hunt & trap our wolves! Lastly, I'd like to close by saying that our state is OVER-RUN BY DEER, NOT by wolves. Let the wolves follow their ecological food chain destiny & kill for food, more of our ubiquitous deer! As an avid Minnesota trail hiker, I've got Lyme Disease & Anaplasmosis thanks to all of our deer ticks from our massively over-populated deer, so it truly makes me angry for that reason, as well, that you would allow the ignorant fools in the legislature to kill our wolves, when our wolves should be allowed to kill our deer! I am NOT anti-hunting. I wish you
- 254 I don't approve of opening wolf season at all. It's not clear why the 5-year protection has been lifted. If it's simply a money thing (as in license fees), that's a cold-minded reason. I support letting the wolves live in peace for the originally proposed 5 years. There was a REASON why the 5-year hiatus was proposed. This should be determined by professionals, not random legislators with selfish intentions.
- 255 I am very against this hunt. Wolves were JUST removed from the endangered species list. The waiting period of 5 years should have been enforced! This is tragic and disappointing. Killing for fun and pelts is a disgrace. Next, we'll have "too many deer" and you'll want to hunt more of them too.
- 256 Do the right thing and stop the wolf hunt before it begins. Before it's too late. For once...act smart. Act fast. Act with compassion. For once, please just do the right thing. Stop it now because it's the right thing to do, and the few bucks the State will bring in for licenses, and stoking the egos of a few trophy hunters is not worth the loss of even one wolf. Not even one. Stop this now. For the best reason of all...because it's the right thing to do. Please. Just stop.
- 257 I believe it is a mistake to start any season prior to a 5 year waiting period which would allow the wolf population to settle into its own pattern before human intercession. I am against trapping in general as the animal suffers more than being shot outright.
- 258 This is disgusting. Thankfully, I'm not a wolf. Do NOT allow this!
- 259 The attack by Minnesotans on wolves is deplorable. Firearm hunting is bad enough, but trapping should be considered criminal. It is cruel, inhumane and dangerous to other animals and humans. I would like to challenge anyone who would deny that. Our state must look at why we permit it. That will be my next pursuit.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 260 We do not need a Wolf season at all in Minnesota. Why on earth would we spend so much time and energy to bring them back only to hunt them? There is no real reason to hunt the wolf other than their pelt and that is not a good enough reason to kill them. They do not pose a significant threat to livestock or humans. Furthermore, they are not a threat to the deer population as they only weed out the weak deer, making the deer population more healthy by natural selection. The fines for poaching Wolves are ridiculously low. Poaching wolves is a serious crime and should be fined accordingly. The fine should be \$5000. A Wolf hunting season only furthers old myths about the wolf and its role in the wild and I urge the DNR to stop it.
- 261 I want to see no hunting or trapping of wolves who have finally rebounded to a reasonable number. If there has to be one way to "harvest"(really hate that word in relation to living, sentient creatures), I would choose hunting as trapping is an incredibly inhumane way to kill anything, including domestic animals trapped by mistake. It is something out of the 19th century and I would love to see it banned.
- 262 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped.
- 263 I am completely against ANY wolf season.
- 264 I am deeply disgusted with this proposed hunting season and the way it was pushed through the legislature so quickly after de-listing the wolf. Please explain why the original 5 year waiting period had to be abandoned? Exactly WHY is there all the urgency to get out there and kill wolves? The survey itself is a fantastic illustration of the fact that the DNR - as it currently stands - is for the hunters and run by hunters. Please remember that you work for ALL of us in Minnesota; not just the minority of Minnesotans who are hunters.
- 265 Yah, leave them live out their lives naturally. Don't harvest them.
- 266 PLEASE leave the wolves alone. We do not have trouble with them, we spent a lot of money protecting them and now all this money to hunt them. PLEASE focus our states money on areas that are important and LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 267 The DNR should not have removed the wolves from the endangered list and then immediately opened a hunting season. The law provided a 5 year wait period and we should have followed the wait period. The quota numbers are excessive given the estimated size of the MN wolf population. Since the DNR insisted on opening hunting in the same year as the delisting - the quota should not exceed 100 wolves.
- 268 A wolf season makes no sense to me. Wolves are not consumed as are deer and other game animals. Problem wolves can be killed as in the past. This is a needless cruel blood sport that only appeals to the most craven individuals. I suspect that many wolves will be killed and not registered. Wolves are an important part of the natural ecology and seem to have plateaued in numbers already.
- 269 I am totally opposed to having a hunting season on wolves. In addition, I'm totally opposed to the trapping of ANY animals.
- 270 I am a tax paying citizen who enjoys our natural resources of our state. I fully oppose all forms of wolf hunting. I have had farm animals, domestic animals and am an avid hiker and outdoorsperson and I consider this hunt/trap proposal to be dangerous to my animals and myself. Wolves are a natural part of our environment, and if we start to "cull the herd" because some people's lobbying efforts for their own personal purposes have solicited the intervention of some of our elected officials, we interfere with a natural process and set off something we didn't bargain for. Farmers already have compensation for their losses. And my pets run a greater risk of trapping injuries and deaths than any attack by a wolf or pack. Seriously. Let's not call this something it is not; a new sport for the entertainment of the few at the detriment of the many.
- 271 I'm for culling the wolf population to keep it in balance but against the use of traps to do so. It is cruel. Other incentives to hunt wolves should be offered and the use of trapping should be only a last resort not part of an initial plan. I have seen trapped animals before and it is sickening.
- 272 If the population has been stable for 10 years why are we fixing something that isn't broke. Seems this is driven by REVENUE!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 273 KILLING THE WOLF - In those days we had never heard of passing up a chance to kill a wolf. In a second we were pumping lead into the pack, but with more excitement than accuracy; how to aim a steep downhill shot is always confusing. When our rifles were empty, the old wolf was down, and a pup was dragging a leg into impassable side-rocks. We reached the old wolf in time to watch a fierce green fire dying in her eyes. I realized then, and have known ever since, that there was something new to me in those eyes—something known only to her and to the mountain. I was young then, and full of trigger-itch; I thought that because fewer wolves meant more deer, that no wolves would mean hunters' paradise. But after seeing the green fire die, I sensed that neither the wolf nor the mountain agreed with such a view. Leopold, Aldo: A Sand County Almanac, and Sketches Here and There, 1948, Oxford University Press, New York, 1987, pp. 129-132. The Humane Society of the United States reports that for every target animal trapped, two-three non-target animals are trapped, including many domestic pets. Furthermore, the International Laws of Hunting and Trapping establish that animal pain should be minimized and trapped or otherwise helpless animals should never be killed. The MN wolf hunt allows use of snares which tighten their grip with each movement and lead to disembowelment, dismemberment, decapitation, slow strangulation, other. Many snared animals remain alive in agonizing, unimaginable pain. Trappers are by no means alone in extending pain. "Gut shooting" involves prolonging suffering by aiming away from the head and heart, and evidence of this is seen through smiling hunters' proud pictures. This violates ethical standards of decency, breaks international laws of hunting and trapping, and promotes unspeakable animal cruelty! Wolves are highly social animals with strong attachments to mates and pups. This makes wolf hunts even worse because mates and pups grieve missing wolves while also suffering economic hardships. Images of grieving wolves are heartbreaking. The purpose of the wolf hunt is for predator control. Although many believe that the wolf is a livestock killer, it is responsible for less than one percent of livestock mortality. Plus, there are scientifically tested-validated humane alternatives to address the low livestock predation that does occur (Defenders of Wildlife, September 2008; Wildlife Damage Management, Colorado State University; Wolf Depredation Management, dissertation). Not only that, more than 90 percent of wolf attacks can be predicted by location factors (Adrian Treves' oral presentation, February 2012). When a wolf kills another animal, typically the weakest available, the food feeds a wolf family, pack and many other animals in the ecosystem. These are the predation facts. The wolf is not a major livestock predator, humane alternatives for low predation exist and the proposed trapping methods are cruel and violate hunting-trapping standards, and wolf killing further victimizes partners and pups.
- 274 We should not be hunting wolves in MN at all.
- 275 It is ridiculous to open the hunting season on wolves in MN. They are an important part of the environment. Look for alternate methods to help farmers or others who have complaints. STOP STOP STOP STOP THE KILLING OF OUR WOLVES PLEASE
- 276 Why do the wolves need to be trapped? Trapping is cruel and barbaric. Who will be enforcing the not shooting of wolves when the season has ended? How will you know when wolves are killed when they are not supposed to be? Why can't there be education for people on how to live with the wolves instead of fearing and killing them? I volunteer for the education process.
- 277 Wolf Hunting is a cruel idea by the DNR.
- 278 Trapping of wolves is unfair and cruel - do not allow trapping of any kind to control wolves. Control should only be hunting and it should have waited the 5 years after taking the wolves off the endangered species list
- 279 I have been a Deer and Grouse hunter in Mn. since 1964. I think a Wolf hunting season is the most pathetic excuse for thoughtless killing by the people who have to shoot something. We responsible hunters have all known these types of hunters or sportsmen as they call themselves. They do not think about wildlife as wildlife and the place it has in nature. Timber wolves need to comeback to 5 to 10 times the number they are now at. The Wolf is truly a magnificent animal, a Family animal, that lives without hardly ever being seen by the overpopulated humans who are stealing thier habitat every year. The wolf does not make a dent in the overall deer population compared to hunters and vehicle accidents. It is supposed to be there in nature. Why not have a season on eagles? My God they ruining out fishing resource. Trapping wolves is even more senseless than hunting them. What a cowardly wanton waste of one the smartest Family creatures in nature. I have known some of these pathetic people who have to shoot something and they always have an excuse for killing a porcupine for example, it might quill someones dog, no you saw it in a tree during deer season and had to shoot something, or hawks steal other birds eggs, or red squirrels might chew into your house, they always have some rational for shooting anything that comes around. This wolf season is 100% wrong and I for one will never buy another hunting license in Mn. Cabelas and Gander Mountain will still survive and sell plenty of rifles and scopes without a Wolf season in the name of "sportsmanship"
- 280 107 wolves as of June 6 (see cattlemen's website) have already been killed and you do not need to hunt them. Hunting will only make it harder for the packs to survive as the winters become warmer. Stop this madness and be real natural resource people instead of Dilberts.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 281 There has to be a better way to manage our wolf population. What is the hurry? Greedy hunters needing target practice? How about pleasing the ranchers and farmers with the use of guard dogs, llamas or checking how the state of Wyoming manages to co-exist with wolves. Reimbursement programs? It is INHUMANE to TRAP wolves and you KNOW that not all trappers are checking their traps. Citizens in our loved the "up north" feeling and felt privileged when wolves actually allowed them to SEE THEM! They are majestic creatures with a strong sense of community and family. As humans, we could take lessons from the wolf! Shame on the legislators who quickly and quietly pass this law. Friends and relatives from all over the United States visited Minnesota because of the wolves. They are all sick about this hunting and TRAPPING decision!!! (As hunters, we are fearful of the TRAPS as our hunting dogs are in danger while grouse hunting.) WHY has the State of Minnesota reacted so fast? WHYf have you not done the research on other states handling of the wolf population?
- 282 This survey is biased towards supporting a recreational hunting/trapping season. If you answer no to the first question there should be a series of questions regarding why. Minnesota's wolf population has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. While I support the management problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. A significant portion of their range should be closed to hunting/trapping and believe there should be buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring is being proposed by DNR even though it is not mandated by law; again, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring. I will boycott the state of Minnesota and encourage others to do so if the DNR proposals are made final.
- 283 I do not support a hunting season for MN's wolves.
- 284 I am not a hunter but I would hope everyone could agree that leghold traps are inhumane and brutal and cause an animal needless stress, fear and terrible pain. These traps should be outlawed and I don't understand why the DNR does not seem to want to do this. No animal should be subject to this kind of treatment. There are other ways to control wolf population as I am sure you are aware. Why not be better stewards of animals under your control.
- 285 This is disgusting.
- 286 I can understand the necessity for wolf control. Hunting with firearms during other[deer] seasons seems to be a logical solution. Under no conditions would I feel comfortable with trapping or snaring. These methods are cruel and inhumane and cause the animals unnecessary pain and suffering. If 'harvesting' wolves is required, firearms hunting seems so much more humane.
- 287 Thank you for protecting the wolves.
- 288 Killing wolves is not acceptable.
- 289 The population has stabilized itself already, so why is this hunt even being allowed? Hunting wolves will upset the balance of nature, so I'm assuming that this is a Republican initiative. In other words, it's just plain stupid.
- 290 Wolf hunting is not necessary, period. The usual excuse is that wolves need to be "managed" so that they do not overpopulate. Well, your own presentation admits that Minnesota's wolf population has been STABLE. The wolves are not going to breed without limit and starve themselves out; experience demonstrates that natural processes (such as limited breeding when the population density grows too high) are capable of doing all that is necessary to regulate the population. This STABLE population has not destroyed hunting or ranching in the state, and a hunt could actually make the situation worse by breaking up and weakening packs, making them more likely to seek easy prey such as livestock. Wolves present minimal danger to people, and given the number of serious hunting accidents that occur every year, a hunting season is not a good way to deal with any threat they do pose. I am even more opposed to the trapping season; while hunting at least offers the chance of a quick death, trapping results in the animal waiting hours or days for his killer to arrive, sometimes with painful injuries. Traps have also been responsible for the injury or death of many pets. I repeat, there is absolutely no need to kill wolves, making this planned hunt nothing more than state-sanctioned blood sport. What will you do next, legalize dog-fighting?
- 291 Trapping is not Hunting - a wolf is not a rabbit. Any real hunter would tell you that trapping is not hunting and is used for rodent control, I am disappointed that trapping was even considered. Obviously the intent of the DNR is to wipe out portions of the population with the easiest means possible - Why not allow poisoning? I do not think that open hunting itself should be allowed for such an animal as this, Hunting should cost \$1,000 to 2,5000 for a Kill and \$500 minimum license cost required for all members of a hunting party. Out of season or hunting without a license should be a \$5,000.00 fine + possibly jail sentence of 5 days or community service of 30 days at a animal rescue shelter. Some of the revenue can be used for maintaining the population & supporting farmer claims for cattle kills by wolves. Hardship exception for Farmers (Proof of cattle kill required) can be given with a opportunity to allow a Hunt for the specific pack responsible - DNR personnel Farmer organized group supervised by a DNR person or open to public hunting party (permits required at above cost) to be allowed to remove or reduce the pack size, emphasis should be on management not removal of the pack. Trapping of Wolves should be banned unless it is intended to be LIVE trapping for relocation. Again Trapping is not hunting - this is seen by the public as open slaughter of the animal and is un-humane. I am shocked that the DNR is supporting the trapping concept at all and will reconsider any future donations to the DNR because of this lack of intelligence on the DNR management part. I will be shifting my original DNR donations to other organizations dedicated to fighting this injustice or dedicated to changing the DNR management. Disappointed Minnesota Hunter

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 292 Your entire process is flawed. The 5-year moratorium needs to be re-instated. Sport is not a good enough reason to rush headlong into a hunting season that "benefits" a very few people and is detrimental to all the other citizens of this state. What's going to happen when the alpha males and females from packs are killed? Juveniles will become the leaders; and that could lead to more problems between wolves and people. The wolves are a very social animal with pack structure. If that structure is destroyed by killing the leaders, the entire pack may be destroyed or disbanded, causing problems. I do NOT agree that any hunting (including trapping) should take place in the BWCA. Hunting is cruel; trapping is horrendous. It is the most horrible thing one can do to another.
- 293 Despite the hunting of animals as being cruel and barbaric, the wolves have just been taken off the endangered species list. To instate a hunting season so soon would be catastrophic. Wolves would end up back on the endangered list almost immediately. Please do NOT offer a hunting season for wolves.
- 294 I grew up hunting and fishing but do not support hunting/harvesting wolves.
- 295 Don't kill wolves!
- 296 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes Region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. The population is not stable and cannot sustain this type of "reduction". Wolves are critical to a balanced system. The methods for "reduction" are barbaric, inhumane and unnecessary.
- 297 The DNR needs to stop this hunting and trapping plan and get a handle on how wolves will be affected with the more liberal wolf control policies now that the wolf is no longer under federal protection. Why are you letting the few legislators bullying you into over-riding your original plan? You do not have the resources to manage this hunt and count charade without the feds paying for it anyway. Make money off of the wolf as a living ecologically active species. Grow some courage and stand up to the bullies in the legislature. Trapping really? Now you have opened it up for all of MN to see what you do to the wildlife you promote : a mistake.
- 298 The wolf population is still fragile. There are not enough to indiscriminately shoot - and worse! - trap them. I don't know who greased the palm of who to get wolves off the endangered list, but that was a travesty! Get the wolves relisted as endangered and let them live their lives!
- 299 There are alternatives to protecting livestock other than killing healthy wolves. In my opinion these other options should be explored further rather than allowing people to exterminate what they consider is a pest species. There will always be threats to livestock and destroying the ecosystem is just not a good way of getting around these problems. Likewise, as an avid hiker with my dogs the prospect of hidden traps deeply concerns me (besides my opinion of them being an extremely inhumane form of hunting). I can put reflective gear on my dogs to avoid gun issues, traps have no such logic. And as they are a safety hazard to me and my dogs, they are to many animals other than wolves. Wolves keep populations of game healthy, while humans hunters go for the strongest/biggest/etc looking animals. I think it is worth it to have healthy game to hunt rather than huge but weak populations.
- 300 Please, The monetary gains will be overshadowed by the long losses of this precious animal that like us make this beautiful ecosystem where we live. Who are we to decide the number of animal that should live ? are we god ? we should respect our ecosystem, so it can also respect us and give us back. But if we are taking at the price of the blood of this animal that been living for hundreds of years in this territory we are also taking a part of us that at the long run neither with all the money of this world we will be able to ring it back. Please reconsider this, and respect nature.
- 301 I am all for humane hunting, but having such a large quota and such a long season is unreasonable. Besides, trapping is not only inhumane but dangerous for our area! Please do not allow these hunting regulations to pass!
- 302 Trapping wolves is disgusting! Not only is it an inhumane method but cannot only target wolves, meaning dismemberment of many species in Minnesota. I also think the quota is far too high-the wolves finally meet a healthy population and now must be hunted back to endangerment?
- 303 Please do not allow the hunting of wolves. They are part of the natural balance.
- 304 The Minnesota wolf hunt is an embarrassment. I will be entering the lottery with the intention of not using the license if I get one. I doubt this comment means much, but I wouldn't miss the chance to chime in on this. The decision to allow this hunt is quite clearly based on greed and superstitious hatred, not science, and not economics. It is well documented that apex predators such as the wolf help maintain the health of their prey species, primarily the white tailed deer, whose populations are not hurting to say the least. It is also well known that farmers are already compensated for losses incurred by wolf predation. So what exactly is behind this rush to hunt wolves? We are talking about an animal that should, as the genetic source of the dog (absolutely integral to the development of human civilization for thousands of years, let alone an irreplaceable part of millions of families in this country), be considered a brother, not a scourge. I'm sure you are aware that a pack of wolves is actually a family of wolves. I love my adopted home of Minnesota, and I love the north woods; to hear the howl of the wolves drift through the night is a reminder that this world is not all plastic and cheap electronics; there is still something wild and powerful out there that demands our respect. Incredible that we would name our basketball team after this animal, and then proceed to see it suffer in the jaws of a trap.....If one were to lay a trap for a household dog, they would go to jail.
- 305 Wolves are not a danger to well cared for livestock, nor do they dwindle the healthy deer population-hunters do. The ecosystem will self-regulate and wolf territory is already being depleted so much that "population control" isn't necessary. Also, traps are inhumane and dangerous for people, pets and other surrounding wildlife and the amount of tags being dispersed outrageous-6,000 for a 3,000 total population?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 306 Yes. This entire idea of hunting/trapping/destroying the wolf population, even under these parameters, is anathema to me and every single person I know. This should NOT TAKE PLACE. This is a bloodthirsty, cruel, horrible thing to contemplate and is unconscionable. I cannot state strongly enough my complete and total opposition to this war on wolves. This SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. This will cheapen and degrade the DNR and the citizens of this state. The Legislature should be censured for even considering it. This should be resisted at all levels possible. The DNR should be the first in line against such an outrage. Please heed the pleas of the citizens of this state and resist this corrupt decision by this Legislature. Nothing but gratuitous and bloodthirsty assault on the wildlife population of this state.
- 307 Hunting and trapping wolves is cruel and inhumane. The rationale for the states' heavy-handed management plans is the goal of reducing wolf impacts on farm and prey animals. The statistically low incidence of predation on cattle is not an ecologically sound reason to target any and all wolves. Wolves do kill prey animals including deer and elk; although this might impact hunting revenues but people come to Minnesota to watch wolves not hunt or trap them I will boycott going to Minnesota if wolf hunting and trapping is allowed. My friends and family visit Duluth, Ely- Boundary Waters, Elkriver and many other places in Minnesota often. This will end if you hunt and trap wolves.
- 308 FUCK YOUR TEA PARTY BULLSHIT GET SOME BALLS DNR AND TELL THE AMETUERS IN THE STATE SENATE TO EAT SHIT WITH THIS SARAH PALIN GARBAGE
- 309 The wolf hunt is wrong. If it must happen, trained marksmen should tranquilize wolves for euthanasia. Trapping is inhumane.
- 310 This whole process is flawed and disingenuous. It makes no sense on any level. Wolves are not a dangerous predator in Minnesota and it's ridiculous to allow hunting as soon as they are safe from becoming extinct. This measure is simply stupid and I am astonished that the DNR can not protect our natural resources any better than this!
- 311 I don't feel the survey was presented to the public correctly. Most people do not know there is a survey to express their opinion. I do not believe in trapping. Also, I feel to was wrong that the 5 year plan was not up held and followed. It is not right to jeopardize all the good work accomplished in the past years in saving the wolves.
- 312 Please don't hunt or trap wolves.
- 313 I do not support wolf hunting, period.
- 314 Altho these moves seem thoughtful, other than raising money for the state, there doesn't seem to be any purpose to this change. I believe wolves may pose a real threat to the livelihood of some people in some areas. They are the ones that should be granted permission to manage the problem with local supervision.
- 315 Please do not allow trapping! I am fine with having a hunting season if it is necessary to control the wolf population, but trapping is a cruel, barbaric, brutal practice. It actually makes me sick to think of any animal being caught in a steel trap and the fact that hunters are only required to check the traps once in 24 hours. Please please please leave it at just hunting, we don't need a trapping season as well!
- 316 Please save our Minnesota wolves. They are our natural resource.
- 317 There should not be any hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. This is the 21st century.
- 318 I oppose wolf trapping. I oppose wolf hunting on public property.
- 319 Your questions are bias toward hunting wolves. This is disturbing coming from the DNR. I mistakenly assumed that the DNR's mission was to preserve our resources, not exploit them. Cease any hunting and killing our beautiful Wolves.
- 320 Absolutely NO!!!
- 321 I do not support hunting and trapping wolves. Wolves have a valuable place in our ecosystem. I am also concerned about domestic animals (dogs) getting caught in traps set for wolves.
- 322 I believe it is premature to have two hunting trapping seasons on the wolf. I particularly despise the leghold trap for any animal. I have seen firsthand the cruelty and suffering it causes to these animals and feel it is an inhumane and outdated practice. I think Europe has wisely banned the leghold trap. We should follow suit. I include the same objections for my immediate family. Thanks.
- 323 yes. I object to hunting wolves at all. there is no reason to hunt them and certainly not in the numbers being purposed. it's illogical to hunt them.
- 324 I do not support hunting of wolves
- 325 After all the hard work the state did to bring back the wolf population, it is sad that in the stroke of a pen, the wolves will once again be able to be slaughtered. In the last 10 years- more deer were taken by hunters -with up to 5 bonus tags - in several of those seasons. The hunters and ranchers are quick to blame the wolves, when it fact coyotes, bear , cougar and hunters are also to blame for the low deer population.(Also from what I have heard, livestock depredation is down, but I do not know the actual figures on this) When deer population is down, so is the population of the predators. Some will disperse and some will die. It is their normal cycle of life. I have seen only 1 wolf this year, where as I normally would see them at least once a month. I do not hear them howl anymore, only the coyotes. Do I know the difference between the two? Yes, I tracked wolves for the state back in the 1990's in the Ely,MN area. I hope the legislature will stop and take a second look at passing this wolf hunting season. The state agreed back in the 1970's to put a stop to killing the wolf and had it put on the endangered species list. Many mammals/birds have been on that list and now have also been removed due to their numbers increasing. Many of these species are not being hunted (and will never be) so why hunt the wolf? Thank you for your time
- 326 I am strongly against a wolf hunt and I see no gain whatsoever in having one.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 327 Trapping wolves is ridiculous and barbaric. Has the MN DNR learned nothing about the long pain and suffering wolves endure when trapped? To say nothing about some one's family pet accidentally coming into contact with the trap. And what of this survey? The very intro indicates the DNR wants public comment. Then why make it an online "survey"? Why not advertise the desire for public comment? I only found out about this via a letter to the editor - this is sneaky and suspect on behalf of the DNR, an agency that purportedly is in force to protect our natural resources. The very publisher of the beginning comments to this survey state that the wolf population has been maintained at a reasonable level. So why the need for trapping? Are you really trying to sell that wolves are depleting the deer population? Take a stroll in Minnetonka and witness the herds of deer in the rural areas to know that this isn't true. I am appalled the the DNR is advocating trapping wolves. Can't wait for the next public service announcement: Come to Minnesota! Witness all our natural wonders! (well those that we haven't inhumanely slaughtered). I thought Mn was more progressive than that. Disgustedly
- 328 This survey seems to be a sales pitch for what has already been decided as opposed to a true survey about what people think. More government eyewash. To think that wolves, so recently off the endangered species list, are already the target for revenue raising by the state. How pathetic is that. Also the use of inhumane leghold traps adds insult to injury. I'm thinking that in a year or so the majestic eagle that flies over our lake in northern Minnesota will also fall victim to the state's budget shortfalls. I actually was naive enough to think the MnDNR actually had something to do with respect for and protection of wildlife. I guess since the moose hunt has become legal, I should have known better.
- 329 I do not support the hunting or trapping or any other form of killing wolves. This proposal is a proposal for senseless carnage of wolves.
- 330 The slide show moved too quickly to read everything. Also, I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with "sport" hunting and trapping.
- 331 No. No. No. Allowing ANY hunting of wolves at this point is irresponsible. THEY JUST CAME OFF THE ENDANGERED LIST - Duh. No hunting should be allowed for AT LEAST five years. I do not believe that the process for public input was appropriate; I believe the entire process was flawed.
- 332 Basically I think the hunt is premature. 1. The DNR had asked that wolf hunting and trapping season start late in the year for various reasons (one of which is that the pelt of the wolf is most beautiful and valuable later in the fall). 2. Environmental and humane groups are not happy with the terms, including trapping and baiting of wolves. 3. Hunters I've spoken with are not pleased with the increase in permit rates and the potential for increased hunting traffic in the woods due to the dual hunts (deer and wolf). 4. Cultural and social groups are upset because the wolf is an icon of the "north woods," thus aiding in tourism efforts, and they feel as though there is not adequate proof that wolf populations have increased and are remaining steady. 5. American Indians are spiritually and politically opposed to the wolf hunt for various reasons. Supposedly the wolf is now "managed under state and tribal authorities" but the tribal authorities' opinions don't seem to matter to the state. Here's my detailed response as to why I'm against a hunt at this time: 1. The feds just removed them from the endangered species list this year—if they have just recovered enough to be removed from this list why would we immediately start hunting them? The last count was done in 2008. The DNR counted every 10 years for years and now switched to every five years, so I think if there was a discussion to hunt it should occur after studying the most recent numbers (end of 2013). 2. I have some issues with when the hunt is going to happen. The only reason to really hunt a wolf is for the pelt and that is the thickest later in the season (December), after deer hunting. Also, hunting during turkey or deer hunting presents some challenges for deer hunters and turkey/duck hunters because if bait and trap is allowed for wolves, other hunters in the woods will be at risk of the traps. The boundary water area I'm especially concerned about for this reason. Campers and fishermen walking in the woods may not know how to spot a trap. Generally I'm against traps because other species we are still trying to protect also become vulnerable, specifically moose, lynx, and fishers. And it's inhumane. The deer hunters I've talked to are concerned about even more traffic in the woods (they already feel as though too many permits are issued all at the same time—they see more hunters than deer in the woods as is). 3. Farmers in the northwoods complain about wolves a lot per DNR stats, but of those complaints most come from the same farmers and of those complaints less than half have been verified by the DNR (in other words, it seems some of the farmers just don't want them around at all. I'm personally not too sympathetic to farmers who don't want wolves around but then decide to farm in the north woods, where cleared fields are not natural and the habitat is not conducive to farming in the first place). 4. Existing law allows "bounty hunters" (those trained to identify different types of wolves—so as to not shoot the still threatened gray wolf, for example) to shoot wolves in MN. Those hunters have the knowledge to not take out alpha males or females or the hunters of the pack or pregnant females and instead take out members posing verified threats to farms or those that are weak and/or would otherwise not adversely affect the pack. The average hunter will have no such knowledge and this could quickly threaten the pack stability. Existing law also allows anyone to shoot a wolf that is intentionally stalking (i.e., pets or farm animals). The amount of wolves taken out each year under this method has stabilized the wolf populations, so additional permits seem unnecessary (other than politically to sell additional permits and open to general public). 5. The state of MN has completely left out the Indian voice in this discussion. Whether anyone agrees with wolves being "sacred," these voices are still a part of MN and what makes our state whole.
- 333 Why hunt wolves? Are you going to eat wolf meat?? There is no point to it and it's unnecessary.
- 334 I am outraged that a wolf hunting/trapping season was enacted by the legislature!! I am also outraged that such a barbaric and inhumane proposal is being considered!! There are other ways of managing the wolf population other than this barbaric, archaic and misguided proposal!!!!
- 335 There should be no wolf hunting season prior to the result of the 5 yr study and then only if proven that a compelling reason such as danger to livestock exists

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 336 Trapping wolves should never be allowed. The leg traps are incredibly cruel and inhumane. Even general hunting is too premature.
- 337 I believe that allowing the hunting and trapping of wolves would be a great injustice to the state of MN. I strongly request that a hunting and trapping season not be allowed. If MN plans to move ahead with this plan against the wishes of so many individuals to preserve the current wolf population, than I ask that it remove any ability to have traps used to capture wolves. The damage to other wildlife and domestic animals can't be calculated. The inhumanity of using traps is shameful. If we have any moral compass as a state we must not allow ANY hunting and especially trapping to be allowed. Please, please listen to those of us that see the wisdom in preserving our wolf population.
- 338 Why not wait 5 years to see like has normally been done when an animal comes off the endangered list This is just ridiculous! Will they be eaten or just left to die? And what about hurtful traps! That's inhumane!!!
- 339 Hunting an animal that has only been off of the endangered species list for ten years is a mistake. There is no value in hunting an animal that people don't eat and would only be used for trophy purposes. I think that the other methods for controlling the wolf population should be used when farmers want to protect their cattle. There is also no honor in trapping an animal that would never be eaten. Please reconsider the wolf hunting season.
- 340 wolves shouldn't be hunted or trapped.
- 341 The legislator once again went against recommendations put forth in the original scientific study, the hunt should be put off for the five years. There seems to be to many loop holes in the process to report kills and close the season. The survey also is directed at those who are actually plan on hunting.
- 342 There should not be a hunt for wolves in Minn.!
- 343 I am absolutely opposed to any hunting or trapping of wolves. I fail to understand why we brought them back only to let gunslingers and trapper-torturers kill them. It would be kinder to let them go extinct than to let yahoos with guns get their jollies with bloodsport. Wolves are not prey animals. No one eats a wolf. The only reason to kill a wolf, aside from specific problem animals, is to get perverted pleasure from killing a beautiful animal. I especially object to trapping. It is barbaric, inhuman and sick. People who trap/snare should be obliged to submit to psychiatric evaluation. Trapping needs to be banned forever. Imagine your dog, or your kid, caught in a steel jaw leghold trap for 24 hours, or whenever the torturer gets around to checking his trap and putting it out of its misery. If that turns your stomach, it should be no different with wolves. If it doesn't turn your stomach, you have lost your soul. I also don't believe you'll have any way of knowing when your target of 400 formerly beautiful, magnificent animals are dead. There are already all kinds of yahoos up north who kill wolves at will regardless of what the law says. Are you taking that into account for your number of 400? They're probably already killing that many. I also object to DNR's continual default to lethal methods of animal control. You people never look into nonlethal methods. Dogs and llamas can be used to keep wolves away from livestock, but has DNR ever promoted this? Ever worked with farmers on this? No, you go straight to bloodshed. Well, a bullet is cheap, eh? God help any wild animal that wanders into any place near people - you never try to catch and relocate it, you just shoot it. 5.5 million humans, 3000 wolves. Seems a little unbalanced to me, but you want to make it even more unbalanced. We hear all the time how Minnesota is overrun with deer. Why is this? Because the wolves were exterminated. Your policies destroy the balance of nature and cause these problems in the first place, and you fail to learn from your mistakes. Thanks so much for making me feel ashamed to be a Minnesotan. Somewhere along the way, DNR seems to have decided that it only exists to kowtow to the gunslingers and trappers. Perhaps new leadership is in order, that will have a more balanced view.
- 344 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with hunting and trapping.
- 345 The nature of this survey assumes that this will proceed. As a minimum, to allow trapping must not be a part of this running that when the public was first informed of this possible action, we were told of a 5 year study. Now, any perceived rules to follow are out the window. This is not a way to build trust.
- 346 I cannot for the life of me understand why there needs to be a wolf hunting season. Wolves try to avoid contact with humans as much as possible. Without protection, wolves will be hunted mercilessly by blood thirsty residents of Northern Minnesota who, like Amy Klobuchar, have been fighting for years to take wolves off of the Endangered Species list. These wolves are not just a benefit to the cultural identity of Minnesota, but also to the management of other wild animal populations. I am very afraid no amount of proposed regulation will prevent hunters from doing whatever they want. Please don't let Minnesota's most beautiful creature be maimed just because they can. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions on this hot issue, and please consider my response. -Sarah
- 347 Do NOT trap or shoot wolfs in any shape or form. They self regulate their growth without our "help" .
- 348 I'm against using a trap of any kind to kill down our wolf population or for use in killing ANY of our wildlife. It is cruel and inhumane--the pain & fear inflicted is uncalled for. Our tax dollars have been used to bring wolves back from their decline--killing off 400 of them this year is contradictory to the success MN has had. If the farmers have a fear of wolves killing their livestock, there are other sustainable methods to protect their investments.
- 349 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 350 I think it is over kill.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 351 Yes I do. I am very ashamed that my Governor and legislators would actual commit to killing wolves in our State. Minnesota has always ranked amongst the highest in the 50 States next to California for perserving its wilderness for now and the future but because we humans feel nature has infringed upon on our lives we feel the need to destroy any kind of beauty that is left in nature. All life is precious. When you kill your first wolf, look into its eyes and tell me what you see, and then tell if it was worth it or not.
- 352 I think the DNR should go through the original process laid out and wait the 5 years, gather the stability data on the wolves, and hold public meetings to discuss any plans as originally put forth by the legislature. Make the legislature allow you to do the job you were meant to do. Also, the experts brought in to testify were wholly against this idea too. It is too soon, not planned well, the population might never be stable, and farmers already have a right to protect their property by shooting wolves. We pay all this money to protect these animals and build the population because they are necessary for the ecology balance and then for a mere \$27.00 we kill 4- or 500 of them(along with the pups that will starve) and have to start over again.
- 353 I strongly oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves. This is an extremely important issue for me. There are only 3,000 wolves in Minnesota. A disease could wipe them out easily. Wolves are needed to balance the eco system. Dogs came from wolves and dogs are man's best friend. It will be horrible to see one died. Trapping is very inhumane. They willnot be hunted for food, but for trophy, which is awful. If there were o ly 3,000 people in Minnesota, people would be all up in arms saying that is not enough. I have a list of legislatures who voted for and against the hunting and trapping of wolves. I will be voting for the people who voted not to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves. I have and will continue to support the organizations who help wolves. I am very serious about wolves.
- 354 I think that hunting an animal that has just been de-listed is ridiculous. These animals do not represent any king of a credible risk to humans but, rather, we represent a risk to their ongoing existence. I have not heard why establishing a hunting season for wolves is happening. I can only come to the conclusion that someone will benefit financially (timber companies) or that it will satisfy the need of some hunters to be able to kill and display a wolf trophy. Please, I thought that Minnesota was better than this.
- 355 Hunters should be content having deer to shoot and eat. No one eats wolf. I don't think wolves should be shot for any reason in any season in any part of North America. Trapping (of any animal but especially wolves) should be banned permanently. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 356 The desired wolf population seems too low. Further, there is only one data point showing wolf populations not growing (the most recent one). This is insufficient data to say whether the population has stabilized or is beginning to decline. (Is it poaching? Population? Environmental issues? A statistical outlier in this particular survey?) I am strongly in favor of monitoring efforts to ensure that the wolf population remains stable (due to births and pack growth) as wolves are taken by hunters, especially because the data that exist currently are insufficient, and will become more so as humans more rapidly change the system. I am ethically opposed to trapping except in cases of need for food. In general, and especially in Northern Minnesota where there are not many livestock, it seems the only reason to kill a wolf would be for a trophy, which I also strongly oppose.
- 357 I do not approve of the hunting/trapping of wolves just because they are wolves. That's the same mentality that drove them near extinction. Problem wolves should be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- 358 I strongly object to the killing of wolves and the legislature's removal of a 5 year waiting period. Wolves are not like deer, suffering from over-population. Until an over-population problem for the wolves is abundantly documented, I do not support a wolf hunting season.
- 359 there is nothing to say, except allow our public to see the results of this method of trapping. Hunting is supposed to be quick, this method is not. If someone must hunt, it is what the animal does however, human are the ONLY animal which enjoys causing the suffering of another. Imagine dying alone or worst, the family of the wolf watching in horror & can do nothing. This is really what happens. What kind of creature are we ????????
- 360 I don't support a wolf season in general but am especially opposed to trapping. This is a cruel way to kill any animal for sport. This hunt is for sport because no one will consume it after killing it. Wolves don't need population management at this point. Deer need population management.
- 361 How we treat any living creatures is a reflection of the humanity and integrity of a society -- causing any living being to suffer needlessly (i.e caught in a trap) is barbaric and immoral. Though I personally oppose any killing of another being -- for those who choose to hunt, the only methods that shoudl be legal should be quick and humane and minimize suffering.
- 362 I do not believe in the "harvesting" of wolves. I do not think that they should be delisted. It is only because people do not understand them that they want to destroy them. They are already being killed and of course not reported, illegally. Please don't make it legal to destroy them! It is not necessary!!
- 363 tra pping of the wolves or any other animals is extremely cruel. the animals experience phenomenal pain while trapped lplease at least do not allow the trapping of wolves other deterrants to wolves taking cattle have been sucessful please re enact these methods re embersement llamas are some examples please also allow public comment by letter writing and phone calling internet only policies for these important issues is discriminatory
- 364 I see no reason for the senseless slaughter of a once endangered animal. Please rethink this policy.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 365 I would like Gov. Dayton to please reconsider Not having a wolf trapping season, And to do his home work on the subject before making any kind of decision on this subject matter. it is Way to early in the wolfs' recovery from being almost extint to start taking such aggressive actions against one of our beautiful animals. And to the Farmers I would say " Are you smarter then a wolf?". Going back before firearms we have as humans been able to use other resources to save off attacks.. I would ask that you let them find another solution then to pick up a gun or Plant a trap & if you would veto, you would also be surprised by the egineer ability that would result if they were denied there first reaction to kill.. How about gaurd Llamas? Guard Dogs? Wolves are neede in our eco system.. Please reconsider & Please do your home work before making Any decision.....
- 366 I am a bird hunter - grouse, ducks and pheasants. 3 of my kids hunt with me, 2 girls and my son, they are 18, 16 and 12. We are trying to get youth into our outdoor sports - we don't grouse hunt during the deer season and wait for its closure to go out again - I hate the idea of wolf traps out in our public lands - especially the thought of a hunting dog that is qusting for game getting caught in a trap. The legislature and dnr have not represented their constituents - because I can guarantee that the vast majority of the public disagrees with the trapping of wolves and potential of hunting dogs getting killed in traps. We have a cabin in the Chipewa Forest area and my wife is afraid to now take walks in the fall with the dogs off leash, on one of the many trails afraid the dogs could get caught in a wolf trap. Sincerely - an avid hunter and fisherman,
- 367 This hunt/trap should never be allowed until a full (new... as in 2012) population study has been completed and analyzed. Please don't hold this hunt/trap.
- 368 None of the science supports hunting or trapping wolves in MN. If you are allowing this crime against good management, you have been bought and paid for by the NRA and most probably by those who want nothing more than a new dead animal hanging in their trophy room. Wolves are important to MN ecosystems, not to mention you would be destroying relationships within their species that are important for healthy survival. Please do not allow hunting nor trapping of wolves in MN.
- 369 The trapping of wolves should not be allowed. Farners whose livestock is threatened by a wolf or wolves should have the right to shoot said wolf or wolves; otherwise, I would prefer that there be no season for hunting wolves.
- 370 Hunting wolves is a disgusting practice and should not be allowed.
- 371 STOP THIS CRUEL ACT!!! DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE! DO NOT HUNT WOLVES!!!
- 372 I think the wolf hunt should be STOPPED!!! It is cruel to hunt these beautiful animals!!! If there are specific instances where ranchers can prove a wolf has killed their livestock, then I think they should go to the DNR with the proof and get a permit to kill wolves on their property but otherwise leave them alone!!!
- 373 trapping really in the year 2012 .this is the best Mn can offer in the way of managing our resources how inhumane archaic and most of all dishonest and misleading.trapping is one of the most cowardly forms of killing this is not the 1700's. show our children beautiful pictures of the mn wolves use it as a symbol of great wilderness then go out and slaughter them.shame and disgust you promote education and conservation ???
- 374 I do NOT approve of a wolf hunting season at all. There is no need of it. There is no plan as to what to do with the dead animals. The wolf population will take care of itself and its numbers naturally. Wolves provide an important balance to the environment and they don't need human help. We need to stop this wolf death sentance before there is a need to relist them as an endangered species. Thank you.
- 375 I am totally opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I believe that you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping, especially, should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! It does not help humans to deal with each other civilly if they can treat other mammals in this dreadful way. The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful. Please think about this decision again.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 376 The following letter has also been sent directly to Commissioner Landwehr as part of the comment process. It does not 'paste' adequately in this limited format. Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness P.O. Box 625 Ely, MN 55731 (hbsagen@frontier.net 218 365-6461) June 19, 2012 Thomas J. Landwehr, Commissioner Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Box 371 Submitted via electronic and surface mail (and through DNR 'Survey' procedure) 500 Lafayette RD St. Paul, MN 55155-4037 RE: Comments on Proposed DNR Regulations Concerning 2012 Minnesota Wolf Hunt: Special Status of BWCAW Brenda Halter, Forest Supervisor Superior National Forest 8901 Grand Avenue Place Duluth, MN 55808-1102 bhalter@fs.fed.us Dear Commissioner Landwehr and Supervisor Halter: I. Introduction These comments are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and to the United States Forest Service by Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness. The comments concern the proposed 2012 Minnesota Wolf Hunt and the special status of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The comments are submitted to DNR as part of the invited public comments on the Proposed DNR Regulations concerning the 2012 Minnesota Wolf Hunt. The comments concern the special status of the BWCAW with regard to public (sport) hunting of wolves. The comments are submitted to USFS because of its primary responsibility for preserving and protecting the BWCAW. Under legislation passed in 2012, the Minnesota DNR is developing regulations for a public (sport) hunting season in 2012 that includes the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness contends that such a hunt in the BWCAW is contrary to federal (and state) regulations and should be prohibited at the very least until state and federal agencies may determine if such a hunt would violate relevant federal and state regulations. Conclusion 1) Public (sport) hunting of wolves in the BWCAW should be prohibited until state and federal agencies may determine if such a hunt would violate relevant federal and state regulations. Public harvest of wolves had been prohibited nation-wide since 1973 when wolves were placed on the federal Threatened and Endangered Species list. The ban applied to Minnesota, including the BWCA (now BWCAW). Because of its remoteness, and restrictions on motorized travel, the BWCA(W) had been home to the last remaining viable wolf population in Minnesota. Conclusion: 2) Reintroduction of public (sport) hunting of wolves after 38 years would constitute a significant federal and state action that should be subject to federal regulations concerning major actions that may potentially affect wilderness. The 2012 wolf hunt proposal was made possible by the May 2011 decision by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to delist wolves as an endangered species in Minnesota. The decision was based on the 2001 (Minnesota) State Wolf Management Plan. NMW notes that the plan called for a five year post-delisting monitoring period before public harvest of wolves in Minnesota could be initiated. State legislation was subsequently passed that removed the monitoring period provision. Conclusion: 3) The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service five year post-delisting monitoring period provision should be enforced in the BWCAW before public hunting might be allowed. State actions should not be allowed to overturn federal guidelines, especially as they may affect designated federal wilderness. II. The Wilderness Act, the Concept of Wilderness, and the Primacy of Natural Integrity of Ecosystem Processes The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as
- 377 A hunting season for wolves in Minnesota is totally unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer money and legislators' time. Further, the use of TRAPS cannot be viewed as anything but animal torture (which I thought was illegal).
- 378 It is outrageous to have two seasons on Wolves. Who runs the DNR-Hunters and Trappers? How about leaving the Wolves alone. They just came off the endangered species list. Who are you accountable to? Obviously not the citizens of Minnesota who enjoy wildlife and the rights of animals to live. Especially when there's only 2900 of them. SO BACK OFF. 47 FRIENDS
- 379 Trapping wolves is cruel and causes horrible pain. Why would you want to torture these animals? Removing the wolves from the endangered list is unnecessary and should be reversed. Wolves are not used for food and this killing is purely for sport. Minnesota is better than this. Please support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping
- 380 This survey is inadequate and biased.
- 381 Save the wolves. The whole thing on hunting wolves is flawed.
- 382 WHY IS THE SURVEY PUSHING A WOLF HUNT? It should be independent, thus it looks like you have already made up your minds to have a wolf hunt, and public demand saying *NO* is to fall onto deaf ears
- 383 This is wrong and I don't support it
- 384 I do not wish to see hunting of wolves at all. I could live with hunting wolves with firearms for a short season during deer hunting season. But trapping - absolutely not. The wolves would be trapped in steel jaws that clamp on the foot and cause extreme pain and fear. So the end of a life of a wolf taken in this manner is cruel. The livestock that are taken by wolves have been reimbursed thru a reimbursement program that is working just fine. Thank you for your time. Please consider my request.
- 385 Trapping is very cruel.
- 386 Having been protected wolves should not be hunted now. I am against hunting and I am against firearms.
- 387 No hunting or trapping wolves. Period.
- 388 Unbelievable that we would be the kind of state that would go back 40 years and radically destabilize the wolf population. It took 40 YEARS to quadruple the population and in a very short time you are willing to cut that number in half...wipe out 20 years of work. Wow. I can see that a lot of thought did not go into this and that intelligence and compassion seems to be waning in our elected officials. I'm sorry that you felt the need to turn your back on these animals. Please think a little harder about what you're doing.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 389 After watching the video in which Professor Mech talked to the Minnesota legislators, it appears that having a late wolf season would be folly indeed. The reason being that there would be few hunters in the woods hunting wolves after the deer season closed and therefore few wolves would be taken. Mr. Mech indicated that the taking of wolves is very difficult and this second season therefore would be in my opinion a waste of time.
- 390 Why would you open season on wolves after spending so much to bring them back from near extinction? Preserve the natural balance in the wilderness and let them be.
- 391 This survey is flawed in that it does not offer a N/A option for the questions when the answer is 'no' to the first question, 'Do you support wolf hunting'. I do not support wolf hunting, especially trapping. I question whether the traps will be promptly removed after the end of the season.
- 392 I do NOT support a wolf hunting and trapping season in the state of Minnesota.
- 393 Wolves should not be hunted. Their numbers need to recover much more than they already have, and just because federal authorities exploited a legal loophole to do it doesn't mean the wolves should have been delisted. Wolves still deserve protection -- namely from the very influential game hunting lobbies.
- 394 Why is this necessary at all?? Wolves are such beautiful, vital, and smart animals and we should allow them to live in peace, like all humans. Plus, it is vital to Native Americans as well as I feel the two are related. The DNR should just let them be and and focus on much more important issues such as controlling the wild turkey population, dangerous to the city and outline areas, and the Candian geese over population issue. I will not support any hunters who apply for this license and hope it does NOT happen at all!! Thank you.
- 395 Unfortunately the MN legislature has decided to take a management by politics not science approach in managing the wolf population of MN. Indescreminate killing of non-predating wolves is misguided and nothing short of cruelty. Non-depredating wolves have done exactly what we have asked them to do, and yet this is still not good enough. "Until we have the courage to recognize cruelty for what it is - whether its victim is human or animal - we cannot expect things to be much better in this world. We cannot have peace among men whose hearts delight in killing any living creature. By every act that glorifies or even tolerates such moronic delight in killing, we set back the progress of humanity." - Rachel Carson
- 396 leave the damn wolves alone!
- 397 The DNR should be keeping with the 5 year waiting plan. It seems that a vocal minority is pushing a wolf season, and the DNR is pushing ahead no matter what the public comment is. This survey is completely biased toward wolf hunting and disregards anyone who is not in favor of a hunting season this year. We have spent millions of dollars to reintroduce wolves in Minnesota, and are putting all of that at risk for the benefit of a few trophy hunters. The license fee for wolf hunting should be \$10,000 or \$100,000.
- 398 This is ridiculous. We don't need a wolf season, and trapping should be banned.
- 399 I completely disagree that wolf hunting is even required. I live in a rural area and feel this gives carte blanche to some overzealous hunters. I am not against hunting if you EAT what you hunt. The deer population is too large, it is the wolf that will keep them in check. Look at the overgrazing by elk in the rockies that is causing river erosion, etc. The "survey" seems biased to those who want to hunt wolves. We have many non-Minnesotan friends/relatives that come to MN for such a siting!
- 400 I do not support trapping of wolves. This method is cruel and should not be allowed.
- 401 Ban steel-jawed traps, use guard dogs or llamas rather than having a wolf hunting season.
- 402 I am upset that the congress has decided to ignore the wolf experts and not follow the previous law that we wait 5 years to stabilize and study populations. This hunt is not nessesary and is a waste of the resourses used to get the wolves back.
- 403 I am against wolf hunting, especially trapping. It is not necessary.
- 404 Wolves are magnificent and deserved to be treated as a special asset to the state of Minnesota. Hunting and trapping them is offensive. Farmers should understand that they are not the only people in the state and if the wolf population is decreased too much that may only cause the reduced pack size to go after easier prey. Please stop the butchering of our wolves. Thank you.
- 405 I believe that nature should take its course & keep mankind out of the equation.The DNR has a spotty record for wildlife mgmt.
- 406 I am against a hunting & trapping season for wolves at this time, "population management including public taking (i.e. hunting and trapping) will be considered by DNR in the future, but not sooner than 5 years after Federal delisting..." What happened to that? The attachment of a wolf hunt to the Game & Fish bill as means of ending the MN state shutdown via the Budget Bill is not justified. The special interests of a small group were put above all others. I do not believe the majority of Minnesotans want wolves managed in this way.
- 407 We are deeply disappointed that Minnesota Wolf Hunting and Trapping Starts this Fall.
- 408 There are too few wolves left to have a hunting season, especially with such a large number as 6,000 for available permits. Livestock protection methods should be used, and the public should be taught about wolves in general. Killing them is not the answer. Too soon, there will be none left. What havoc will that then wreak upon the local ecosystem?
- 409 There should be NO wolf hunt.
- 410 I am opposed to trapping and snares. They result in a long, frightening, painful death to the animal. This is not ethical. Shooting is a much better option.
- 411 I Do NOT Support Hunting of Wolves at ALL!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 412 DO NOT HUNT or TRAP Wolves they maintain their own balance. They only reproduce when there is enough food. And they are mainly in Northern MN. Let the wolves manage themselves.
- 413 This is a trophy hunt for people who want pelts and something new to shoot or trap. Trapping is not hunting!!!! The wolf will not be killed for meat, but because it is the wolf. It is a trophy. I do not object to hunting; I object to hunting the wolf. The only reason for this hunt according to the wolf experts is that there are enough wolves to allow a hunt to "let off pent up pressure" to kill wolves. The experts say that the hunt is for social purposes. That is, for the amusement of a small group of individuals who want to experience the thrill of killing Minnesota's most magnificent and enigmatic creature. Yes, a small group who is in control (= \$\$\$). It's not for livestock depredation. State experts agree that wolf depredation of livestock doesn't impact agriculture in a meaningful way, with 88 verified complaints in 2011. Dogs kill more livestock. Are we going to start open season on dogs? It's not because wolves are killing all the deer and we need to "manage" the wolf so there will be deer. The predator/prey relationship in nature has worked quite effectively over thousands of years, with natural fluctuations of abundance and scarcity. The MN legislature and Governor Mark Dayton set aside the Wolf Management plan in the summer of 2011 and eliminated the minimum five year waiting period before a wolf hunting and trapping season. The wolf hunt was attached to a budget bill without any discussion or political debate and passed as part of ending the government shut down. There was no full public comment and no comprehensive population surveys. Government is by the people, of the people & for the people. The peoples' opinions & will were not considered in this decision. This was Government at its worst! For the little that has been done in our legislature the last couple of years, this is another bunch of crap coming out of St Paul. It's corrupt. I intend to hold my elected officials accountable for their votes on this morally corrupt hunt. (This and for all the other non-work that took place in St Paul!!) This HUNT IS BAD for Minnesota's wildlife, ecosystems, and soul. I also do not like the sneaky way this was done & how you have to get to this site & go all through the propaganda slides before you can make a comment.
- 414 NO WOLF HUNTING!!!!!! We finally got to a healthy population and now you are going to kill them. Wolves were there before people. People only want to kill them for the sport, not because they need the meat to live. Wolves have a bad wrap and people just don't understand them.
- 415 Most questions are not applicable as I oppose wolf hunting/trapping in MN.
- 416 What's next? Should you try to change the federal law that protects songbirds? Eagles? The DNR has been trying to regain authority to shoot wolves ever since they were protected under the ESA. When is the DNR going to start representing ALL the people of Minnesota - those who hunt as well as those who don't?
- 417 I think it is insane to hunt or trap the wolves at this point in our state's history. Under NO circumstances should trapping of any kind be allowed.
- 418 No hunting or trapping of these animals should be allowed.
- 419 This is horrible. Ahe Indians have a saying "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." Apparently, you have no intention of leaving the next seven generations anything. Shame on all of you.
- 420 If you find wolves where you don't want them to be, then you've obviously encroached on their territory. Unless you plan to eat them, you have no right to hunt them. You NEVER have a right to trap them unless you are a monster.
- 421 There are those amongst us who will not stop until everything living is dead. These are people who transform life itself into a commodity, people who are incapable of visualizing even their own survival—which depends on, and is inextricably linked to, the survival of this fragile, beautiful planet. Do not, PLEASE DO NOT, allow this travesty to proceed.
- 422 STOP THE WAR ON OUR WILDLIFE!!!!
- 423 I am against any form of hunting and trapping wolves in Minnesota, particularly trapping--a particularly hideous and torturous practice. There is no need to reduce the population. They have barely come off the endangered species list. The five-year waiting period should at least be enforced. It feels like this is a small group of people who enjoy killing and they're going to get their way, regardless of what the majority of people want.
- 424 Considering the anti-wolf mindset of many hunters, I am concerned about those hunters who will NOT report their kill and/or falsify their numbers. Also, in the late season, is it likely that female wolves be would/could be pregnant? Concerning the 400 quota, what is the actual--or estimated--wolf population number?
- 425 I do not support the use of steel jaws to trap wolves, it is inhuman.
- 426 I think that perhaps making it easier to shoot "problem" wolves is a good idea. I don't like the idea of stalking wolves which are not bothering people. I am strongly opposed to trapping. The wrong species could easily be killed. If they are not watched often, and removed, wolves and other animals could be killed after any established season
- 427 This survey is dishonest and manipulative. It is way too hard to get to the survey itself. You are actively, by design, discouraging people from participating; particularly folks who are against the reopening of wolf hunting in general. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves. You are supposed to be public servants, not the toadies of one very small subset of people.
- 428 People need to get educated about wolves. I understand they take out the old and sickly deer, etc. so are helping to remove such animals. Also, other small animals and birds benefit from the leftovers. Nature is a delicate balance. I think politicians got involved because of the farm vote. But other people have other concerns. Need to explore other ways to deter wolves from farm animals.
- 429 There is no reason not to give our wolf population five years to strengthen, before hunters are allowed to harvest overpopulation. Do this the right way.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 430 There should be a fine for any wolf trapped or shot out of season and that fine should be \$2000. I do not agree with the wolf hunting and trapping. they should remain protected.
- 431 I am completely oposed to any hunting of wolves in Minnesota. There is no need to deplete the wolf population. The only benefit to this would be a trophy in the living room of some elite so-called "hunter". Wolves belong in nature and they help maintain a healthy deer population. This hunt should NOT take place!
- 432 First season too early. Wait 2 years. Researchers involved need more time and data in lue of proposal. Wolves are slaughtered indiscriminately, which could ruin data they've collected in the last decade.
- 433 I am very much against a Wolf hunt in Minnesota. I stand by the original plan to wait 5 years after wolves are taken off the extinction list to do studies and determine next steps. Thank you for considering my concern.
- 434 I do not support a wolf hunting season of any type. Why would your survey ask me to qualify season parameters in light of this?
- 435 I am not opposed to hunting, however I do not favor a hunting season for wolves at this time. I believe that the 5 year moratorium should be respected. I also am opposed to trapping of wolves at any time - this is a cruel and inhumane practice that should be banned.
- 436 There is no need for trapping and hunting wolves in Minnesota. We don't need a wolf season. I will not wolf hunt and I don't know anyone who would. My family hunts deer, pheasants, ducks, birds, occasionally bear, but no one is interested in hunting wolves. The wolf population has just recovered from near extinction. Let them be.
- 437 This survey is for hunters and trappers where is the public opinion poll. Don't you think that your control methods have proved disatrous on all counts. Look at the damage your predator controls and killings done by hunters and trappers have done in the past. When will you learn from your mistakes. Wipe them out... put them back and then wipe them out again. Meanwhile your deer species get weaker because the hunters take the breeders that keep the herds strong leaving the sick and the weak of the species to breed, while the predators take the sick and old leaving the strong to continue the species... Trapping on the other hand is cruel and inhumane in any sense of the term. It if for money hungry killers that like to see animals suffer at their hands.
- 438 Do not hunt wolves! we have so many deer in the state that need natural predators that don't actually cut into the deer that are killed by hunters. Why not coexist with wolves? Why hunt wolves?
- 439 This is Wrong!
- 440 I oppose Wolf hunting
- 441 This is just plain wrong. We have worked so hard to allow the wolf population to come back from the brink and this will do nothing but put it at risk. Trapping is especially wrong!!! It is inhuman and should not be allowed at any cost. If there is a problem between humans and wolves manage the people not the wolves just like they do in Denali.
- 442 It's wrong that just when a species has successfully been taken off the endangered list, we decide to hunt them again. Wolves mainly keep to themselves and control the deer population, which has been shown to improve the health of water systems and forests. From what I have read, there is no reason for starting a wolf hunting season besides the enjoyment of hunters. The right course of action would be to let nature manage itself until one of the species needs our help. These things go in cycles. Wolves aren't going to take over all of Minnesota if we don't keep them under control.
- 443 As a long time hunter (and as a youth, trapper), I understand the need for some management, however feel that the leg hold trapping should not be allowed, as I now feel this is method is curl and inhuman.
- 444 Please do not open a season on wolves. Also, answering your survey is inordinately difficult -- ulterior motives?
- 445 No trapping, PLEASE!!! Than you.
- 446 Trapping is brutal. Only 3000. I have hunted deer since 1986 & never seen a wolf.
- 447 This whole process is flawed! The way it was done -- without the 5-year waiting period -- and the way this survey was set up.
- 448 I do not support wolf hunting seasons in anyway.
- 449 This whole process to set up a wolf hunt is fundamentally flawed. It is not easy nor accessible for the general population to comment. Wolves are not a threat to humans and should be allowed to live without metal crashing into their bones & ripping into their flesh. We almost killed them into extinction; now we're after them again! Their population has been stable for 10 years; this will strike a blow into that. We don't have a tradition of wolf hunting in MN and we shouldn't start. We should allow non-threatening species to exist without a constant threat of death from humans. Thank you.
- 450 these incredible animals just got off the endangered species list--did we not learn anything. they should not be hunted!
- 451 I am against hunting and trapping of wolves. Over the decades we have spent a lot of resources to ensure the survival of wolves. It is ridiculous now to reverse this process to please a few hunters.
- 452 I don't understand why Minnesota would want to trim down our wolf population. I would think the wolf would be a great tourist enhancement. The possibility of seeing a wolf is so exciting. You also state that there would ONLY be 400 wolves taken. Yet you are going to sell WELL OVER 400 liscense to kill them. I'm not against hunting. Infact I believe we need seasons to hunt. I just don't believe that the wolves should have a season on them at this time.
- 453 We've spent years trying to bring back wolves from extinction, now you can't wait to kill them. Some wealthy hunters just have to have that wolf pelt hanging on their trophy wall. Wolf hunting if totally unnecessary.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 454 This is insanity. Never in our country has an animal been taken off the endanger species list and immediately been hunted and to think that Minnesota will be the first to do it makes me ashamed of my State. I've hunted Minnesota my entire life. 50 years and countless hours in the woods of Northern Minnesota, many years as a logger, even two years living in an isolated cabin and only once in that time have I seen a wolf in the wild. It was an experience I will never forget and to think that the State that I grew up in, that I love is going to open up a season on them makes me sick to my stomach. Stop this insanity before it starts. The DNR should be above politics, but the difficulty I had finding this survey makes me think that politics is playing a big part in the decision making process. Shame on you.
- 455 I do not support hunting the wolf at all. They are just finally making a come back. Why kill them? Thank you Cindy
- 456 Do not kill the wolves. Bad idea.
- 457 I have not responded to anything but your first question because you are neither required to have a season nor should you. I do not know who is benefiting from this, but it is not the public. The wolves are an asset to Minnesota and countless dollars were spent to save them. Now the DNR has clearly decide there WILL be hunting of wolves, despite language in the bill that allows the DNR not to allow this. It is your job to preserve and manage the unique and pristine resource of this beautiful state. Instead, you want to allow a few people (with lots of money?) to destroy what has taken the effort and resources of many to preserve. You have already made up your minds. SHAME ON YOU!! If you really wanted comment, you would have had a real survey as required by law.
- 458 MY FAMILY, AND ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW, ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING THE WOLF HUNT...PERIOD
- 459 the entire process is flawed!! Do not hunt the wolves!
- 460 I'm really disappointed that the DNR seems to have made up it's mind of this topic. I really believe you (DNR) are catering to a small group of people who want to hunt wolves and this is just kabuki theater; but I will do what I can to make sure there is true transparency on this decision. Who will really benefit from this. Hunters who think they should have more deer? We need to preserve these wonderful animals. They're apart of our ecosystem.
- 461 I'm saddened that we would even consider a wolf hunt in Minnesota.
- 462 This is the most illogical and eco-stupid idea I have ever heard of. There shouldn't be any wolf hunt.
- 463 stop killing animals! you have no right to do so!
- 464 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 465 I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! Would we allow a dog to be trapped and treated this way. NO
- 466 You are disgusting. I can't believe you will allow a season on these beautiful creatures all in the name of "management". Who do you think you are kidding? Wolves don't need humans to manage them. Humans need to manage themselves, as we are the ones who are encroaching on their territory, not the other way around. Where along the way did we get so worthless that we think we should be able to play God to these animals? And allowing trapping? That's just the cruelty icing on the cake. Shame on you. The DNR has been a joke for decades and you continue to make yourself the laughing stock of "management services". You can't manage anything you have been created to oversee. Boo Hiss...
- 467 1. Trapping is incredibly cruel, and should never have been allowed. 2. What is the real reason for hunting wolves?? Is it because we people just like to kill things, or was it for political reasons, like votes?
- 468 This is a mistake. We have an over abundance of deer in northern Minnesota which supports the growing wolf population. Moreover, strong and resilient wolf populations depend on genetic diversity, which larger numbers provide. Sport hunting of predators is not a natural way to manage our wildlife resources and wolves have posed little threat to property. It is unlikely that passing this legislation results in the government saving money for restitution when livestock is taken, for example. This is a short-sighted and disappointing turn in our natural resources management.
- 469 I would prefer not to see any wolf hunting or trapping taking place in Minnesota. I think it would open the door for many illegal poaching activities, as well as inviting dangerous situations in and around our wild places, as I'm not sure we can trust all trappers to remove their equipment, or not injure or take other animals or dogs that might visit the traps.
- 470 I am against hunting & trapping wolves.They should be left alone to live in peace.How would you like it if you were hunted or caught in a trap?
- 471 I'm extremely disappointed that the Legislature not only voted to allow wolf hunting/trapping, but knowingly rushed the process. I don't believe that wolf hunting/trapping should be legal, and I hope that the laws will be reconsidered in the near future.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 472 I do not support the proposed hunting/trapping season for wolves in Minnesota. The state legislature violated the agreement to have a five year waiting period before implementing a hunting season. I grew up in Minnesota (International Falls, Duluth) and enjoyed living in an area with wolves. I now live in Idaho and have been extremely outraged by Idaho's approach to wolf management, which basically is extermination. Wolves play vital ecological roles in both the Lake States and the northern Rockies and I believe Federal management and oversight are the best solutions. Trapping should not be permitted because of the inhumane suffering it causes, both to target species and other types of wildlife, as well as pets and livestock. I am very disappointed by Minnesota's proposal to reduce wolf populations as low as 1600 animals and feel that decision was driven more by political/economic special interest groups and not scientific, biological reasons.
- 473 We've only recently restored wolf number from near extinct and endangered, hunting them is a crime against all we have worked for.
- 474 Managing wolf population by hunting is understandable. Trapping is cruel and inhumane. No trapping!
- 475 I am absolutely appalled that Wolf hunting season is a topic we are even considering. I think this entire process is extremely flawed. Not to mention the fact that wolves were only restored to non-endangered numbers very recently (suggesting that there was little point in us saving their species if we are only to hunt them to endangered or extinction again!), but this system for measuring how many wolves are killed in a day and in a season seems very flawed, and highly inaccurate. What about hunters who (illegally) don't report their kills? What happens when many more wolves are killed than were planned for? It is mentioned in this DNR plan that should wolves go below a minimum level, hunting will be closed and that the wolf population will be restored as quickly as possible, but why is this even a possibility!?!?!? Why are we allowing this to be a potential outcome? In addition to this concern, I would like to take this opportunity to voice my opinion about how disgusting I think trapping wolves and any other animal for that matter, is. This is a cruel and barbaric means of capturing prey that we no longer have any need for in 2012. Trapping should be illegal for all animals, for all reasons, and in all places in the United States, and it literally makes me sick to my stomach to think that this DNR plan is actually expanding on what trapping is legally allowed. The DNR should be banning this horrific, painful, torturous practice, not expanding it! You all should be ashamed! These intelligent and majestic creatures deserve better than this, and I can honestly say that for the first time in my life I am completely ashamed that I am a Minnesotan. I strongly implore you to reconsider this entire plan; we just saved these beautiful wolves from the brink of extinction, why must we start slaughtering them again so soon?
- 476 I continue to be amazed that this is happening in my home state. I just read that some people want the hunt to be pushed into February. Are they afraid they will not be able to kill one in the deer hunting season? The fact that our irresponsible legislature pushed this through, even though there was to be a 5 year waiting period, speaks volumes about the type of people we have running our state. I hope that since we apparently have to have this hunt, it will be over quickly and the next year someone in state gov't will get smart and overturn this barbaric law. I am so ashamed of all of you responsible for this and especially for my beautiful state of Minnesota....honestly, we cannot co-exist with nature here? What does that say for our "wildness" and tourism business? Again, ashamed....
- 477 I am 100% opposed to a public take of wolves at this time. I favor the original 5 year moratorium prior to the implementation of any public hunt. All management should be directed at mitigating specific incidents of human/wolf conflict. New liberal wolf depredation and threat measures are more than adequate to address real issues. I could write extensive comments on the specific reasons why I oppose a hunt and why it is bad for wolves and Minnesota, but I suffice it to say this hunt/trap is a complete loser for both.
- 478 The hunting and trapping of wild wolves will only out bad. Hunting them for sport is a terrible idea. If the population would actually grow too large it should be contained by state employed professionals.
- 479 I am deeply disappointed that Minnesota Wolf Hunting and Trapping Starts this Fall.
- 480 I do not support the hunting of wolves for this up coming season. I
- 481 I do not agree with trapping wolves in MN. If the populations were increasing to the point where they were starving, then maybe another alternative should be planned and brought into action. I only see the hunting for wolves can lead to drastically decreasing out population and the increase of illegal hunting and killing. Rarely do people actually follow the law and I firmly believe that this will just people a person to randomly kill our wolves or killing more than allowed per person; and if these people are found guilty of this, will they actually be prosecuted like people who over fish or over hunt deer? This will only result in Minnesota wolves being re-added to the endangered list.
- 482 I am against hunting and trapping of wolves. It is cruel and barbaric. It is in no way justified by made up reasons to kill these animals. I hope and pray for a time when those who hunt, lay down their weapons and traps and realize that these animals are sentiment beings that keep balance in nature. Without our intervention, all in nature would work out the way it is suppose to. Shoot only with a camera. Traps are absolutely beyond cruelty. Self esteem does not come by killing. It comes from empathy and compassion. I could go on but some small minded folks close their minds to the truth. Please, no more killing, no more traps, no more bullets. I am not alone in my feelings. Please reverse this decision. Think, feel, love. Wolves are an important and needed part of nature. Leave them be.
- 483 Trapping and snaring should be entirely eliminated or at least restrict to a single digit percentage of license holders. It entirely takes any fairness out of the situation in any sporting way whatsoever.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 484 This is really sad. I would expect educated people who work at the DNR and with the resource of the MN state lottery to come up with a better option than killing them. These are not deer, that people eat or use the hides and have a population problem. This is animal that was on the endangered list.. This will go down as a SAD SAD day in Minnesota history. For an enviromentally progressive state this is shameful.....
- 485 I don NOT think this should be allowed! Especially the trapping. It is inhumane and very horrible!!! If we need to help with the population, than it should only be by hunting. I hate the fact that they have to be in so much pain. They are only trying to survive, just like every other animal.
- 486 Yes- I am very much against wolf hunting but ESPECIALLY trapping. Trapping has absolutely no place in our culture and ALL FORMS should be OUTLAWED IMMEDIATELY. Trapping is a barbaric practice that diminishes all who do it, all who allow it, and all who fail to protest it. This is no way for a species that presumes to call itself intelligent and compassionate to act!
- 487 Not in favor of the hunt, but definitley not in favor of trapping. Allow no trapping.
- 488 I am against the hunting and trapping of wolves. I also wish the DNR would quit using the term "harvesting" when it comes to killing wildlife. To harvest is "to bring in a crop, i.e., grain, corn, etc., not wildlife. The DNR uses the term "harvest" so it doesn't sound like what it actually is "Killing". Now that the wolves have made somewhat of a comeback, please do not have them hunted or trapped. Also, trapping is very cruel and inhumane. These wolves will suffer greatly when trapped. As far as wolves killing, or maybe I should use the term "harvesting" livestock, it is a far more humane death than what they will see in the slaughter house. Also, I believe farmers and ranchers get paid for any livestock killed by wolves. A final word "do not have a hunting/trapping season for wolves. Organizations have spent too many years, time and effort to bring the wolves to where they are now.
- 489 Get a real job and leave nature alone. You are destroying it for you and our kids.
- 490 Question no. 1 doesn't allow for saying OK for hunting, but stating strong opposition to trapping. On the evening news, show a video of a wolf caught in a steel leg-hold trap. Let the viewer imagine his dog suffering in the trap. There is a meanness in this trapping business that is not found elsewhere in nature.
- 491 No trapping should be allowed. There is no reason for it. It is inhumane and there is no point to it. We save the wolves only to subject them to this type of treatment? ABOLISH THE TRAPPING. The whole wolf season should be abolished but knowing that will not happen, at least leave the traps out of it.
- 492 I am against having a wolf hunting season.
- 493 I strongly disagree with the hunting of these animals for sport
- 494 I do not think that this is a good idea. What if all 6000(only 3000 wolves so i guess half fail.) people bag a wolf?
- 495 I strongly oppose trapping and snaring of wolves. It is inhumane. At least shooting is more humane for one of the creators creatures. My concern is also for the domesticated animal that happens to get accidentally killed or other wild animals that are not being hunted but just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and get killed by snares or trapping. It is a slow and pain filled death. All creatures deserve to be treated with respect.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 496 I feel that the wolf hunting proposal is extremely ill conceived for the following reasons; It goes on so long, the DNR obviously wants to take the maximum number of wolves even before there has been a study on what affect taking a couple hundred wolves will have on the population. Additionally, the inexpensive license and the long opened ended season makes it far more likely that inexperienced and "casual" wolf hunters will take part in the hunt. This makes it far more likely that animals other than wolves will be shot (everything from German Shepards to Donkeys). There should at least be an increased penalty for wolf hunters killing or shooting anything other than wolves. This plan does not appear to be conservation. We know that wolves are stressed by snowmobiles, given the amount of stress hormone in their feces. The DNR does not know what type of stress this long hunt would have on the wolf population. We do know however, that killing the alpha wolves would have a negative affect the younger wolves in the pack, in that it could encourage more wolf predation of livestock and pets, having the opposite affect from the stated reasons for the hunt per the DNR, certain legislators, cattlemen and others. Another factor is that the wolf population has been stable, "not increasing" over the past 10 years or so, based on the 2007 count, and during that time the deer population escalated way beyond what it had ever been. It didn't appear that the wolves were having a negative effect on the deer population. Wolves tend to prey on the more vulnerable deer available; presumably this would be deer that had chronic wasting disease. Deer with chronic wasting disease taken out of the deer population could very well stop the spread of this disease and thereby eliminate the need for regional hunts that require the slaughter of virtually every deer in an area in order to attempt to insure that chronic wasting disease will not be spread. Wolves manage their own numbers; this is a scientific fact seemingly being ignored by the DNR and certain lawmakers. The public has been left out of the discussion: No one had any idea that the DNR, Governor Mark Dayton and certain lawmakers changed the law eliminating the 5 year moratorium during the special session in 2010. I found out on TV when it was really too late to make a difference. Now, the only option I have is to comment on the computer. My husband and I both wanted to make separate comments, however we are not able to, since the survey only allows one per computer and we only have one. Those that do not have access to the computer have no way to make comments. They aren't offered public meetings or phone calls to a central number. Why did the legislature see fit to do away with the 5 year moratorium? Why did the DNR and the Governor Mark Dayton allow this to happen? It must have been pressure from some hunters groups, some "ranchers" groups, and northeastern Minnesota politicians falling all over themselves to please their constituents, etc. Governor Dayton, the DNR and many legislators just 'caved' even though they knew there was no compelling reason for the change, and it was an ill-advised action in terms of conservation. What problem are we trying to solve. In Northern Minnesota where there are 165,000 cattle, only 91 confirmed wolf kills on livestock were verified in the year 2011. I have heard from conservation officers that some of the so called verifiable wolf kills could easily have been from coyotes, wild packs of dogs or other predators. Where is the accounting for the number of wolves that have been killed since January? There seems to be no way of tracking these numbers. I have heard from conservation officers that it is a common practice to "shoot, shovel and shut up"; meaning to kill wolves, hide the carcasses and not say anything. Many people just do it; and don't report. Now anyone
- 497 I oppose ANY trapping and hunting of wolves. They are not prey animals and are an important part of a healthy ecosystem. Wolves are beneficial to other species. They are highly intelligent, social animals. They need protected, NOT killed.
- 498 Yes I think this proposal is outrageous and unjust the last time we had no regulations the wolves were nearly extinct. Farmers need to know and people need to be educated that wolves attack the weakest and if they are that concerned let the deer population grow and not hunt the deer so the wolves have enough wildlife to hunt then go after livestock. As the native said it we were disgraceful when we hunted the buffalo the way we did. We won't have these majestic wolves if we hunt them to extinction. We should leave the No hunting of wolves law put back in place.
- 499 Stop the wolf hunt. Trapping is cruel and inhumane and the practice should be outlawed. You made a wolf management plan, at tax payer expense, which called for a five year waiting period after delisting before considering a hunting season. You should at the very least abide by your own plan or make public the reasons to discard it and rush into a hunting season. Please include in your public disclosure the names of lobbyists and the amount of money donated.
- 500 There should be no wolf season, and especially no wolf trapping season.
- 501 Hunting and trapping wolves is inexcusable. Please reconsider this heartless legislation. Wolves are family animals who are closely related to our dogs. Hunting of a predator is wrong.
- 502 I've seen no rational explanation from the Legislature or anyone else as to why the previous plan was replaced. This appears to be based either on a childish fear of a predator that is no significant threat or a simple desire to expand the scope of things that can be legally killed. Neither is sufficient, in my view.
- 503 I've seen no reason for having a season other than a desire to kill something. That seems insufficient to me. With no rational justification, there should be no season. If forced to have a season, make it 1 day long.
- 504 I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 505 This survey is biased towards hunting and trapping and does not deal with the more important issues of issues such as the fact that the number of wolves to be killed is too high, and does not address such issues as what happens to the pack is the lead hunter is taken. Finally trapping is inhumane, killing animals regardless of their age, having first forced them to endure terrible pain.
- 506 Yes, I support hunting with a firearm of the wolf, but NOT THE TRAPPING. I oppose this vehemently. I will be vocal against trapping if it comes to pass. It is inhumane.
- 507 Why did the legislature not wait the 5 years? It seems our resources could be better spent than babysitting hunters that kill animals only for sport (are wolves edible?).
- 508 TRAPPING WOLVES IS CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. THIS IS WELL DOCUMENTED AND YOU MUST STOP THIS TRAPPING PLAN FROM GOING FORWARD.
- 509 There is no legitimate reason to murder wolves. They are not a threat to anyone who takes proper precautions when living or working in the wolves' habitat. Farmers are already subsidized for the few losses incurred. The only reason to hunt wolves is that blood thirsty people enjoy killing.
- 510 Please do not endorse or authorize trapping under any circumstances. This constitutes horrible torture for the wolves and the other inadvertent victims - other wild animals as well as dogs - and cannot be deemed necessary for "wolf management". I have seen the results of traps, and the self mutilation that inevitably occurs as animals try to free themselves from the pain. I can't condone, nor should the DNR, such cruel "wolf management" techniques.
- 511 I do not approve of these tactics. Wolf problems (or perceived problems) can be handled in a more humane fashion. This is the 21st century...don't we have more scientific, technological or just common sense ideas on how to handle this. Allowing trapping is really awful!! Wolves clearly have a purpose as a top predator in maintaining the eco health of our northern woods. I thought that's why we wanted them there! Randomly exterminating alphas will disorganize and hurt packs hunting ability and inevitably cause more serious complications. (I think we are learning that lesson with the Isle Royal wolf pack who are on the brink of extinction because the alpha male and the last young breeding female were found dead in an old mine pit.) It's a cruel and precarious solution you've cooked up for "wolf management"!
- 512 Please consider getting rid of trapping. It's inhumane to the wolf and puts regular pets at risk.
- 513 NO wolf hunting! It will backfire, hunters will poach and wanton waste these animals. If a rogue wolf is harming livestock, let a farmer handle that wolf only. Kill more deer, the wolves will stop breeding. At least deer meat can be utilized. Feed people. Nobody needs a fur coat.
- 514 The idea of hunting and trapping wolves is bad because it is proven with wolves and other top predators that this does nothing to control problems with human encounters and often results in desimation of the wolf population. There are too many variables in the population dynamics to think that we can be helpful in wolf population control.
- 515 I completely disagree with implementing a hunting season on the wolf population so soon after de-listing them as endangered!!! Actually, I disagree with hunting and trapping wolves unless they are obviously sick, injured or dying of starvation and need to have their suffering ended in a humane way (thus I would prefer hunting with guns over trapping...that's got to be an agonizing way to die). I am not anti-hunting, in general, though I do not engage in it myself; I acknowledge that their is a benefit to game populations as a whole, to help manage population size and thus prevent overpopulation which can lead to higher rates of diseases and/or starvation. I just don't think that this is the answer in the case of predatory animals such as the wolf. We cannot eat their meat as we can w/ duck, goose, pheasant, deer, etc. Though I do not have the answer myself, I do believe there are other ways to manage our precious wolf population in the state of Minnesota. Thank you for allowing public comment on this issue, and for your consideration of alternatives.
- 516 There is no reason for the state to change the designed policy of waiting 5 years before opening the consideration of wolf hunting. Nor is there any scientific reason to hunt wolves, which have only just been removed from the endangered species list. Hunting wolves now will only make them quickly once again endangered. The suggestion that wolf hunting be started is environmentally irresponsible.
- 517 I think this is a messed up process. There is no need to control the wolf population.
- 518 No hunting season on wolves. This hunt is not needed to control the wolf population. We just paid good Minnesota taxpayer money to increase the population and the five year waiting period should be honored.
- 519 There should be no wolf hunting in MN!
- 520 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season. I believe the pack mentality of these creatures should be studied and used to strengthen/increase humans mentality. We are ruthless to one another and let our strays die off. Maybe we could learn a thing or two from these animals.
- 521 I am strongly against trapping wolves. I find it hard to believe the DNR would allow such obvious torture to an animal that the people of Minnesota support. Population control is one thing, but legal cruelty to wolves should not be tolerated.
- 522 I think we should not hunt the wolves, except for problem animals that can't be controlled in a humane way, say with guard dogs. The hunting or trapping should be either done by the DNR or closely regulated by them. The wolves deserve our respect. Hunting for recreation hunting is not respectful.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 523 While I understand that there are possible management issues in regards to conflicts with livestock, the trapping aspect of the wolf hunt is cruel and inflicts great pain to an animal so intelligent and so close to the dogs we revere and cherish. My own dog was caught in a leg trap and suffered for weeks afterward. Do you seriously expect that with the DNR budget being what it is that you will have any way to enforce the sudden close when the quota is met? This is almost laughable if it weren't so tragic.
- 524 There should be NO wolf hunting or trapping allowed. They are still in recovery and there is no excusable reason to allow for the killing of an apex predator.
- 525 Trapping wolves using steel jaws is horribly cruel and inhumane.
- 526 Please do not hunt the wolves.
- 527 Make a law that trapping wolves with a leg trap is illegal. It is a cruel practice.
- 528 Wolves have only been off of the endangered list for a very short amount of time in Minnesota, and although the population has risen here, they have not in the rest of the country. What is the point of trying to save their population for decades, only to start killing them again when they finally regain healthy numbers? There are also more effective ways to control the wolf-livestock/human interaction and conflict, including guard dogs that live with the livestock (this has proven very successful). If there is to be a trapping season, despite the protests of many Minnesota citizens, trapping should absolutely not be allowed. It is a cruel and inhumane way of catching any animal, potentially leaving them in pain for hours or days without a source of release. Guns should be enough for the hunters without needing to use these cruel tools.
- 529 Trapping is a particularly cruel way to kill any animal. Trapped animals have been known to amputate the caught limb by gnawing at it or may be held, in horrible pain for up to 24 hours (if the trapper checks his traps daily) with no mitigation. Trapping should not be permitted!
- 530 I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.
- 531 According to this website, the wolf population has remained relatively constant for 10 years. Why do we want to hunt wolves and disrupt the ratio of predator/prey that nature has set? I do not agree with hunting wolves in Minnesota.
- 532 NO DEER TRAPPING/HUNTING!!!!
- 533 No No No No wolf hunting EVER ! Wolves are magnificent creatures who have every right to live in peace. I will not spend one cent in any state that kills wolves, and I will tell everyone I know to do the same. Please reconsider this barbaric plan.
- 534 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 535 I am opposed to the trapping of wolves. I consider it inhumane and indiscriminant. Hunters should confirm the identity of the animal before they are allowed to kill it.
- 536 I firmly disagree with any wolf hunting/trapping season. Wolf trapping in steel jaws is particularly cruel and brutal. I believe there are other successful options for wolf control to prevent livestock predation (some of which are in effect now) that do not cause the wolves excessive fear, stress and pain
- 537 Removing wolves from protected status is short sighted and irresponsible. Nothing good will come of this.
- 538 I think trapping wolves with leg traps shows man's disrespect and disregard to a wonderful wild animal that has been here longer than we have. Ask yourself how you would feel being trapped in steel jaws and pulling and struggling for up to 24 hours before you were either dead or shot. Come on people - if you MUST kill this magnificent animal can't you come up with something a little more humane????
- 539 I would prefer neither hunting nor trapping. However, hunting is more humane and I would reluctantly support it. Trapping should not be supported as it is inhumane, and adding another animal for trapping is supporting long, slow, torturous deaths which I find deplorable.
- 540 It is stupid to hunt wolves. Why is it that the answer is kill it.
- 541 Please leave the wolves alone. We almost killed them all off, and they are a valuable part of our country. There should be no wolf killing unless it is to protect humans or livestock, and decided on a case-by-case basis.
- 542 Although I do not agree with either the hunting or trapping of wolves I feel at least that hunting can be done humanely. Trapping is brutal and cruel and should have no place in legal harvesting of wolves.
- 543 This is barbaric! Wolves are not harvested for food and their fur will be hung on a wall. They are hunted for the sheer joy of killing them. Can you imagine the terror of being caught in a trap and chewing your leg off to be free only to bleed to death. I will think about not going deer hunting this year. I don't want to be in the woods with people who are there, in the same woods, simply for the thrill of a kill. This is so sad.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 544 I find it repugnant to hunt and trap wolves at all. To use the reason that we have too many wolves and they are interfering with human activity is specious. Should that theory apply to humans as well? Why don't we hunt and trap them? It's absurd, of course, but so is this idea that we humans have the right to take the lives of these beautiful creatures who are parts of families and packs and the ecosystem at large. Trapping is absolutely inhumane. The thought of it makes my heart break. And the thought of hunters who will take more than their share and not follow the rules (which is inevitable) is equally disturbing. We worked so hard to preserve these animals. We have no right to take their lives. I am vehemently against this brutal policy and unnecessary policy.
- 545 Yes. I will not visit Minnesota again if you allow hunting and trapping of wolves. My husband and I are freelance travel writers and have published a number of Minnesota stories in the Chicago Tribune (our next one should run before mid-July this year), and we are heading to Park Rapids as a base in July to research other stories. We will still visit our friends, but will NOT plan to do any stories.
- 546 1. Making people who are opposed to hunting/trapping go through the presentation and survey before being able to voice their dissent is really a pretty blatant way to discourage opposition. 2. I do see the side of landowners/pet owners/farmers and their frustration with wolves. However, aren't there other methods to discourage wolves? 3. If the wolf population must be kept under control by killing them, I am very, very opposed to trapping for many reasons. It is an extremely painful and stressful way to die. What about collateral damage from trapping such as dogs, deer, humans? For such a supposedly advanced species as ourselves, can we really not come up with anything better? Thanks for your time.
- 547 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 548 I don't think wolves should be hunted or trapped at all, but trapping is especially and unnecessarily cruel and inhumane. NO animal should be subjected to this practice. If people are horrified when a person gets caught in a trap, they should be no less horrified by an animal being tortured by traps. It's time to shed nineteenth century sensibilities toward animals. Leave the wolves alone.
- 549 I absolutely do NOT approve of shooting or trapping wolves. Do you, the legislature, think it would be acceptable to have your dogs caught in a trap chewing their legs off while waiting for some hunter to come and kill them??? I see no difference for the wolves. Since the state could have a reimbursement program for any killing of livestock, I see no reason for brutal trapping of these beautiful creatures just for their fur.
- 550 I request that the DNR reinstate the 5 year moratorium on public wolf hunting and trapping as previously agreed to in the 2001 Minnesota Wolf Management Plan. The DNR Commissioner has the legal authority and responsibility to reinstate the moratorium so we can better understand the impacts of a hunt and measure public attitudes prior to proceeding with a public take. Per Article 5, Game and Fish Policy, Section 51, "...the commissioner may prescribe open seasons and restrictions for taking gray wolves but must provide opportunity for public comment." The language "the commissioner may" means that there is no obligation to move forward with a public take at this time. The DNR Commissioner needs to put a hold on this proposed season immediately and let the state legislature know that more time is needed to study the issue before pressing forward.
- 551 Wolves do not need their numbers reduced. No random hunting. No trapping of wolves for pelts. We only need to help our farmers and your expert David Mech said that hunt will not help depredations.
- 552 I think hunting and trapping wolves is cruel and would harm the population. With trapping you have no idea what you will catch, you could be killing a pup or young wolf or any other type of wildlife. Killing these 400 wolves, I am just shocked you would consider killing 400, I think will soon result in a decline of the total wolf population; as I said you would be killing the young so there is little chance of reproduction
- 553 In behalf of many citizens that do not have an internet connection to fill this survey, I do not approve this hunts and trapping, wolves must be relisted under the ESA as a vital species for their environment and not just be an amusement for the sadistic "big game"
- 554 While I don't support any hunting season for wolves at all, at a minimum please do not allow trapping, This is so barbaric! Why is it necessary? If there has to be a hunting season on wolves, why not just firearms? The use of traps is so painful and frightening for an animal. We are more civilized than that. Why do we have to torture these creatures? There is a better option--just firearms. Really we should just explore other options of control, such as guard dogs or llamas, or reimbursement programs. But PLEASE, at a minimum, do not allow trapping.
- 555 The DNR should know that allowing the general public to hunt wolves would be a disaster and probably increase the population as the general public will not be able to determine the Alpha Male who controls the breeding. If the wolves need to be culled the DNR should come up with a way to identify the Alpha Males and the DNR should be responsible for hunting and eliminating the appropriate wolves in a pack.
- 556 what is with you people. Why can;t you leave these animals alone. Why are you out to destroy every thing. These idiots have been trapping and hunting these animals for ever. Now you have all the idiots hunting and you can bet they will hunt until they are all gone. If you want to hunt something hunt the pit bulls in Mpls. They kill people and still run loose. Amy K is just looking for votes and money. I hope she loses the election because of this. I used to respect hunters but no more. Then you talk about baiting these animals. Why don't you just round them up and use a machine gun and wipe them out. The Star and tribune had an article about wolves taking toddlers away. Does any one ever do their home work. They bait bears also. Thats not hunting that is a slaughter. Well may be if they wipe all animals off the face of the earth none of us will have to worry about it. Let me know your thought.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 557 I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF ANY WOLVES, OR OTHER ANIMALS, ANYWHERE, OR AT ANY TIME! Wolf populations are not yet in stable enough condition to allow for their untimely demise. Trapping ANY ANIMAL, ANYWHERE, OR AT ANY TIME inflicts un-necessary pain and torture to the animal; and DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTES to the escalation of world-wide violence OF ALL TYPES. Conflicts between animals & humans are caused by human MIS-MANAGEMENT AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING & COMPASSION on the part of humans. I can only hope that your lack of consideration and reliance on brute force will work against you in whatever way possible.
- 558 The trapping of wolves is cruel. Why let them suffer so?? I do not agree with trapping AT ALL!!! What will be done with the animals after being shot? Do people eat wolf meat? Will the hunters get paid per wolf they shot? Wolf season is SO awful. Animals have to suffer for the stupidity of people. They were here first and man has NO RIGHT to kill them for sport. I do plan to find out if my legislatures voted for this because they are a NO vote in my book.
- 559 There is no need for a wolf hunting season. Available food supply and habitat will naturally control the wolf population.
- 560 It has taken many years to bring the wolf population "back" after slaughtering them in a wholesale way for decades, like the bison and so many other creatures. We can finally be treated to a rare sighting or howl in the Arrowhead, and if luck prevails we may even catch a glimpse of a cougar. I would be very happy to increase my taxes to reimburse ranchers for losses! Please leave the wildlife alone!!!
- 561 I am against a hunting and trapping season for wolves. I think the deer population is high enough to keep both hunters and wolves happy.
- 562 I don't believe wolves should be hunted. I especially don't believe they, or any animal, should be trapped. Trapping is cruel and causes the animal a great deal of pain and stress. Trapping should be outlawed altogether. We should all think about where our wonderful pet dogs came from originally (wolves) and put an end to this wolf hunting season.
- 563 I am upset that there is going to be a wolf hunting season. I agree that problem wolves can be "taken care of" but I am against all trapping and hunting seasons. I would rather my tax dollars be spent on reimbursing farmers who can prove that their live stock was taken or killed by wolves. I am a hunter. I bow-hunt and I am no "tree hugger". I just love wolves and hate the idea of trapping wolves and shooting wolves. Wolves are what separates us from other states and they have to eat as well. They take out the old and injured deer. Its the hard winters that affect our deer population up north. I am sick over this new hunting and trapping season. Period.
- 564 Don't agree with hunting wolves. So many deer are killed on roads. We have a summer Mobile home in Michigan and two young deer were killed by our place by cars going too fast and not watching out for deer. I love all animals and they should be allowed to live. Maybe because our human population is growing too fast we should kill off babies. How would you like that?
- 565 Yes, this survey is ridiculous. If a person answers that they don't support hunting or trapping of wolves, take them somewhere other than questions about hunting and trapping wolves, or give them an option to say that they don't approve of ANY of the options. END THIS STUPID BUSINESS RIGHT NOW -- NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF WOLVES WHATSOEVER!
- 566 Simultaneous hunting of deer and wolves are too dangerous. There are not enough wolves to justify hunting.
- 567 The wolf population has finally begun to reach sustainable numbers and this proposal to hunt them will once again threaten their survival. The law doesn't account for the high numbers of wolves that will be killed illegally by hunters that do not have a license or apply for a tag. What is the long term goal?
- 568 I don't feel there is a need for wolf hunting/trapping. There is plenty of deer for both hunters and wolves. I would allow for deer natural predation to occur we would not have so many deer out there now. I feel the mn dnr is pro hunter and does not have the best interest of the wolves at heart. ESpecially trapping should NOT be allowed; it is cruel and inhumane and such an antiquated method of death I cannot believe this state would allow it to exist anymore. Its too bad there are so many monsters still living in this state. If I find one on my property I will call the police since I can't count on the dnr to help.
- 569 this is barbaic its terrible we just got the wolves to a good place from near extinction and to trap these poor creatures! how would you feel if you had you leg or face shattered in a grip of metal teeth?
- 570 The DNR put great effort into a wolf management plan that is being ignored for the short term pleasure of a few legislators and the pelts for a few trappers. Stop this slaughter of a much needed predator that balances out the ecosystem that you are charged with "managing." Wolves do not need to be controlled. Your own expert said this. Randomly killing wolves does not help farmers and you know it.
- 571 I do not support killing of wolves period!!!!
- 572 Make stronger safety regulations for trappers, so someone bird hunting with dogs will not get into the trapping area
- 573 This survey seems a little strange since I indicated I do not approve of the hunting and trapping of wolves in any case. Actually, it is the trapping that I do not like. If decreasing the wolf population is deemed necessary, then I feel it should be done in a humane way, such as hunting, rather than using the horrible steel traps! There is no logical reason why wolves (or any animals) have to be subjected to the pain of a steel trap. Those traps should be outlawed across the board. I am not a member of PETA or any racial group such as that, but I feel we should be taking care of our wild animal population in a sane and humane manner.
- 574 I don't think we should have the wolves killed. Before long they would become extinct.
- 575 If trapping is allowed, traps must be humane and checked frequently.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 576 I am absolutely opposed to the trapping of wolves and "problem wolves " are already managed. These plans are cruel and unnecessary. I believe the DNR needs to think outside the "killing Box". The Yellowstone wolves have already vanished... don't let that happen here!
- 577 This survey is misleading, allows no descent from the program itself, and is hardly worth taking. Trapping of any animal should be banned; it is a barbaric practice that only causes undue suffering of not only the target animals, but too many others as well, including domestic pets. Other methods are available to control wolf predation that do not encourage the worst of human cruelty.
- 578 I am taking this survey not as a hunter, but as a wolf advocate. I have heard horror stories of hunters that trap and then don't go back to check for MANY days. First we get them back (like the bald eagles) then we want to let hunters "have at it" with them. I am not for any killing of the wolf.
- 579 leave the wolf alone it just away for the DNR to get more money we should charge out of state sportmen more for coming here to fish and hunt we pay twice as much to go out state
- 580 Do not support hunting at all
- 581 The practice of trapping wolves is despicable. This is a cruel and inhuman way to let an animal suffer . Do not do it!
- 582 I am opposed to trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. I also am very concerned about dogs, etc. getting killed by wolf traps. It seems too early to hunt wolves after being endangered. The maximum number of wolves should be determined before we kill what we have especially since the population is remaining stable.
- 583 I urge you to Not allow people to hunt these beautiful wolves- let them be it is not a sport - sport by definition means both sides agree to engage , both sides do not agree in this meaningless killing of our wolves. Thank you listening to my opinion.
- 584 the hunting of these animals is wrong all together and should be STOPPED
- 585 It is dumb to begin hunting wolves immediatly after removing them from protective species status. Trapping is always inhumane and should never ever be allowed. I will not be voting for my legislators that voted for this bill.
- 586 Too soon for a wolf hunt. Another poor decision by government.
- 587 I live in Ohio. No, I've never hunted.Never even held a gun. However, we treat nature like it's ours to do with as we please, with no consideration to the consequenses. Hunting, sadly, needs to be done because of how we've messed up the ecosystem and it needs to be kept in balance.
- 588 There should be NO hunting or trapping of wolves. I wouldn't support any of the legistive/DNR proposals. This will not stop the poaching and killing of any wolf. What would make any one think that trapping is more humane than shooting? The legislature, in their infinite wisdom, needs to view the trapped animals fear. Oh, maybe that still wouldn't help - one has to have a brain and and heart to be impacted by that level of fear and panic.
- 589 I only hope that in hunting wolves we do not harm their intricate systems of pack life and territory. I disagree with the hunting of wolves - killing them will have a greater impact among their species than the killing of deer among theirs, respectively.
- 590 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season so soon after delisting from the endangered species list. I think we should at least study it for the 2012-2013 hunting season, & implement a season sometime after the original 5 year waiting period that the 2011 Mn State Legislature originally had planned. If you want to have a hunt before 5 yr waiting period is up, then I think that the hunting and trapping season should start @ the beginning of the 2013-2014 season.It would allow a little more time for the wolf population to get a little healthier.
- 591 I am very dissapointed the 5 year waiting period was removed by this wolf-hating legislature. I further believe the scramble to kill wolves is mainly to satisfy deer hunters and increase deer populations to high levels so more will be available to kill for recreational purposes. Hunting is scientific in this state and others only to the extent predators are removed to artificially increase populations of preferred game animals for sport killing, NOT for any natural balance between predator and pray. I do firmly wish trappers would have to take a nature course in animal anatomy and biology. Too many of these people, and I've talk to and heard them speak, say animals do not feel pain in traps. If you believe that you're either stupid or do not care.
- 592 Why encourage the sadistic practice of causing suffering and deaths of God's creatures?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 593 First, I was opposed to the change in the law that lifted the 5-yaer moratorium on wolf hunting following their removal from the endangered species list. Second, I am opposed to hunting the species today. It took more than 50 years for the wolf to quadruple its numbers and expand its territory in MN to 1/3 of the state. Now, the population stands "relatively stable" at 3000 members with no significant decrease, OR INCREASE, in number for a decade. Still, the proposal is to reduce the population by 13% in one season? I understand the DNR is an administrative agency bound by legislative mandate, but the management plan as described seems extreme. The most striking statement in this information session was "All of the primary areas of the state suitable for wolves are occupied by wolves." I understand that this implies management is necessary to prevent the species from encroaching on human settlements thereby placing itself in a precarious and harmful situation. Nonetheless, if the wolf population is indeed currently at carrying capacity, the real tragedy is that MN lands can only support 3000 wolves. I want to know, then, if preserving a thriving wolf population is a primary goal, what is DNR's plan for conserving wolf habitat to prevent population decline? Please treat this matter with due diligence.
- 594 I STRONGLY disagree with hunting wolves esp. trapping this is inhumane and cruel to any animal. There are a large amount of irresponsible hunters who shoot and trap anything these people are never caught or prosecuted. I live in the country and many of these idiots live near me!
- 595 While I don't think there should be a hunting season for wolves, I believe if one should occur the season should coincide with the deer hunting season alone. It would be extremely difficult to sufficiently patrol and enforce outside deer hunting season. Late season for wolves is unnecessary unless trapping only. Too many licenses available. Due to some peoples deep hatred and/or fear of wolves, current proposal will likely result in excessive poaching and unchecked harvest. No Baiting. Without mentioning in excess about Minnesota's excellent history with wolf management, especially when compared with the west, it is unfortunate to see Minnesota change management plans with such apparent purposes because of hunting pressure. It is not needed at this time.
- 596 I am trying to imagine wolf trapping, and can only foresee the brutal, inhumane use of the toothed leg traps. Perhaps there is some humane method of which I am not aware, but I believe that such leg traps, or any inhumane system should not be legal. I would hope that we have advanced beyond the vicious mistreatment of any animals. Would a trapper use such a device on their pet dogs or cats?
- 597 I am not in favor of a wolf hunting or trapping season. Trapping is a cruel way to "catch" any living being. Shame on our Legislature for sneaking this through without public opinion.
- 598 I do not understand how as a Country we protect the Wolves for so many years and now when the population has recovered, we decide to hunt or trap them. What a waste of money let alone life. Trapping is an inhumane way to kill any animal let alone a wolf. I think the wolf should continue to be protected and studied and not allowed to be hunted or trapped. Wolves are part of what makes this state and this country so special. Wolves are one of Minnesota's icons like the buffalo, moose, deer, bear, and walleyes! They should be honored, treasured, and protected! Not hunted and especially not trapped!
- 599 Do not trap or hunt wolves!! This is outrageous!
- 600 Stop hunting wolves.
- 601 I am horrified that in 2012 our state will allow the hunting of the grey wolves. The grey wolves have been off the ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST for a little over a year and the creature we have work so hard to protect, we are now going to destroy? I am confused... I only wish that our wildlife had lobbyists as good as the special interests groups.
- 602 NO WOLF HUNTING PERIOD!!
- 603 I am strongly opposed to hunting & trapping at wolves at this time. The 5 year assessment is not being honored. I am opposed to trapping of any animals at anytime. Trapping is the lazy man's way to hunt. NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF WOLVES!!
- 604 Humans are invading wolf territory and should not be hunted. Spay the females if their overpopulated but do not kill them. It's not right.
- 605 I am against the wolf hunting/trapping program the DNR wishes to conduct THIS FALL. Other good options for wolf control is using guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement porgrams have also been successful. I STRONGLY DO NOT SUPPORT THIS ACTION ENACTED BY OUR LEGISLATURE IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.
- 606 I would find that the wolf population is still under some distress and needs to be left alone to further repopulate.
- 607 this shouldn't happen
- 608 Perhaps instead of KILLING wolves, you could work with the public and farmers to reduce interactions. This wolf hunt disgusts me considering I live on the North Shore. I do NOT support this!
- 609 do no rule Do not the WOLF!!
- 610 TOTALLY AGAINST ANY HUNTING OF WOLVES. THIS WOULD ONLY B FOR PERSONS WITH EXTREMELY LOW INTELLIGENT LEVELS AND NOTHING IMPORTANT IN THEIR LIVES. CAN'T EAT THEM. ONLY INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING THEM IN THEIR GARAGES OR BASEMENT IN LOW LIFE AREAS. THIS STATE MUST NOT HAVE ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT TO DO. STOP THE PLAN NOW!
- 611 I don't believe in the hunting of wolves unless there is extreme over-population.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 612 am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.
- 613 Please do not allow trapping of these magnificent creatures! There is no reason why shooting only can't control the population. Trapping is a brutal end to a wolf's life. Caught in a trap the animal can suffer for hours! Please reconsider and ban trapping of wolves.
- 614 I strongly oppose and recreational and/or commercial killing of wolves.
- 615 Don't hunt the wolves!!!!!!!
- 616 I'm against hunting and trapping--especially trapping!
- 617 It is hard to believe that our Legislature has caved in to the hunting lobby and completely ignore the recommended advice to have a five year waiting period to study the wolf population and its interaction with humans. I guess that money from lobbyists is far more important to them than following recommended advice. It is very disheartening and doesn't give one much confidence in our lawmakers. A healthy wolf population contributes to the overall well being of the environment - a case in point is the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone. I am wholeheartedly against the hunting and trapping of these magnificent animals.
- 618 I'm not in favor of the hunting/trapping of wolves given that the wolf population in Minnesota has been stable for many years without a hunting season. Since that issue has already been decided, and hunting/trapping of wolves will go forward, I would like to see the State of Minnesota ban the use of leg hold traps for trapping wolves.
- 619 Wolves are beautiful, intelligent animals which still are scarce in the US as a whole. They have just been taken off the Endangered List because numbers improved in Minnesota. Hunting them is not the best solution to farmers' concerns about livestock predation. Flock guardian dogs are a much better solution. If hunting can not be avoided, steel traps are a cruel and inhumane means of hunting the animals and should not be allowed.
- 620 I buy Minnesota hunting licenses for the enjoyment of hunting, but frequently do not shoot anything as I do not enjoy shooting animals. I am definitely opposed to any form of trapping as I did that early in life and found it to be very cruel to animals. Shooting wolves for sport, certainly does not appeal to me. I expect nature can control the population within reasonable limits. Current population is not excessive.
- 621 Please stop this. This is a terrible way to handle the wolf population. Trapping them is barbaric. What is happening to our state?
- 622 You should think about this further. Have you looked at other ways of keeping wolves from herds of domestic animals rather than killing them? How many wolves are there now/ when did you count them last? I don't believe a lot of hunters and trappers are ethical enough to take the time to track a wounded animal and put it out of its misery. You can't eat a wolf. Look into their eyes. they are beautiful and majestic. What is your true goal? the DNR is caving to the god of money, and taking care of our animals!!
- 623 I am appalled that "trapping" is involved in this discussion at all. This is the most barbaric form of torture and I am truly ashamed to live in a state that still condones this. I have read all of Dr. Mech's books and have heard him speak on his research on wolves, so I do believe that the season won't hurt the overall wolf population of the state, but the fact that trapping is just thrown in as a natural inclusion of a hunting season shocked me. And we all know that traps also catch non target species and hunting dogs! I know I speak for many, but this is a very unpublicized and difficult way to seek public comment. I do hope to see an exclusion of trapping for this plan, at the very least and in the very near future, a ban on trapping altogether. Isn't it about time??
- 624 I do not think the current number of wolves in Minnesota is good enough to start a hunting season for wolves. I believe that the fact that the wolf population has remain stable over the years means that the establishment of a hunting season for wolves is not necessary and that wolves need more time to have a natural growth.
- 625 I'm against wolf hunting and trapping all together.
- 626 I do not agree @ all with hunting of an apex predator in the first place. Traps & snares are inhumane & out dated. Please, reconsider the hunt. I thought that MN. was a smarter state then all of the rest. Wolves are a beautiful & needed creature in this world we live in. We must save them no matter what.
- 627 If the population has been stable for 10 years then there is no reason to hunt. We do not know what the extremes in climate we have been experiencing might do to their numbers in the coming years.
- 628 So I guess this is a done deal and the decent compassionate people of Minnesota don't count. Please, will someone explain to me why we brought the wolf back from certain extinction only to kill them. Ah, but that is what we humans?do extremely well. We KILL. Anyone who thinks that trapping is even remotely humane is brainless. I do not, or ever will support the murder of this beautiful, wonderment and much misunderstood creature of God. If the state of Minnesota made no money from these mercenaries, would there even be a law? I think not. I support and will help fund any alternative to killing these beautiful creatures.
- 629 I have no objection to a firearms season, coinciding with the deer season. However, I don't agree with the use of leg hold traps and snares to "manage our wolf population", because those methods of harvesting wolves are cruel. Other means to manage our wolf population and deal with "problem wolves" should be implemented.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 630 I feel that the wolf hunt is unadvisable in terms of the original recommendation of a 5 year moratorium after their removal from the endangered classification. I don't believe enough consideration is being given to a complete and comprehensive study of the wolf population. Once they were taken off the endangered listing farmers could legitimately protect their livestock from wolves that were predatory to their livestock. As it is, I believe that wolves are currently being blamed for attacks by other predators (coyotes, "wild" dogs hunting in packs, occasionally bear as well as accidental deaths and disappearances). A 5 year moratorium would also allow a more thorough study of natural factors in limiting the wolf population; for example their vulnerability to disease, such as mange, lymes disease (as well as other tick borne illnesses) and other canine related maladies. Having part of the wolf season combined with the deer season obviously greatly increases the number of potential wolf hunters. It is not too hard to imagine that a number of these "wolf hunters" will be less than well informed thereby increasing the chances of irresponsible shots being taken at animals that they believe might be a wolf. It would seem possible that this type of shooting could result in increased risk for other hunters, residents of the area, domestic animals, etc. High powered magnum rifles fired at uncertain or distant targets are dangerous anytime, let alone with a large number of hunters in the woods during deer season. It also should be considered that one person having a wolf license in a large party of deer hunters would also increase the temptation for other members of the party to shoot a wolf and credit it to the appropriately licensed hunter. It would seem that the wolf hunt is already going to cost Minnesota far more than it will bring in without allowing for almost unenforceable participation by hunters that haven't even paid for a license. The "open-ended" aspect of the wolf hunt, in other words allowing hunting until the quota is taken, seems to be really ill-advised for the first season of the hunt and first attempt at controlling the wolf population. Obviously, the DNR wishes to have the maximum number of wolves killed during the hunt. This seems entirely unnecessary during a period where much is still being evaluated. I also have doubts as to the notification of hunters in the field being contacted on a timely basis as to the end of the hunt. How enforceable would a violation against a hunter who claimed he had no knowledge that the season ended be? The hunter might offer a defense of a lack of a signal in a particular area etc. There is documentation that when alpha wolves have been removed from a pack that the more immature wolves may become more predatory towards livestock and pets. Having part of the wolf season coincide with the deer season certainly increases the chances of established packs being disrupted in this manor by the sheer number and randomness of hunters in the wolf's territory. I also do not see any sense in allowing the trapping of wolves before the results of the first years of a wolf hunt are analyzed. Encouraging trapping will undoubtedly result in a large number of dogs being caught in traps; in that the bait and accessibility to traps will be identical for dogs and wolves. Trapping would also seem to only add to the overall controversy in that a significant number of people believe that trapping in general is inhumane. In summation it certainly seems that if the State of Minnesota insisted on ignoring the original 5 year moratorium recommendation, that there should at least be appropriate controls placed on the wolf hunt to allow for the greatest protection for this species that so much effort has been placed into re-establishing in the state.
- 631 What right do you have to kill these beautiful animals, leave them alone.
- 632 I OPPOSE THE WOLF HUNTS AND DO HAVE A CAUSE PAGE ON FB TO BOYCOTT MINNESOTA TOURISM...I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE, AND LOVE OUR WOLVES...NOW, I AM LOOKING TO MOVE AND TELLING THE WORLD WHAT YOUR PLANNING ON DOING....AFTER SPENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR YEARS ENSURING THEIR SURVIVAL, YOU FINALLY SOLD THEM OUT TO THE RANCHERS AND FARMERS WHO HAVE AND NEVER WILL TRY ALTERNATIVE METHODS....I AM SURE THE LEGISLATORS ARE GETTING FAT CAMPAIGN DONATIONS FOR THIS....
- 633 I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.
- 634 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. I love wolves and I do not want to see them killed, especially for sport.
- 635 I do not support trapping wolves. Its cruel.
- 636 I am not interested in hunting wolves myself. If there has to be a program of culling the wolves, then it should be done humanely. Trapping with snares is not humane in anyway and should not be authorized by the DNR. Shooting in which death comes rapidly is the only reasonable way to make this humane. So my position is trapping should not be allowed as it cruel; only shooting should be permitted and it should be limited to the deer hunting season. I would advocate a plan where the first year's 'harvest' is allowed under strict controls, and based on the experience gained the rules are modified to meet the actual goals.
- 637 I believe the wolf/ deer population is in balance & is doing just fine. Also I find trapping & snaring inhumane.
- 638 I am a librarian, voter and tax-payer. I am against legalizing hunting wolves. Many people have worked hard to get the population back up, so it seems appropriate to not start killing them again. Rushing these things seems like a terrible decision to people that pay attention to history and current events.
- 639 Trapping is not an acceptable option. I live in a rural area where many animals are still trapped.I have seen the results. The cruelty that is evident is a crime against Nature.
- 640 I strongly object to the use of steel leg hold traps. I think they should be outlawed totally. I really hope that this barbaric method of trapping animals is halted

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 641 Are you out of your f@#%&# minds? I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how we feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.
- 642 NO to Trapping.It is inhuman or inwolf if you prefer.I do not support hunting at all and certainly not trapping.It is cruel.I saw pictures of people whose dogs were caught. There will be wolves,and will anyone complain about them? The hunters won't but otherpeople will and people should Wolves generally take the weak,sick and old deer.Let them clean up the field that way.We don't need to go after them.
- 643 Trapping wolves is barbaric. It is just too cruel and I wish there wasn't a trapping season for wolves. Too many wolves are going to be taken illegally with this new hunting and trapping season. When offenders are caught, they need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and not just get a slap on the wrist.
- 644 What is the point of killing a magnificent creature like the wolf? It is like killing a Bald Eagle. 3000 wolves in the lower 48 states, and they say it is too many, who are they kidding? I have seen many deer in MN, but I have yet to see my first wolf in the wild. Think about it, it would be an experience of a lifetime to see a wolf in the wild. So, go ahead and have a wolf killing season to ensure that you, me, and our children will never see one of the most beautiful and intelligent animals in nature.
- 645 Since the wolf population is stable, there is no need for management/harvesting. Top predators are too important to the ecosystem to be harvested. Wolves are too intelligent to be trapped - it is simply immoral.
- 646 I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves because scientific recommendations say to wait for 5 years after de-listing wolves. Trapping is cruel and should be eliminated. The problems between humans and wolves have solutions other than hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.
- 647 This is crazy. The 5 year waiting period should be enforced.
- 648 Don't hurt the wolves please!
- 649 I don't think hunting wolves by trapping is humane. Nor necessary. Random killing of wolves needs to STOP before it starts. If there is a wolf affecting farmers herds, then let that farmer get a permit to hunt that one wolf. So few wolves affect herd animals that this new law allowing trapping should NOT exist.
- 650 I urge you to please consider the lives of these native creatures. It appear to not be enough to survive in the wild, but now must deal with humans hunting them in their indigenous territory. Thank you for your time and consideration into this matter.
- 651 I am completely opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. I think you should follow scientific recommendations and wait for 5 years after de-listing. Trapping should be eliminated - it is unnecessary and cruel. No matter how people feel about wolves we can agree that there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress, and pain. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. I advocate for the abolishment of this brutal practice! The problems between humans and wolves have other solutions besides hunting. They include the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Reimbursement programs have also been successful.
- 652 The hunting and trapping of wolves is deplorable and totally without merit.
- 653 While I understand the possible need to regulate the wolf population in MN, I strongly object to the use of trapping. I find this unnecessary and unbelievably inhumane. Why is this even being considered as a means to control the wolf population? I sincerely hope this will not be allowed. I am ashamed that the state of MN would support such an out-dated and inhumane method of wildlife management, when other effective means are available!
- 654 The decisions made about wolves are simply ridiculous. 3,000 wolves may not warrant preservation efforts according to your rules, but that doesn't mean this rule is perfect. On the contrary, it seems to me that, if we have managed to bring wolf population to this number, we should keep the measures we had to protect them. I also believe your measures are not reassuring enough; why should we believe that hunters and trappers care about wolf conservation? Allowing the hunting of wolves will only end up endangering them again. How do killing and trapping count as preservation? Please reconsider this issue and continue the active preservation of wolves, instead of advocating for open season on them.
- 655 I have to start by saying the state should be ashamed of itself. Stop claiming this is for ecological reasons. It's not. It's for the sole purpose of catering to ignorant or careless hunters. Wolves monitor their own populations based on the resources available to it. That's just basic biology. The fact that this state is going to allow a hunting season on these creatures for little more reason other than that so called "sportsmen" can get a pelt and skull disgusts me. I am no longer proud to be a minnesotan.
- 656 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Thank you for your time and consideration.
- 657 The wolf population has been "stable" for 10 years, not excessive! Stable is ideal. Seems as though there is no need for hunting or trapping of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 658 I think the hunting season for wolfs is NUTS. The House says it has enough wolfs and we have to get rid of some of them LET GET RID OF SOME HOUSE MEMBERS. I payed with my tax money to bring back wolfs. Now you want to get rid of them WHY?
- 659 I am 100% against allowing the hunting or trapping of wolfs. Please read the letter to the editor in the Sunday, June 17, 2012, Grand Rapids Herald Review written by [redacted] nailed it on the nose 100% and I agree with 100%. In addition, I feel nature is much better at balancing nature better than the Minnesota DNR. You have a mild winter, the deer thrive and the wolf pups suffer...you have a horrible winter, the wolves thrive and the deer suffer. You know that. I feel absolutely horrible when livestock or pets are lost as a result of wolves and I know protecting livestock is difficult. However, a wolf killed my neighbor's dog a few weeks ago, but she let her dog out unattended in the wee hours of the morning and everyone here knows we have wolves in the area. People have to realize when they choose to live in a rural area there can be conflicts between pets and wildlife especially when rural areas are becoming more populated leaving less room for wildlife to exist. I have 2 dogs and they are never outside unsupervised. I also get the feeling that this is nothing but an attempt to gain more revenue for Minnesota in a bad way. And, finally, I am concerned if traps are used, we run the risk of losing pets in these traps as well...you can post all the signs you want but if one pet is lost to trapping of wolves, you will probably be at the mercy of the pet owner.
- 660 I am in favor of restoring wolves to ALL of Mn. I DO NOT support hunting of them. I and others have spent our tax dollars to restore them, to let them control deer populations. If farmers, residents of heavy wolf area do not keep their own dogs at home, like those in cities have to, then o-well if they become lunch. Farmers have been and should still be compensated for real wolf kills of livestock. Not just the presumed death and half rotted body considered wolf food. If the wolf is considered game animals since their population is getting high, then lay off dnr workers and representatives etc. because they apparently have done a good job and they aren't needed either.
- 661 I do not feel supportive of allowing a wolf hunting season, for either the deer hunting season or the late season, for the State of Minnesota and all its counties here within.
- 662 The proposed wolf hunt is appalling. Using traps to hunt in my opinion is considered "animal cruelty" and should not be allowed for that reason. I simply cannot understand why anyone would want to hunt wolves. Years ago they were hunted to near extinction and they finally come back and you want to start the killing again? They were here before any Minnesotans arrived they are just trying to live their lives. People are smart enough to know how to take precautions in the wilderness and farmers if they feel threatened should be smart enough to figure out a way to protect cattle etc. The wolf hunt is absolutely ridiculous!
- 663 Wolves should not be hunted. This plan is inappropriate. STOP IT NOW!
- 664 Wolves pose no significant impact upon anyone and are not a public danger. The slaughter of wolves reflects primitive and unpalatable aspects of human nature. The state should see no interest in enabling wolf slaughter. It reflects poorly upon the state and the public. Genocide is genocide, regardless of the species.
- 665 Wolves need not be hunted & especially NOT TRAPPED - A MOST CRUEL & UNNEEDED activity. Current law is sufficient to handle problem wolves & reimburse those impacted. Venison taken by hunters winds up getting tossed out due to freezer burn - wolves eat every bit of the deer they take. Let them be.
- 666 I strongly oppose the hunting of wolves
- 667 Yes. I am in support of wolf recovery in this region and oppose reducing Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping --especially trapping, which causes extreme and prolonged suffering, and is unnecessary, cruel, and indiscriminate.
- 668 Trapping is a very cruel process. MN should not allow it at all.
- 669 I am ok with wolves having a hunting season but wish that trapping would not be allowed due to the increase harm and anguish it puts on the wolves.
- 670 I am against all hunting and trapping of wolves and want this new regulation rescinded.
- 671 I,m against hunting and trapping the wolves. But most of all TRAPPING SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
- 672 I did not respond to most of the questions because I do not plan to hunt. I am strongly opposed to a wolf hunting season at any time. I am especially opposed to trapping wolves. A wolf can suffer for up to 24 hours before a hunter might return to the trapped wolf. Give the wolves a few years before hunting begins again. Thanks
- 673 Why is a season necessary anyway? Now that there are 3 bobcats in Mn are the licenses on sale already?
- 674 I believe the late season trapping of wolves is not in the best interest of Minnesota. To allow trapping of wolves in Minnesota will be looked at with condemnation by future generations in Minnesota. If population control is needed, then allow a firearms season and continue with a problem wolf program. Please reconsider a wolf trapping season in Minnesota and show the world we have compassion for all creatures great and small. S
- 675 This survey is geared toward permitting wolf hunts in Minnesota, not toward truly seeking public comment.
- 676 Trapping and snaring are the most inhumane way to take any wildlife. We don't trap deer! Traps hurt all wildlife, pets and possible humans. I don't trust trappers to check their traps within 24 hours. Any amount of time is too long for an animal to be in a trap. At least shooting an animal will mostly kill it right a way. If you have ever witnessed an animal in a trap and you are okay with that - I pray for your soul. NO ANIMAL SHOULD BE TRAPPED.
- 677 We favor more restrictions: 1 -Hunt only, no trapping (cruelty of traps and length animal is in them is inhumane). 2- Livestock owners view wolves as an enemy; Wolves are entitled to the life that Minnesota presents to them. Proper guard dogs and llamas would save owners from encroaching on nature's own rights re wolves.
- 678 Don't hunt wolves - at all.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 679 I am completely unconvinced that a hunting season is needed for wolves and I think trapping is horrible for any animal.
- 680 I'm totally opposed to wolf trapping . Although I don't see a need to harvest any wolves at all, if it has to be done do it through hunting only. Last winter I saw a red fox in an illegal snare along a well traveled rural road. The fox was still alive and struggling. It was a really horrible scene. Although I'm an avid deer hunter and small game hunter I think trapping should be outlawed.
- 681 I am STRONGLY AGAINST anything that will take the Fed/State protection away from our wolves. Humans always create the problems! Let Mother Nature take care of her own! I am proud to know we have the largest Wolf population here in MN than all of the other 48 states. Use this resource to charge other areas, states or countries that may want wolves. This concept would keep our wolf population in check and accumulate extra state revenue to be used for other MN DNR issues to better the people of MN and it's youth. Thank you.
- 682 This is horrific ... a "harvest" of any living, feeling creature is a crime against ethics and morality. If there is truly a problem w/ overpopulation, please address it humanely by feeding them contraceptives. I am horrified to imagine the suffering that these and other poor innocent animals will surely endure during the "trapping" process. I have a cat who barely survived a leghold trap and now has his whole arm amputated, after living in horrific pain for about 2-3 weeks. Can you imagine what that would be like?? Please try. I bet it hurts to get shot too.
- 683 Please do not allow trapping or hunting of wolves!
- 684 I am appalled that trapping is being implemented. What about all the other wildlife and pets which will be killed in the same traps? You should be ashamed of yourselves DNR for misrepresenting the public and mismanaging the wildlife. You failed the public and you don't deserve to manage our wildlife. It is our wildlife not yours.
- 685 Yes, I think it is barbaric to allow these animals to suffer, caught in traps when the hunter only has to check on them every 24 hours. As mentioned in the star trib, there are alternatives to the wolf population interfering with humans. It is a joke in northern mn. where I have a cabin that the "rules" will even be followed. Many hunters already kill wolves. You must be aware of that. I have heard many of these men laugh about trailing them on snow mobiles until they are exhausted and then shoot them. I am very very disappointed with the dnr's stance on this issue. the minute they come off the endangered species list, people are allowed to go and kill them .The irony is not lost on any of us.
- 686 I think it is totally wrong to hunt these majestic animals. Why can't people just leave them alone? They are so close to the family of dogs how can anyone hurt them? They just have to be mean and cruel people who want to hunt for the sport. let's hunt people for a while & see how they would like it. No that would not work, but it's ok to go out and kill defenseless animals. It is just wrong.
- 687 I oppose any hunting that involves steel jaws traps. It is one thing to hunt with a gun and quite another leaving an animal to suffer pain until one gets back to the trap and kill the animal. It is a barbaric practice using the steel jaws traps.p
- 688 Trapping is cruel and I object to the trapping of wolves.
- 689 I do not think the wolf population is at a level where we can start hunting them not even a year after they have been removed from the endangered species list. They Gray Wolf is a very vital animal in Minnesota and I think it is our duty to be sure they remain just that.
- 690 Please do not allow the hunting of wolves. Their population has remained stable over the past 10 years. There is no need to add a wolf hunt/trapping season to help maintain the wolf population. The trapping of wolves is particularly troublesome.
- 691 I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS HEINOUS SLAUGHTER OF WOLVES!
- 692 If there has to be a decrease in wolf population (which I question), I would support only a hunt. However, strongly opposed to wolf hunt coinciding during deer season. Should have separate season. Especially VERY opposed to the cruel, inhumane, and unnecessary trapping methods used to trap wolves! Trapping will result in many long, painful deaths and negative impact on wolves, other wildlife, and pet dogs caught in these barbaric traps. Horrible! Legislature should have kept 5 yr wait period after delisting, not rushed to accomodate a minority of "wolf haters" with hunting/trapping. Wolf management is a complicated issue that requires much time, careful consideration and more opportunity for public input. I love the fact that MN is still a state where the wild creatures can roam and wolves have found a home. Wolves existence here is part of what makes our state so wild, natural and unique, along with deer, moose, coyotes and fox. A place creatures can thrive. We have lived in a rural area most of our lives and never had any wolf issues with pets or otherwise. My husband has been a hunter most of his life and been into the deep woods often, has never seen a wolf! Let the wolves be, and allow the balance of nature to rule, as it should be. Quit interfering!
- 693 Prefer hunting but not trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 694 First of all, you have failed to solicit meaningful public comment by making this survey and comment so difficult to find. There is not even a link to it from your home page. I would never have known about it if it had not been for a letter published in the Star Tribune. You should start over on the public comment -- and this time, give it some publicity and solicit some input from web designers and people who are against wolf hunting in designing your survey, which is clearly slanted toward people who are for it. Secondly: I am against having any type of hunting or trapping season for wolves. It does not make any sense that these magnificent animals, so recently protected, should now be killed. You statistics are not at all persuasive. Let nature determine the size of the wolf population. Finally, the issue about which I feel the most strongly: I am totally against trapping wolves, or any other creature, in leg-hold traps. This practice is cruel and barbaric. I cannot understand you can propose allowing these animals to be subjected to terrible pain and fear until their deaths. How would you feel if your family dog were caught in a leg-hold trap for 24 hours? I am horrified and sickened at the thought. Could you stand to watch a video of the suffering of a beloved pet undergoing such torture? Is it any different, morally or ethically, to inflict such cruelty on an intelligent animal in a remote part of the state, and pretend that we don't know this is happening? Presumably, you chose a career with the Dept. of Natural Resources because you love the environment and animals. I submit that such a life choice is inconsistent with tolerating trapping with leg-hold traps. I hope that you will think about this every day and join me in speaking out against it. I could not live with my conscience if I did not do so.
- 695 I strongly oppose wolf hunting and trapping. These are highly intelligent animals that protect our eco system. There is absolutely no reason to allow this. Hunters have so many other options.
- 696 I strongly oppose this law. It has taken 30 years for the wolf to stabilize its range and numbers - you do mention they have been stable for the past 10 years without any change over or below numbers - Any alterations caused by man will certainly be detrimental to their status. One more extremely important fact is that trapping is an inhumane, painful, unjust manner to kill any animal or human. I exceedingly and strongly oppose trapping of any animal. Obviously those of us who do not hunt and oppose this barbaric practice have no option now but put up with the shortsighted legislature in the state. Thank you for letting me present my opinion.
- 697 The idea of killing wolves, particularly by unnecessary cruel and painful ways is unimaginable, except by the DNR, apparently. Dump the idea: it is inhumane.
- 698 I don't think wolves needed their ban lifted,
- 699 I do not support hunting wolves. Our understory plants in Duluth and its environs are being decimated by deer, thus destroying habitat for our natives invertebrates and vertebrates, including songbirds. We need the wolves here to keep the deer population down.
- 700 I strongly oppose trapping.
- 701 If the wolf population has been stable for a decade then why do humans need to interfere with their population numbers. We are currently having a deer population explosion problem. If we harvest half the wolf population would the deer population explode even more??? Even if we need to have a wolf hunt, why do we need to harvest over half their population in one season? And to do it inhumanely?? The use of steel traps results in animals (not just wolves) to be in pain until they either die a painful slow death or the hunter comes to relieve their pain with a shot to the head. What happens to the other animals that are caught in the traps? If its not hunting season for them, do they just die for no cause? By now I would think humans would be a little kinder to their fellow creatures not to use steel traps. So much for the mans best friend (considering dogs came from wolves long ago?)
- 702 As a scientist and as a veterinarian who administers to wildlife as well as domestic pets, it is my opinion that the proposed Minnesota wolf season has been poorly thought out. Wolf populations have not changed substantially for several years; it is entirely possible that carrying capacity in this state has been reached and the population cannot grow much larger, eliminating the need for "population control" tactics. Additionally, the proposed plan places a total number of allowed kills, but does not offer any regulation as to which animals may be hunted. Allowing for an unsupervised season encourages trophy hunting, which will likely result in the alpha and beta animals being targeted as the most impressive physical specimens. This will disrupt pack structure and potentially result in increased livestock kills (which currently average approximately 1% of livestock deaths annually), as younger and lower-ranking animals in the pack will not be experienced enough to hunt successfully and will subsequently target easier prey. A late season opens up the potential for killing mating pairs and pregnant females, which will over time cause a total population decline. Opening wolf hunting during deer season also increases the potential for risk to human hunters, as many individuals entering a wolf lottery will be doing so for the social prestige of killing a wolf, without possessing the necessary skill or respect for firearm use that is a hallmark of the responsible hunter. Also, as a veterinarian I have seen the damage that traps do to both wildlife and domestic animals, and allowing trapping is, quite simply, cruel and inhumane. Overall, this is an ill-conceived experiment that does not take into account population dynamics, the natural behavior of the target species, human risk, or animal welfare, and should be scrapped in favor of further research and better-planned management.
- 703 If there needs to be a reduction of the wolf population (humans are the problem, not the wolves) - only humane killing (firearm) should be allowed. To say that trapping is perfectly alright (painful AND barbaric) is absolutely medieval and should not even be considered!!
- 704 Hi, I oppose hunting or trapping wolves in Minnesota. I view this as abuse to the environment. Wolves are a main cog in the nature of things. They are not an invasive specie such as European cattle. Further, I do not want to pay a dime for some farmers cattle of any other livestock. It is theft, pure and simple
- 705 I am strongly opposed to the use of leg hold trapping, as it is a cruel and inhumane hunting method.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 706 No trapping at all in late season. No early or late season. People have worked so long to protect the wolf why stop now. I think people deep down still fear the wolf and this is wrong. For the farmer keep in place the program to help with there lose of animals.
- 707 I do not support trapping in any form. I do understand that wolves need management, and firearms could be used, but trapping is cruel and should not be allowed. Who knows what or who will step in one of these traps. Might as well allow blind hunters with machine guns to hunt.
- 708 Please don't allow trapping of wolves. I feel this is a very cruel practice and don't support it at all.
- 709 I have no problem with hunting wolves, but trapping is inhumane and should be outlawed. Extend the hunting season if you must, but outlaw traps.
- 710 I do not think wolves should be hunted. Most importantly, I DO NOT BELIEVE TRAPPING SHOULD BE LEGAL!!
- 711 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 712 DO NOT ALLOW THE TRAPPERS TO ALLOW THE WOVES TO SUFFER IN TRAPS FOR HOURS!!!!
- 713 please do not hunt wolves.
- 714 Please replace the whitetail (wood rats) in northern minnesota with more traditional speices. Caribou, elk, moose. The deer population is the reason the wolve pop. expanded plus they are killing my white pine forest. I have also talk with many other hunters and they are treating this as a open season on the wolve, the quota means nothing to most of the hunters, the wolve is the vain of their existance. wolves = no deer, Not a good idea, let nature take care of itself.
- 715 Your survey makes it difficult to express details. I am opposed to hunting wolves, since I see no sport or wildlife management advantage, but only a lot of money spent on enforcement of what will turn into a free for all. BUT if you must have a season, then the only reasonable one is concurrent with deer season and limited to hunting. I am horrified at the idea of trapping. Leg traps are inhumane, non-specific, and will punish exactly those wolves that stay remote from humans, rather than deal with any problem wolves. Nobody eats wolves. This is about trophies and brutality and makes me ashamed of the DNR.
- 716 Your survey is insulting. It assumes that I think a wolf season is necessary or desirable, and that I seek a permit. Even though I say I don't support wolf hunting/trapping and won't seek a permit, many of the questions (e.g., questions 2 and 6-8) offer no option that reflects these answers.
- 717 By the answers on this survey, it is apparent I am against wolf hunting. I must add though, I am appalled and sickened that the DNR would allow "harvesting" of wolves by trapping. What is wrong with our society that we would intentionally allow an animal to be killed in this inhumane cruel manner. By the way, who or what came up with the term harvesting. We aren't picking a crop.
- 718 ifitneedstobedoneonlyhuntingshouldbeallowed.notrapping,istocruel.
- 719 I do not support the hunting/trapping of wolves. Trapping is particularly barbaric/inhumane - I can't believe we're going there. Shame on you. If the wolf population has been stable for the last 10 years why do we need to interfere? Don't wolves help keep the deer population in check? I believe we should let nature balance itself as much as possible. Livestock loss can be kept low by alternate methods. Dumb survey to have to answer after responding "no" to the very first question.
- 720 Killing animals for sport is BARBARIC, no matter when, where or why. It sounds as if Minnesota wants to cater to hunters so as to make money in this failing economy. If the killing is for population control, safety concerns or other reasons, that needs to be addressed creatively. Minnesota has plenty of land, so let these innocent creatures live. Once again, people are so arrogant...To kill is to play God. People will rationalize ANYTHING for their PERCEIVED gain. THEY want to decide what value these animals have. We should all be protecting all life on this planet, not destroying it. ARROGANCE...it never seems to end. What in the world is the rush that some people get in killing animals?? A feeling of superiority?? A feeling of accomplishment??? When it is perceived as fun, people's minds are completely out of control.
- 721 Trapping is extremely inhumane. It should be outlawed. Destroying predators is a sure way to upset the balance of nature (which human actions have already interfered with to the detriment of all wildlife).
- 722 Poor options in survey. I feel the limited questions in public comment was intended to alienate non-hunt public opinion. I support farmers being able to rid farms of problem wolves. I do not support deer hunters having option to shoot wolves during deer hunt. There should be no wolf season during deer hunting; rather it should be after deer hunt closes. Over harvest of deer promoted current deer hunter dismay. DNR should educate deer hunters that the long term goal is reduced deer herd size and deer hunting will not be as bountiful as it was in the 90's simply due to management goals. Thank you
- 723 I do not believe in trapping it is a horrible way for an animal to die.I believe we have the right to treat wolves and all animal with humanity and dignity. I also know for a fact that some deer hunters shoot wolves now, without it being legal.I feel very strongly against the killing of these beautiful animals.
- 724 We think trapping is cruel and inhumane! It's 2012, not the 1800's! We think our legislatures, (the ones who voted yes, for this cruel and inhumane bill) are a bunch of idiots! We also hope that it is made public, (the ones who voted yes, for this cruel and inhumane bill) so we know who not to vote for this coming election.
- 725 I am very opposed to the hunting of wolves in Minnesota, in particular the use of traps, which are extremely cruel and unnecessary.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 726 Wolves may be taken off the endangered species list, but that doesn't mean we should hunt or trap them. Hunting and trapping wolves is a cruel practice to a species that gives our state a special quality that we should be proud of. Wolves are a part of Minnesota and they have lived here a lot longer than we have, so we should respect them rather than harm them.
- 727 I oppose wolf hunting and trapping season!!
- 728 Leave the wolves alone.
- 729 I am opposed to wolf hunting in Minnesota. I am especially opposed to trapping, which I think is inhumane and cruel. I'm concerned that the five year waiting period after delisting is not being observed, and that the entire process for public input was flawed. Once we lose hundreds of wolves per season, all the work that has been done to protect them will be for nothing. Please do not allow wolf hunting in Minnesota. If the DNR doesn't protect our wolves, who will?
- 730 I think it is horrible that hunting and trapping is going to be allowed. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS!
- 731 I am opposed to wolf hunting in Minnesota. I am especially opposed to trapping, which I think is inhumane and cruel. I'm concerned that the five year waiting period after delisting is not being observed, and that once we lose hundreds of wolves per season, all the work that has been done to protect them will be for nothing. Please do not allow wolf hunting in Minnesota. If the DNR doesn't protect our wolves, who will?
- 732 Please DON'T ALLOW ANY HUNTING OF WOLVES - NO HUNTING!
- 733 I believe that the wolves should be protected, not persecuted with leg traps or snares and helicopter hunting. Wolves are an essential part of their ecosystem, culling out weak animals, which in turn keeps deer and elk populations healthy. I support the cancellation of any plans to hunt or trap wolves in the state.
- 734 I do not support any hunting or trapping of wolves. I wish my vote to be counted .
- 735 I do not support trapping of any animal. It is not justified. Pets can also become victims of the traps. If we have an excess wolf population hunting is the best option.
- 736 Hunting wolves is more humane and acceptable. Trapping should not be allowed. It gives an unfair advantage and is unsportsmanlike. If trapping is allowed it should only be allowed in the vicinity of livestock for the purpose of defending the livestock. Thanks, Gary
- 737 I don't support this hunt at all.
- 738 I AM OPPOSED TO TRAPPING OF WOLVES IT IS CRUEL AND BARBARIC. THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK, ONE THAT COMES TO MIND IS CALLED NITE-GUARD
- 739 Humans need to leave the wolves alone! Is there nothing left humans won't destroy!
- 740 These creatures have been on this earth longer than us and have more of a right to live than most humans. Maybe we should allow wolves to hunt humans; I doubt they would sink as low as us to have a season for humans.
- 741 Please leave the wolves alone.
- 742 To Whom it May Concern, I remember taking wildlife classes while working on my wildlife biologist degree. We were told that humans are "the superior species". Funny, we sure do not act like it. Because we are the top predator does not mean we are the superior species. The two are NOT one in the same. This entire discussion and survey pertaining to hunting and killing another living being demonstrates we are far from superior. By the time I finished getting my degree, I realized I did not have any desire to be in the killing business, which is exactly what this is. If we want to wear the badge of honor of being superior, we need to step up to the plate and walk our talk. Stop the Killing of Wolves.
- 743 I support the original stipulation in the Minnesota Wolf Management Plan. Please wait at least five years before considering the lifting of the hunting ban. While wolves have made a remarkable recovery in Minnesota, they are still confined to a very small portion of their historical range in the United States. I support provisions which provide for public safety and livestock compensation. As long as such provisions remain in place, I see no reason to risk destabilizing the population by killing non-problem wolves. I recognize that the number of wolves in Minnesota is significantly higher than the projected minimum viable population. But why risk pushing it back toward that minimum number through the combined effects of hunting, development, natural disasters, and fluctuations in the populations of prey species?
- 744 wolves are a very protected animal in many cultures. So we do not have the right to say that they should die just because their population is growing larger after so many years! Leave them ALONE!!!!
- 745 This 'killing' is the most asinine thing the dnr has ever done!! It's taking you 10 years to get your act together and come up with the fact that the ASIAN CARP 'just might be a problem'! But, you need another 10 years to figure what the he** you're going to do about it!! DAH!!! BUT, in less than 5 MONTHS, "It's lets go KILL some wolves!!!" "Bout time we can KILL something that might be a challenge!!!" "Hey, and while we're at it, let's make them really SUFFER by trapping them!!!" "Let's hope we can see if they really do CHEW off their leg to try to escape!!!" "We'll do it during deer season so we can KILL their natural prey and KILL them at the same time!!!" "This way we can keep all the hunters in Minnesota so they don't have to go to other states to KILL!!!" "LOL, yup, it's a win-win-LOSE situation!!!" "We win by license fees, We win by keeping KILLERS in state, WOLF LOSES, but what the he**, they don't vote anyway!!!!"
- 746 what a concept: wildlife is a natural resource? and allowed to be wild? that's just crazy talk! if it moves, we are required to kill it; that's what makes us human---and so superior....
- 747 This is completely unnecessary activity...we spend money to save them, only to turn around and kill them off? The trapping option is disgustingly inhumane. Please stop this madness! Thank You.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 748 This is an unnecessary hunting option. Wolves are an endangered species, with dwindling numbers that are already regularly "harvested" when farmers and families protect their livestock. Adding hunters to the equation of people already killing wolves is a mistake.
- 749 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 750 Hunting wolves is a breach of the public trust. A five year commitment for no hunting should be honored. Additionally, there should never be trapping whatsoever because of the risk to humans and domestic pets. Why has the DNR not deployed tactics for allowing wolves to co-habitate with humans. Defenders of Wildlife has many proven tools for keeping wolves from running afoul of humans. NO hunting. No trapping.
- 751 Why do you support the killing of one of Minnesota's greatest assets? Is all you can do with something beautiful and integrated with our environment is to kill it? What is wrong with you? Do you work for the NRA? Why not develop plans to protect the treasured asset of our wolf neighbors?
- 752 Please dont do this for at least the remaining time it was suspose to not happen
- 753 Hunting wolves is just wrong, they don't bother anything or any body, they only hunt when they are searching for food, what is wrong with AMERICA everything has to be KILLED nothing will be left, with out wolves our eco system will just fall.
- 754 Please don't do this. Families will be broken up and hirearchies will be ruined. Would you have a season on people pet dogs?! Then why would you shoot wild ones? I hate you people. No wolf should ever be hunted. Packs should be kept together and moved if they are becoming a problem. there arae eight other states that WANT wolves and instead you'd rather shoot an animal that no one even eats. Why? For sport. That's it. No other reason. You're all a bunch of idiots for doing this! unbelievable. The perpetuation on morons continues! It's the 1800's all over again.
- 755 WHY ARE YOU KILLING OFF THIS ANIMAL???
- 756 There should be no hunting season to kill wolves.
- 757 I don't support ANY type of wolf hunts or killing. There is no need for it. It is just and ego trip.
- 758 At the end of the day, I think the DNR does a good job of collecting data and striking a balance between differing parties. I will stay tuned,
- 759 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. I especially believe trapping is cruel and inhumane. Wolves are known to chew off their own legs to get free. Other animals will be at risk of getting trapped, killed or permanently injured.
- 760 This survey was made for hunters and those already interested in applying. This is not even close to an objective survey. It is an insult to the poulation's intelligence, and is upsetting that my tax money paid for someone to create and implement this.
- 761 I do not want to see ANY hunting or trapping of wolves; especially the cruel trapping/snaring methods. Also, I think it will be hard to monitor whether all traps have actually been removed once the season closes. I think wolves could be shot only if they are harassing/attacking farm animals or pets or threatening humans.
- 762 I am against hunting wolves - ESPECIALLY cruel and inhumane trapping. Why is something this henious allowed? If you have to hunt them, shoot them so they are less likely to suffer.
- 763 "Wolf Management" aka wolf hunting is wrong and the perception that wolves interfere with humans is a misconception. We encroach on THEIR territory - not the other way around. Hunting apex predators should be outlawed.
- 764 Trapping is cruel and it is hard to understand why it is allowed AT ALL. This state is still operating in medieval times. How can trapping be justified? How can a governor who loves his German Shepherd dogs not speak up on this trapping issue! (My answers on your survey don't make sense as I just filled in something to get to my comment here. Disregard them.)
- 765 Dumb survey, you don't ask the right questions and allow any dissent. Are opposition comments even allowed or read?
- 766 I do not support wolf hunting or trapping in any way!
- 767 I hand wrote my comments about 2 wks ago as I found the trail to your on line commentary time consuming & not clearly ID'd as apro/con public foun. I hope my snail mail did not get filed in the trash. I love wilderness & believe it is vital for EVERYONE. However, I am resigned to LESS as human population grows with their insatiable need for resources. As more is opened up or encroached upon wildlife conflicts rise & more "controls" are implemented. If a hunting season is initiated, I deplore traps, the pain & suffering associated with them, & the non targeted victims which sometimes are caught in them. Thank you for reading this as I realise that your dept. is also a victim of budget & staffing cuts.
- 768 I do not support any wolf season.
- 769 Until wolves occupy at least 90% of their natural habitat, or until population levels are so large they are no longer sustainable, there should not be a harvest. Since the law says there must be, my suggestion is that the season should be shortened as much as possible, the number of permits reduced, and the harvest targets reduced.
- 770 Please do not allow trapping
- 771 The wolves are finally recovering. A hunting season is not right.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 772 I don't have a problem with the hunting season but trapping is unacceptable. It is very indiscriminate - any animal or pet can be caught in them - and cruel - the animals can be there for hours or days with some unethical trappers. It is not unusual for animals to chew their legs off to free themselves. There is no reason to have a trapping component at all!!
- 773 I am a deer hunter but I don't believe we should be hunting wolves. The population is not large enough.
- 774 I do NOT support killing wolves in Minnesota. If there is to be hunting trapping should NOT be allowed!! This is torture to a very intelligent animal!!
- 775 I am against the killing of any animal not used as sustenance.
- 776 PLEASE STOP KILLING OUR WILDLIFE! LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE AND HELP FARMERS DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE METHODS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR LIVESTOCK REMAINS UNHARMED!
- 777 Wolf hunting is a MISTAKE!! They just came off endangered list, you want them back on again?
- 778 If you must allow hunting of wolves, it should stop at shooting. Trapping is torturous and inhumane, and causes too much suffering.
- 779 I can see no reason to hunt wolves at this time other than for sport. Killing another creature for sport is barbaric and inhumane.
- 780 This is probably the dumbest survey I've ever participated in. You ask if I support wolf hunting and when I answer No, you which options I'd like to see implemented. Was this survey developed by the astute biologists that are going to manage the wolf population? Wow! If the wolf population has been stable for over a decade, why are you pursuing a hunting season? Oh, I get it, revenue. Please tell me there are more intelligent people somewhere in the dnr.
- 781 I don't think wolves are ready to be hunted in ANY part of the world. Much less my backyard.
- 782 I support wolf recovery in Minnesota and the wider Great Lakes region. I oppose ANY efforts to reduce the wolf population, which is still tenuous despite removal from the threatened/endangered lists. Habitat loss, particularly by human encroachment and development, is a constant and ever-growing threat. I am particularly opposed to the idea of trapping, which is inhumane and runs the risk of trapping more than just wolves. Also, wolves are the natural predators of deer. I am incessantly hearing about the overpopulation of deer. Wolves in greater numbers would help address this issue. Wolf recovery has been thus far successful as a direct result of protecting wolves. That protection should continue. Thank you.
- 783 Killing wolves is wrong. These are social animals with complex and cohesive family structures. Disrupting those families could have a profound impact on their future. Why do you feel it necessary to open hunting to anything that reaches a certain number. Reimbursing farmers has worked very well. Leave the wolves alone.
- 784 Although I don't really support it, I can agree with the firearms season. However, I just can't agree with trapping. Is this really necessary? It seems very inhumane, especially if there are not ways to ensure the animal does not die immediately and therefore suffers for a long time once in a trap. Also, is there a risk to hikers, snowshoers, dogs, anyone/thing else that happens upon a trap?
- 785 This is disgusting. The Michigan legislature needs to focus on jobs not on new ways to let rednecks kill these beautiful creatures. Who even eats wolf anyway? They will only be shot for trophies and for fun-this is sad and pitiful.
- 786 Is it really necessary to allow trapping? It is inhumane
- 787 We are overrun with deer now! Let the hunters hunt them!
- 788 I support wolf RECOVERY in the Great Lakes region and OPPOSE any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 789 An incredibly stupid idea. I guess if it has four legs or wings it just needs to be shot.
- 790 I DO NOT AGREE WITH HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF WOLVES!!!! THIS IS HORRIBLE!!!
- 791 Trapping is inhumane and I wish to abolish this brutal practice. Why would we cause excess fear, stress and pain by using steel jaw clamps to trap these wolves, and only require that they are checked every 24 hours?
- 792 I do not support the killing of wolves at all.
- 793 They have been off the protected list for 6 months and you already want to start hunting? Seems ridiculous.
- 794 What a biased survey!!! This is totally biased in favor of hunting/trapping!! Listen to the voices of the majority of Minnesotans who do NOT WANT WOLVES HUNTED OR TRAPPED! These creatures do not want to interact with humans, they just want to be left alone. What kind of a person gets a thrill in killing an animal just because it 'exists'.....?? A cruel, barbaric and sadistic person enjoys trapping; imagine your own foot caught in a leghold trap! These animals are the very symbol of 'wilderness'....let them live in peace. Nature keeps its own balance....man just upsets it.
- 795 I feel there is no need hunt the wolves. There are other ways to protect cattle-guard dogs, and llamas. I also feel there should not be trapping. The leg trap is inhumane. People are upset when their dogs are caught in the traps but the wild animals should not be subject to this either. I also do not believe we should be able to "bait" when hunting bears. Thanks for reading my comments. I do appreciate all the DNR does for our great state.
- 796 Any wolf hunting is incredibly short sighted from a management perspective. The novelty of killing wolves attracts hunters who otherwise would stick to conventional game. Three thousand wolves, as stated, a population that is merely holding steady, as the DNR reports. To invite the killing of 400 wolves would more than decimate the population, which is by no means any sort of control problem. I urge the DNR to commit to protecting Minnesota's wolf population, not depleting it.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 797 Will lactating mothers be shot? Will pups be shot? If Alfa wolf is shot, a pack may fall apart; I should think it would be better safer to not kill the Alfa. Will wolves with collars(science research) be allowed to be shot? I hope herding & hunting wolves by air will be strickly phrohibited!! I do not like traping; it is a horrible death or mutalation, and too easily forgotton and left to starve!! What about droping birth control in food!
- 798 I believe trapping of these or any animals is totally inhumane! I am against the killing of the wolves in the first place! It is not necessary!
- 799 I think that trapping of wolves is inhumane and should not be allowed. There is no reason animals have to be treated this way.
- 800 Such a large part of Mn. tourism is our wilderness/park beautiful areas.. to walk now in the woods with traps set, no dog is safe, no small child is safe...and unless you have seen an animal in a trap (I have) you would NEVER sanction trapping. The scene shall ever be imprinted in mind. I lived for years in Hovland, so I speak with joy of the memories of this beautiful land to, in many ways, be challenged once again. I fear the DNR has spent too much time in the pocket of the hunter.
- 801 This are insufficient resources for communication, monitoring and enforcement.
- 802 This hunt is unnecessary and a disgrace
- 803 I do not support hunting or trapping predators
- 804 Any hunting of the wolves is bad, but trapping is especially cruel. I strongly prefer other options for wolf control.
- 805 If the wolf population has been stable at about 3000 animals for the last 10 years then why is a hunt necessary? If the population is not expanding rapidly and over-population of the species isn't a concern then I do NOT support an open wolf hunt.
- 806 I don't kill animals !!
- 807 I strongly disagree with wolf hunting and especially not with trapping. It is inhuman, cruel, not necessary. Furthermore, to allow a hunter to leave traps unchecked for up to 24 hrs makes it very likely that wolves will be stuck alive, suffering for up to an entire day (if the trap is actually checked every 24 hrs) until the trap is checked. This is extremely upsetting. Is that how any living creature should be treated? I do not think so.
- 808 Trapping is cruel. Please reconsider.
- 809 I oppose trapping as part of wolf management. Animals will suffer unnecessarily during a 24 hour period. Traps don't distinguish between wolves, dogs, fox, coyotes. Bad idea!!
- 810 Wolves are intelligent animals that were hunted to near extinction. They are a vital part of the habitat. They keep local rodent populations in check and cull sick, elderly or injured animals from a herd thereby keeping the general health of all field animals healthier. The traps that are set are not only harshly cruel; they do not discriminate. Many animals caught in these traps are themselves endangered. Hunters and trappers and generally not responsible in their use of these devices and cannot be counted upon to assure that they are all removed or to list the other species that are accidentally caught and killed because of them. I've supported wolf habitats for over 39 yrs. now and to see those efforts literally murdered is to my and many others' chagrin and dismay. To hunt these fellow predators who wisely do not over-populate nor over-use their areas of resources is a travesty and should be not just discouraged, but be decided illegal.
- 811 Leave the wolves alone. There are 5.3 million Minnesotans and only 3000 wolves and we are going to have annual wolf hunt. I see something terribly wrong with this. The wolf hunt is created to appease hunters and a few farmers. The EPA did a good job of managing the wolf population and you want to mess it up. Pay off farmers who lose domestic animals and kill the wolves that do it. The DNR has basically helped destroy the duck and fish population with it's "management" and now will do the same with wolves. I pay my taxes to protect nature not to kill it.
- 812 The DNR is extremely shortsighted in the belief that hunters will only bag 400 wolves. In remote areas of northern MN, rifle hunters will without wolf permits will shoot and kill many more than 400 wolves. The fear of any individual in putting the crosshairs on a wolf prior to this year was the fact they were federally protected and the risk of shooting one with a collar. Now, many people who do not have a license will shoot wolves, never register them, and leave them in the woods to rot. The anti-wolf sentiment is so strong in some areas that the only protection the animal had was from the federal protection. Hunters will see many more wolves during the deer season. I believe the hunt should take place after the firearms deer season, later in the year, when pelt value is greater. This puts the emphasis on the wolf as a trophy animal. One to be skillfully hunter, whereas putting the wolf season in line with the deer season puts the emphasis on wolf number regulation and reduction. I believe the wolf hunting season for 2012 was rushed and not thought out properly. Killing one wolf has a great impact on the wolf pack structure and heirarchy. The best way to reduce wolf numbers is the reduce the prey numbers. Wolf populations will always mirror the numbers of their prey.
- 813 I am opposed to trapping of wolves and think it is too soon to have a firearms season on wolves.
- 814 3000 wolves residing in all of Minnesota does not sound like a large number requiring a hunting season. We all know that people that do not want wolves in Minnesota will never report their kills to DNR. They dont now, they wont then. 1600 as a minimum pack size is very low considering the range wolves roam over the state. One or two consecutive bad winters and the Wolf population will be similiar to our Moose population. It is easy to reduce a species population...much more difficult to bring it back.
- 815 I am totally against this and Amy K. will have to answer to this this election, also the gov. and anyone who approved it.
- 816 No wolf hunting should be allowed.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 837 Hunting poor defenseless animals should be BANNED for all! I am an animal lover & I yearn for the day they allow open season on animal hunters! I would be camouflaged protecting the animals & shooting down the hunters, skinning them alive & might even through them on an open pit of fire just to watch burned alive & set an example for all hunters!
- 838 We seem to have a good natural balance of deer and wolves with enough deer remaining for hunting. I see no reason to upset this balance which we have achieved during the years that wolves have been protected.
- 839 I believe trapping to be cruel causing long sustained pain, stress, and excess fear. There is no just reason to have any open season of hunting on the wolf. Our deer population has no predator other than humans in MN. It would be good for nature to complete the circle on its own if possible. People who want to hunt or trap wolves are not doing it for food or need. They merely want to brag about what they had done. What a terribly expense the wolf pays for the price of a man to gloat and preen his ego. For the farmer who have live stock their are other good methods of protecting the live stock such as guard dogs and llamas. Have you ever thought it is the people encroaching on the wolfs? Why doesn't the wolf have a right to live? Is it because humans are selfish and feel they have rights to ruin the natural processes of nature...nothing matters but them? Perhaps having areas without trapping and hunting will be beneficial to humans in the future even know that is not how most view that. Perhaps MN can be the example/mentor to other states on how to incorporate nature into society, allow wild life areas to flourish, be an advocate for nature. If we let people trample precious resources, leave behind traces of human garbage, rape the forests and prairies of wildlife there is little hope for us as humans. Humans have effected nature in everyway possible...even those who are city dwellers. Nature has given plenty. When is it time for Humans to take care of nature?
- 840 I think it's utterly pathetic that people want to kill these majestic animals as soon as their numbers rebound. There's several million Minnesota residents against three thousand wolves. Just let nature be nature. Stop trying to control it.
- 841 Stop this nonsense! Nothing about this is humane. Stop limiting my choices and open up the discussion
- 842 Wolves deserve to live on this land as much as we do. Why does man feel like they need to CONTROL everything?? THE GREATNESS OF A NATION AND IT'S MORAL PROGRESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE WAY ITS ANIMALS ARE TREATED.
- 843 Shooting a wolf, whose pack is based on a structure will totally reek havoc within the pack and damage far more than that one wolf that was killed. The Minnesota DNR is looking at the 204,000 dollars in revenue that plan on gaining rather than the protection of wolves. Totally selfish and pitiful in terms of an organization that should be protecting our natural resources rather than attempting to profit from them. They have managed to screw up most everything they have had control of over the last 50 years and this will end in the same way. Makes one want to move out of this country to where natural resources are understood, like Sweden. Minnesota has always been about money and never about protecting what we have. They will tell you that the wolf population is currently stable at about 3,000 wolves. Stable means just that. Harvesting wolves will make it unstable...or don't they believe what they are saying?
- 844 I against hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 845 Save the wolves.
- 846 I strongly oppose ANY licensed (or other) hunting of wolves
- 847 I strongly believe that hunting and trapping a species that have recently been endangered is all wrong. If any killing is deemed absolutely necessary then certainly the cruel practice of trapping -of any animals- should not be legal.All animal lovers would find this especially cruel and in humane! Sometimes unintended animals are tortured in this way too.We should never take this chance of hurting someone's pet in this manner. I cannot support any government's laws that allow animal cruelty Thank you.
- 848 I am against the hunting of wolfs
- 849 I understand the need to control the wold population but am adamantly opposed to trapping. It is a barbaric and inhumane form of hunting.
- 850 I was prompted by an editorial in the Star Tribune to respond. After looking into what traps are like, I am upset that this website states it is "estimated that trapping success will be higher than hunting." Surely, there are more humane ways to control the wolf population and live stock owners could utilize alternative guarding measures that Europeans have used for years. I do not support the DNR's planned protocol.
- 851 This survey is so biased that it reminds me of the old question, "Are you still beating your wife?" My wife and I DO NOT favor ANY hunting season for wolves - ESPECIALLY THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE BARBARIC PRACTICE OF TRAPPING. Please reinstate the 5 year hunting ban originally agreed to in the wolf management plan. Thank You.
- 852 I am not in favor of trapping wolves or any animals. What about the other animals that find their way into the traps?
- 853 As your presentation states, the wolf population has been relatively stable over the last ten years. Wolf populations tend to control themselves -- see David Mech's studies of Isle Royal. While I am a avid hunter and fisherman, I would prefer to see very limited, if any, wolf hunting and not during deer season, especially for the first few years as the "experiment" gets started.
- 854 No killing of wolves. Why not make it easier for the folks who lust to kill magnificent wildlife and open a season on hunters or sparrows or robins for that matter. All this is about is the crazy pricks that want to kill. Shame on Dayton for signing this misguided law and my support for the DNR IS FOREVER OVER. Any legislator as well as Amy Klobachar will never get my vote again over this one.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 855 I feel the numbers should be set lower until more research has been done.
- 856 I am against a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 857 I own firearms. I used to hunt. I ate what I harvested. you don't eat wolves. I travel a lot in northern MN and when I encounter signs of wolves or get the opportunity to hear them or get a rare glimpse or photo of them I am moved. I have found that most, but not all the hunters I have met are dicks. I had locals in Grand Marais tell me once during deer season that, upon seeing I had dogs in my vehicle, they shoot dogs. This was at a deer tag station in town where I was getting gas. Why don't I hunt anymore? I don't want to go to prison for defending myself from dicks. Everyone I have ever talked to about wolf hunting can tell me a hundred B.S. reasons why wolves are bad and need to be killed. Loss of pets? don't move to the northwoods and let your lap dog out unattended. I have a client who lost a Yorkie to a Bald Eagle off their dock. The poor dog could be heard screaming as the bird flew off across the lake with it. We don't hunt eagles.
- 858 Trapping should be illegal!!! It is inhumane. There are other options, correct? How can anyone allow an animal to suffer like that? It makes me sick that it is actually an option!!
- 859 I always love it when killing is called "Harvesting". We have spent untold \$ trying to bring them back from extinction so they can be "Harvested". What do you do with a dead wolf? I've never heard of having wolf bar BQ or what a nice pelt hanging on my wall or my wife loves her new wolf coat. Must every thing be killed just for the pleasure of those with guns ?? We just opened a season on those vicious flying doves. They make that irritating cooing noise. Bring 'em back from extinction so they can be "harvested" - - does that REALLY make sense ? The deer hunters worry that there won't be enough deer to "harvest" if the wolves happen to eat a few. guys with guns have to kill something- - witness the streets of North Minneapolis. Sad commentary on the human race. Jim Mc
- 860 I do not support the killing of wolves for human pleasure. To begin their slaughter immediately after they have been removed from the endangered species list is counterintuitive--they've made their strides in population precisely because humans have not been legally killing them.
- 861 Wolves are just starting to make a comeback. I am tired of the organizations that are supposed to protect wildlife catering to hunters.
- 862 I am against the trapping and hunting of wolves. As a state, we've done so much to protect this species, and now that they are thriving, it seems absurd and inhumane to destroy them. Controlled hunting does not make a difference to the issue, in my opinion. I am a teacher in the Anoka-Hennepin School District, and I continuously have discussions with my students regarding the importance and responsibility to protect nature and wildlife. I hope that the law allowing the trapping and hunting of wolves is someday overturned.
- 863 There should not be any hunting of wolves at all. Only asking for trouble with the environment and wildlife.
- 864 Consider that these are animals and that they don't have guns to shoot us!
- 865 Why is the answer to everything always have to be killing ? We need the wolves to help complete the natural circle of life in the wild. The number has not increased in the most recent years because of other mishaps in their life in the wild such as farmers, other wolves, diseases etc. The number of wolves will go down drastically with a hunting season and they will once again be endangered. PLEASE STOP AND THINK of what you are about to destroy in God's wilderness that he put on this earth for a reason.
- 866 I do think there should be a trapping season on wolves and trapping should be removed from the hunting rules. Traps are cruel, barbaric and inhumane. Additionally, traps capture non-targeted animals including companion animals.
- 867 Wolves are a beautiful icon of our American natural heritage. They should be protected!
- 868 I'm opposed to any hunting of wolves as a regular activity.
- 869 It is ludicrous to kill what we are trying to save for future generations
- 870 I am not in favor of hunting and/or trapping wolves.
- 871 I am deeply concerned about the Department's (DNR's) proposed 2012 wolf hunt, and ask that the Department reconsider the merit of implementing a hunting season for wolves so soon after delisting from Endangered Species Act protection. Although significant progress has been made, the wolf still occupies just a small portion of its historic habitat. Moreover, the available data regarding the current size, health, and stability of Minnesota's wolf population is extremely limited. For these reasons, Minnesota's existing wolf management plan included a requirement that no public hunt be implemented for at least five years after delisting. I opposed the Legislature's decision to repeal this statutory requirement, and ask that the Department honor the original intent of the management plan by delaying implementation of a public hunt for five years. I am also deeply concerned about the process the DNR has put forward to solicit public input. The Survey is disingenuous and slanted. The online Survey is biased towards the hunt, and cannot be considered an official public comment process. This is the first time the wolf, an important Minnesota wildlife species, will be managed by the state and we should have a meaningful public process for citizen input, as well as a thorough and comprehensive review for a state management program. This Survey is disrespectful to the citizens of Minnesota, and disrespectful to the wolf. We urge you to reinstate the five-year waiting period for a public hunt. The wolf, once imperiled, has made an amazing recovery. We should move into the future of wolf management through a careful, well-considered and science-based process. Without such a commitment, decades of work to recover the species could easily be lost.
- 872 Do not hunt wolves!!!!!!! Make hunting for cougars legal... Soon we will not be able to camp out in the woods, or let our children, and dogs go outside alone. Cougars are not needed in the Midwest, period!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 873 please stop this inhumane nonsense. use dogs to protect cattle,etc. traps are torture and no one needs to kill wolves for fun.
- 874 1. I am opposed to the use of leg traps as they are completely inhumane. 2. I'm opposed to baiting. 3. Wolves should only be fair game on personal property where livestock or pets have been hurt or killed. 4. The wolf population appears to have reached a plateau. Isn't this what is desired? I don't believe in management of the food chain for the sport of a few. 5. There should be large zones where hunting and trapping are absolutely not allowed.
- 875 What are your plans to address the rampant poaching in this state as it pertains to keeping the wolf kill within the guidelines established? What actually happens to the wolf carcass? Is this just wanton waste? Is this just "kill it because I can"? I can't think of anything more outrageous than the thought of something dying so some idiot can have the "fun" of killing it. I own habitat. Good habitat. But until this state starts investing seriously in "Ethical Hunter Education" and starts policing itself, my "no hunting" signs will continue to go up. Ethical hunting is: (copyright pending): Fair Chase (no 4wheelers, no shooting from cars, no sniper nests) Clean shot (stop wounding wildlife!!, if you can't kill it, DON'T SHOOT) Find what you hit (Nothing is more wasteful than animals shot and left to die) Eat what you kill (NO MORE "CANNING DUCKS"!) And prosecute POACHERS with a vengeance. They are nothing but thieves that steal from all of us. Lastly I'm tired of working to create habitat, working to help species survive, just to provide more idiots with a chance to blast around in the woods. I know ethical hunters. Ethical hunters want ethical hunters in the field. They don't want gun nuts, they don't want the "tear up the countryside and shooting everything that moves" crowd -it's NOT SAFE. Let do as much to promote ethical hunting as you do to promote hunting.. Paying landowners to let people hunt?? Are you fucking nuts? That's called "leasing hunting property" and it's between hunters and landowners. (If unethical hunters wouldn't have ruined it for everyone, hunting private property wouldn't be a problem). Tom, you once stood on my property and called it a most important parcel for wildlife. (Dec 1985). I thought you'd be very good in this job, but the truth is, you really suck. Natural resources belong to all of us, yet hunters are being given carteblanch. Special areas in Carlos Avery for dove hunters? Really? Do we have to hunt doves? Coyotes are being eradicated in the name of preserving peasants. I had a wolf cross my property once. I was thrilled. It was dead by the end of the day- some farmer shot it, because he could. My point is, you can't control the hunters and the hunting you have. Every year we have fewer conservation officers, more poaching, more "because I can" crap going on. And you really think you can control a wolf hunt during a deer hunting season, with party hunting, where only one in the group actually needs the permit. (I know guys that go into the woods with a hunting licence for every member of their family. They shoot 6-8 deer every year. I would like to know how many people actually hunt vs the number that buy licences for other people? And you really think you can control this? Think again.
- 876 Not sure why a wolf hunting season is necessary. Is 3000 animals considered excessive in a state of this size? Also you did not address the issue of reducing conflict between wolves and humans. I feel this should be the driving argument behind any proposed wolf hunt
- 877 I do not think there should be a wolf hunt at all. too soon.
- 878 I am from St Louis County and have a cabin near the Voyageurs Park. I think wolf hunting/trapping should NOT be allowed. I believe the politicians have caved to the hunting lobby.
- 879 You shouldn't allow any wolf hunts.
- 880 I strongly object to a wolf hunting/trapping season. And I would like to see all steel traps made illegal in Minnesota.
- 881 I am horrified that our legislature voted to allow trapping, a cruel and inhumane practice that inflicts unendurable pain and suffering. If there must be a wolf harvest, let them use a firearm to increase the odds of a quick and clean kill. traps should be prohibited.
- 882 I think that the license fee should be much higher and the target cull much lower -- that is, it should represent a "limited trophy" hunt -- that firearms only should be allowed (there is too much risk of ancillary damage to domestic animals and threatened species such a lynx by allowing trapping. Removal of too many wolves and disruption of pack territories will foster more movement of wolves and more chance for human/livestock conflict.
- 883 Leave the wolves alone. I wish we could give guns to the animals and let them hunt for a change.
- 884 I don't agree with hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota period, unless done by an official DNR employee and then only for very explicit reasons such as specific predation of wolves on livestock, and all of it specifically documented.
- 885 Dogs will be caught in traps, which makes me sick. Trapping should not occur during ruffed grouse season, or any hunting season which commonly uses dogs.
- 886 I believe it is a poor decision to allow a wolf hunt.
- 887 Please - do not allow wolf trapping/hunting!
- 888 There should be no hunting or trapping of wolves!
- 889 I do have additional comments. I resent rigged surveys. When questions ask me which option I prefer and give me no option to indicate "none at all" I think the questionnaire is rigged to favor the hunter and the DNR.
- 890 There are too many hunting freaks already. Trapping wolves is a decidedly brutal practice that should be abolished.
- 891 I don't think there should be a hunting season for wolves at all. Our family has a lake cabin near McGregor, and on occasion wolves can be heard at night coming from the Savannah Portage State Park area. We have never heard of wolf problems in that area, and I have been going there for 59 years and my mother for 94 years.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 892 I plan on STRONGLY encouraging my representatives in the legislature to stop this approval for hunting wolves. I can not tell you how strongly I disagree with trapping of wolves. I find it inhumane and beneath us.
- 893 I am totally opposed to hunting and trapping the wolves. Especially the trapping. No animal should have it's leg in a trap, it's inhuman and barbaric.
- 894 I regret there needs to be a hunting season and totally disagree with any sort of trapping wolves as a means to limit population.
- 895 nope
- 896 Trapping should not be allowed at all. It is not 'hunting' and is cruel and inhumane. Also, not abiding by the 5 year waiting rule is unwise. It is there as a safeguard and should be followed. It seems the DNR is more concerned about making money than properly protecting and managing our ecosystem. Putting a recently endangered species on the hunting list strikes me as extremely absurd and foolish.
- 897 I am against the hunting and trapping of wolves. Especially the cruel method of trapping!
- 898 I support wolf recovery in the great lakes region and oppose any sport hunting or trapping that would reduce the wolf population in Minnesota.
- 899 Millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent to aid the recovery of wolves in the lower 48. So I oppose any and all hunting of wolves in MN -- we need to learn to coexist with these apex predators, because where wolves thrive, so does the ecosystem -- and thus so do humans! Let's put an end to the Little Red Riding Hood mentality of wolf population MISmanagement! Thanks for your time and consideration of my comments.
- 900 VOTED NO,so need point in the rest of questions.Again AGAINST ANY WOLF HUNTING AT ALL
- 901 Allowing leg hold traps is an archaic and barbaric means of dealing with the "wolf problem". How would YOU like to be held by such a trap for up to 24 hours? It would be FAR cheaper to do away with all the governmental machinery surrounding managing hunting and trapping and phone lines and email and all the rest and simply pay the couple of farmers that can actually prove that wolves have taken any livestock.
- 902 Trapping is so wrong on so many levels. There is no real reason to have allowed this and who is going to enforce the 24 hr. trap check? I personally know people who trap and they often check their traps once a week, what makes wolf trappers any different? I do know that we will not be voting for the sponsors of the legislation. I doubt if Amy K. has even seen a trap or a wild wolf. Not to mention all the money that we have invested in getting a wolf population back.
- 903 These questions are not being asked in the right context. You ask in #1 if I will hunt,I say no,but next question is about season time and length.After any question that has yes or no answer,you ask a leading question into hunting or trapping.Why don't you ask more questions why we should not have a hunting or trapping season.These animals are just living their lives same as you or me.The people who don't like the fact they are predators want to control them. they is plenty of land and resources around the Great Lakes to leave them alone. I raise cattle & horses and if I was to lose one to a wolf I would just say it is part of the circle of life. The wolves are not targeting farms and ranches. They just need to eat same as you and me.Most of their food is other wild animals that are their natural prey. The occasional farm animal is unfortunate, but not enough of a problem to put out a bounty on them. LEAVE THEM ON THE PROTECTED LIST,same as our bald eagles. They are just as much part of America's history as the bison and eagle. WE DON'T HUNT THOSE ANIMALS,why would you allow hunting wolves. It is as bad as hunting sand hill cranes! They have no food value to humans. It's just the arrogance and ignorance of the human race to think we know better than mother nature what is best for our planet. Rethink your legislation and stop any hunting or trapping of these beautiful animals. Thank you for allowing my remarks.
- 904 I've opposed a wolf hunting season and voiced my concerns before the vote was done....I am still very concerned about trapping,I believe it is inhumane.Why was there not more opportunities for public input before the vote.,and now this process is very cumbersome.
- 905 I do not think there should be any hunting or trapping of wolves at this time.
- 906 I honestly believe hunting or trapping wolves is cruel. I love the wilderness and wolves, and if this is enacted my grandchildren will have no chance of ever seeing a wolf in the wild. This would destroy the wilderness and the balance of nature. Traps would cause unbearable pain for wolves and other animals who are caught. Guard dogs, llamas, and reimbursement are successful for livestock protection. Hunters and trappers take many wolves illegally. Please do not destroy this beautiful animal that I love so much. Wolves do not hurt people.
- 907 I am stunned that MN is allowing wolf hunting at all. The thought about trapping is absolutely appalling! How can you guarantee that all the traps will be removed, and not forgotten? How can you be sure that other animals won't be inadvertently killed or harmed? Trapping should NOT be allowed. I don't support hunting, either, but I strongly oppose trapping of wolves. I'd rather see responsible, respectful DNR-only management of wolf population.
- 908 I disagree with a trapping season for wolves. This is a inhumane approach to controlling animal populations and causes a significant amount of suffering to the wildlife. The indiscriminate murder of pets and other wildlife by leghold traps is cruel. I understand the need for shooting but trapping should not be allowed.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 909 I am appalled at Congress's handling of Northern Rockies gray wolves. It's now been one year since wolves in Idaho and Montana were stripped of their federal Endangered Species Act protections, when a rider was included in the " must pass " 2011 budget bill. Following its passage, on May 5, 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service formally delisted wolves. Eliminating vital protections for these ecologically important animals has threatened the future of wolves by allowing these animals to be managed to the barest minimum. Worse, by legislating the removal of a single species from the list of federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act, the door has been opened to political attacks on other animals that are even more at risk of extinction in the wild. In Idaho alone, more than 400 wolves have been eliminated since Congress legislatively delisted wolves in the Northern Rockies – that's almost half the state's wolf population in just one year. Never has an endangered species been delisted only to be driven toward eradication so quickly – which appears to be happening in Idaho now. Minnesota DNR says the state's wolf population has remained stable for many years. What ever happened to, " If it ain't broke, Don't fix it? " Please don't allow Minnesota's wolves to suffer the same fate as the Northern Rockies gray wolves. Be smarter! Be better! Do better! Be different! The consequences of Congress picking and choosing which wildlife should be protected and how, has allowed politics to replace science in the management of our most vulnerable wildlife. As state officials prepare to decide on the fate of Minnesota's wolves, I urge you to preserve the integrity of the Endangered Species Act and allow the process to play out based on the best available science, not in the halls of Congress or state governments. I strongly urge the DNR to resist implementation efforts of any further legislative delisting of wolves or other wildlife and to speak up for conservation efforts in our state as well as across the country.
- 910 I do not support killing wolves for sport. Wolves, like all predators, are a necessary part of any healthy ecosystem to keep numbers of animals that can do enormous damage like deer, rabbits, etc. in check. They also keep animals like elk moving through an area so that they don't trample streamsides.
- 911 Strongly feel that trapping wolves is NOT a humane way to control them.
- 912 I am appalled at the cruel use of trapping of wolves. Why should these creatures suffer like that? I also think that we need more time to study whether a hunting season is needed at all. I think that wolves are a good way to control the deer population and that livestock predation is exaggerated.
- 913 I am not against hunting wolves to maintain population control. But I am strongly opposed to trapping as a means of hunting wolves. I find it very hard to believe the DNR is in support of such overt cruelty.
- 914 Trapping is a cruel way to hunt for any animal. Wolves may have to stay in a trap for 24 hours. Please only allow for hunting this animal, if anything. No trapping. I am concerned even for the hunting of this animal. If it needs to happen, have it be highly monitored--but please no trapping.
- 915 Bad idea all the way around!
- 916 Do not allow hunting of wolves.
- 917 There is no compelling reason to harvest wolves in Minnesota. I strongly oppose wolf hunting and trapping. Please reconsider.
- 918 I agree with recommendations by David Mech. I do not agree with trapping, though. I do not agree with the legislature overriding what would have been the DNR's approach to wolf management. I have been a deer hunter in the past and feel a significant percentage of hunters lack a sense of ethical hunting. I would strongly encourage information to try to get these types of hunters to start thinking more about hunting ethically and according to the laws. I believe there will be a large number of unreported killings of wolves. Along with that will be a large incidence of wounding of wolves. I also have concerns with baiting and trapping ensnaring other animals including pets. I would guess there will also be a certain amount of poisoning of the bait that will occur. Will the DNR have enough man power to properly enforce the wolf hunting rules?
- 919 I strongly oppose hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 920 Although I do not like this, I do realize that there is a need for management in SOME problem areas. I am totally against trapping of ANY animal. I find it shocking that the hunting of wolves was pushed through so quickly and that there will already be a season in 2012.
- 921 it seems the questions were all geared to hunters and which aspects of the season they like the most. nothing in this survey that really applies to the general public.
- 922 Research across the board has recently shown that wolves and other top predators are vital to keeping ecosystems biodiverse and healthy. Minnesotans have lived with wolves with little conflict for decades, why are we suddenly supporting hunting when science doesn't back it.
- 923 There should be a non-applicable answer in the survey questions. Wolves should not be trapped, ever. Only humane methods of decreasing their population should be used. Even then, how does one know that they're not trapping a nursing mother, or alpha wolf who the pack depends on? This is terribly cruel, and nothing cruel should be implemented in wolf control. I understand the problems with livestock, being a horse owner I am aware of the risk of predators. However, the nature of the wolf is to hunt and eat. They do exist and they are smart and beautiful. No animal should be made to suffer at the hands of man. We have laws regarding cruelty to animals and trapping definatley fits the bill. Please find a better way or let nature take it's course.
- 924 I am against the trapping of wolves.
- 925 The number of wolves taken will be much greater because people will not report them. The number of wolves will be decreased dramatically halting the healthy expansion of wolf range.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 926 Where is the science involved in issuing 6,000 licenses for a total population of 3,000 wolves? The speculation is that the success rate will be low but that is just speculation. DNR is also trusting hunters and trappers to report what they get. If the individual is anti-wolf, this is naive in the extreme. Once monitoring is complete and the population dips too low, what will be the cost of reintroduction? I am opposed to the wolf hunt, but even more so to the reckless way the hunting and trapping season will progress and the number of licenses being issued. This involves the same hasty un-scientific speculation as the crane hunting permits issued last fall.
- 927 PLEASE do not use leg traps to trap these animals. It is cruel and unnecessary. I don't want any animal tortured, and this is torture.
- 928 THIS SURVEY IS BOGUS. IT'S GEARED SOLEY TO SUPPORT THE SLAUGHTER OF AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.
- 929 I understand the legislature has made this decision. However I find it repugnant. I am particularly repulsed and offended by the notion of trapping for any animal, which almost certainly guarantees severe animal cruelty and accidental killing and/or mutilation of other species. I can hardly believe that this is allowed in this so called modern era. I am ashamed to be a Minnesotan in 2012.
- 930 Let's save the wolves!
- 931 Leave the wolves alone. Nature has its way of controlling population size. Increase the target deer quota and wolf populations will drop.
- 932 Leave the Wolfs alone!
- 933 If "management" of wolf population is absolutely necessary, the quickest most humane methods should be used ONLY. This animal is doing what he was born to do, and is not an evil demon to be caused undue suffering. Trapping is absolutely inhumane, and should not be used on this innocent, noble animal.
- 934 do not hunt wolves. it is immoral and not necessary. we have enough killers already.
- 935 If an alpha wolf is killed it basically puts the entire wolf pack in jeopardy. So instead of one dead wolf, the whole pack can die. How is the DNR going to measure that? Givng out 6,000 licenses to kill 400 wolves is stupid. The DNR never has enough resources to police the laws so this bill is going to eradicate the wolves in MN. Again, human greed is winning out over the environment.
- 936 While I do not engage in, nor approve of hunting of any animal, the trapping of animals is immoral and cruel. I know hunting will never be stopped, but please do not allow the trapping of animals. Trapping serves no purpose or challenge for the sport hunter and there are other more effective and moral alternatives for livestock predation. It's been my experience after living in Minnesota for the last 25 years that the DNR is not as concerned about the welfare of animals as it is about making the outdoors 'fun' for the residents.
- 937 I don't think wolf hunting is necessary for population control at this point, or in fact if it will ever reach a point of necessity. I do not support hunting that is almost entirely for sport and/or trophies, and it seems like that would be the case with wolf hunting. I don't believe it is necessary, nor that it should be allowed.
- 938 I do not support trapping of wolves, this is not a humane option.
- 939 I think it is shockingly shameful to have the ok minimum winter number of wolves be 1,600 when we currently have 3,000! So it would be ok to kill almost HALF the current wolf population?! How is that "management" and not outright population decimation?!? I also quite strongly feel that allowing trapping is incredibly, sickeningly inhumane and ridiculously un-sportsman-like! Trappers only have to check their traps once every 24-hours, potentially leaving a wolf with its leg trapped, crushed in metal jaws, in horrible pain, probably slowly bleeding to death, potentially for almost 24 hours. How is that ok?? How is that a SPORT?! To my understanding, a sport is a type of contest of skill/wits/stamina etc. between things, and there is no contest between an un-manned, man-made torture device and an animal in nature. Thus, there is NO SPORT in trapping! Shame on the MN DNR and legislature. And another thing: it really sickens me that it's called a "harvest". How is the killing of animals a "harvest"? Animals are not a crop!!!! Calling it a harvest is linguistic dancing, an effort to make it sound less sinister to the public, less representative than what it truly is - numbers involving animals killed in a certain time frame. Find a different word or phrase, if nothing else for the sake of your own integrity. And shame on you for keeping this whole thing so hush-hush. The only way I knew there was a chance to comment, and in such a short time-frame, was because someone wrote a comment to the newspaper about it and they published it!
- 940 ould be proud of its healthy wolf poulation. We do not need a trapping season for these great animals. Wolves prefer deer or rodents for a diet and they help to keep those populations from becoming too large. Please do not succumb to the pressure from a few farmers. How man cows and sheep are there in the north woods?
- 941 I am NOT opposed to hunting. I come from a long family history of hunters. But, if the Gray Wolf population has been stable for the past decade, why do we suddenly need to "manage" them? I enjoy being in the north woods and hearing the call of a wolf, or walking and seeing their signs - I am concerned we may tip the population scale in the wrong direction. Thank you
- 942 I commend the state for applying resources to wolf conservation and for trying to find a solution that will work for both animal populations and hunters, encouraging responsible wolf population management. I feel that trapping is a cruel practice that can no longer be defended in a modern world and should be prohibited totally. Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to respond!
- 943 Don't think they should shoot them. What do they do with them? Eat them? As the Native Americans said - any animal killed should be completely used .

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 944 Trapping is inhumane and I wish to abolish this brutal practice. Why would we cause excess fear, stress and pain by using steel jaw clamps to trap these wolves, and only require that they are checked every 24 hours? If there is a season, please make it firearms only. If the wolf population has been stable for several years why is there a need to harvest these precious animals, much less why is there a need to use inhumane practices like steel jaw traps? Please rethink these practices.
- 945 Please rescind the hunting season on wolves. They are an important part of Minnesota's natural biological diversity. There is no change to suggest that we need to change the rules we have had in place since 1973. Thank you
- 946 Please do not let this pass. I understand the process and that we can only support a certain amount of animals in an area. I am still not in agreement that the animals we brought back a few short years ago are going to be destroyed. We all know that a certain amount of hunter's will not follow the guidelines and way more animals will be destroyed.
- 947 I'm against wolf trapping and hunting except for those directly harmed by wolf activities, i.e., farmers with stock kills etc.
- 948 I can't believe that human beings are so barbaric to have animals suffer in traps. Would they like to have that happen to their own pets or perhaps any living creature including humans? Maybe these legislators and Governor Dayton should be asked to watch a film on an animal writhing in pain in one of those traps for possibly 24 hours. This is 2012 not the early century where they used furs for warmth. Have a heart. This is all about money and political payoffs. I believe that a more humane approach should be used to protect livestock if this is even a problem.
- 949 I strongly oppose trapping of wolves. If there is to be any harvest, it should be done via hunting and the overall harvest numbers should be reduced significantly from 400 to 200 with one hunting season instead of two.
- 950 I am strongly against opening wolves up for hunting and am appalled at the thought of allowing trapping-an inhumane and painful way to trap an animal for hours if not days. You can set restrictions for checking traps on a daily basis...you have no authority to enforce or ticket unless you catch dead or severely injured and dehydrated animals. This is embarrassing to us and our treatment of wildlife.
- 951 Go for hunting but not trapping
- 952 1. MN DNR should conduct a population count BEFORE allowing a hunting/trapping season. The state does not have a current, accurate count from which to base its numbers. 2. MN DNR is managing population as a hunter/trapper benefit, rather than what is best for the wolf population. 3. Trapping should not be allowed at all. It is inhumane. It will likely trap pets and other animals as well. See the photos that have come out of Idaho since that state allowed wolf hunts. Minnesota does not want to build that outdoor reputation. 4. The target minimum count is just above half of the estimated population number, which was achieved after years of recovery efforts. The state offers no information as to why this number was selected. If the current level is 3,000, wouldn't 2,000 be an appropriate minimum? 5. Why is the state going DIRECTLY from federal protection to a state hunting season? Why is the state not managing the population for five years -- to allow a count, provide education to Minnesotans on the benefits/challenges of wolves in our state, prepare hunters for future hunts -- and THEN allowing a hunt? 6. How will the MN DNR determine if there was imminent threat to property/persons in a situation? Or that hunters/trappers are reporting in a timely manner? There will be a time when limited hunting of wolves is appropriate. I do not believe Minnesota has arrived at that time.
- 953 I do not see any reason we have to kill 400 wolves in Minnesota, especially trapping them. Have you ever seen what an animal, dog, other wildlife including wolves will do if caught in a trap and left there over a day. If you have to hunt wolves than no traps and a must shorter season. The hunting crowd will certainly kill enough in nine days. Please find a way to end this wolf hunting season, I mean all of this for 400 wolves isn't there a better way to limit the wolf population than hunting. If they are on someone's property doing harm the land owner can kill them isn't that enough!! I am very disappointed in Gov. Dayton for signing this legislation and think wolf hunting needs to be eliminated.
- 954 Trapping should be prohibited, as it is abhorrently cruel and inhumane. We have ethical standards for treatment of animal subjects in research. Why not have ethical standards for hunting so that animals need not be subjected to unnecessary suffering? Please prohibit trapping.
- 955 When humans interfere with the natural order of things, it is always the animals that lose. In our greed, we have taken all the land, allowing no place for animals to live naturally. There are many precautions ranchers and farmers can take to preserve their livestock. At present, the deer population is very large (and we can certainly share it with them) so wolves can thrive - there is no need to cull them to prevent starvation. People will shoot wolves simply for the sake of killing a living thing. Killing wisely and humanely for food is one thing, killing for the sake of killing or to take an animal's fur is abhorrent. Trapping should NOT be allowed for ANY reason as it is barbaric and contemptible. I do NOT support hunting for any animal that is not used for food.
- 956 Traps are inhumane and often dangerous.
- 957 We should be proud of the great job the DNR has done in revitalizing the wolf population. Wolves are part of what makes a great tourism experience for people out of state. The slaughter of wolves is a waste, inhumane, and without their presence the deer population will explode. How many people will be killed by deer collisions because their predator population has been reduced? Thank you.
- 958 No hunting or trapping of wolves should be permitted. Trapping may actually inadvertently trap pets, dogs, etc. Dogs have been trapped in traps set for other animals. Signs should be placed in a circle about thirty yards around traps for safety. The humane society will distribute the signs with poles attached for this.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 959 Please make the season for FIREARMS ONLY!!! Trapping should be illegal in all zones, and should carry a stiff penalty! The traps are cruel and dangerous to other animals, including humans.
- 960 I oppose the hunting of wolves at this time.
- 961 I do not favor any shooting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. In particular, there should not be trapping--if I am walking in the woods, for any reason, I do not want to have to worry about where traps might be located. I also don't think that people with dogs, who may be unleashed, should have to worry about their animal's being caught in a trap. I also consider trapping to be potentially cruel punishment for any animal. We are civilized people, and don't need to go backwards in our treatment of other living beings. I am not a vegetarian or PETA member (not that there's anything wrong with that), just a long-time resident of Minnesota. I suspect that loss of habitat for wolves and other wildlife in this state gives the public the mistaken impression that populations of wildlife are on the rise, when just the opposite is probably more the case.
- 962 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 963 I don't support hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. I am a grouse hunter and occasional deer hunter and I feel that a healthy predator population leads to a healthy ecosystem, and if anything we have too few predators of deer in the state, not too many.
- 964 NO open season for ten more years.
- 965 I would like to see penalties for poaching wolves set very high to deter illegal killing of wolves
- 966 I am OK with hunting for wolves with the current restrictions in place, however, I am opposed to the trapping of wolves. It is an indiscriminant method to hunt an animal, and often inhumane. My brother's dog was killed by a trap, while his children watched. This happened in Pine County, MN about 10 years ago. They were on a walk in the woods near their home. How is that OK?
- 967 Please let the wolves thrive for a longer time.
- 968 PLEASE ABANDON THIS BARBARIC PROPOSAL AND LET NATURE REGULATE OUR WOLF POPULATION. THERE ARE MORE HUMANE AND EFFECTIVE WAYS OF PROTECTING LIVESTOCK THAN THIS SENSELESS PROPOSAL TO ALLOW INNOCENT ANIMALS TO BE TORTURED.
- 969 Absolutely abolish all leg trapping!
- 970 Steel-jawed traps are a brutal and cruel way to hunt and should not be allowed. If the population of wolves has been stable for ten years, it would make sense that the present population is a sustainable level. Why would you want to cut that almost in half?
- 971 I was brought up to shoot only that which I will eat. So I will never shoot a wolf. I have no qualms about a deer hunter with a license taking a wolf. I've not decided yet on trappers. I don't know the answer. I do know the State screwed up as it pertains to the conibear 220. I can guarantee that if my dog were to get caught in any trap or snare, I would wait for the trapper to show. I am unable to say what would happen - other than it wouldn't be pretty.
- 972 Trapping by steel jawed traps or any other trap that ensnares an animal causing pain should be banned. These traps are often only checked every 24 hrs allowing an animal caught in one to suffer needlessly for hrs. Some alternatives to the wolf hunting season: guard dogs or llamas to protect farm animals, a reimbursement program. We have worked so hard to bring our wolf population back. The hunt is counter productive.
- 973 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 974 If you must take wolves to control the population PLEASE do not allow trapping. It is inhumane. At the very least, require frequent enough checking of traps, so that wolves do not suffer long.
- 975 Trapping is barbaric, torturous and brutal. Shooting wolves is no better. Let the population thrive for another year or two. Immediately allowing hunting after wolves have been endangered the de-listed makes no sense.
- 976 This is repulsive. As a state we worked so hard to bring the wolves back, only to turn around and slaughter 13% of the wolf population per year. Its both wasteful and disrespectful, to the people that dedicated their lives to bring the wolf back and to the wolves. Then there is the toll on those that survive--disruption to their carefully constructed family groups, interfering with breeding and hunting. Elevating their stress hormones leaving them prone to infectious disease. Not to mention that trapping is cruel. Imagine your wrist in a steel trap, flesh ripped apart, tendons severed, teeth digging into your bone, bleeding, pain. Now imagine the fear, pure and relentless, until some 20 hours later a human arrives and blows your brains out. Repulsive. Then, of course, traps do not discriminate. They snap closed on whatever happens past. Four years ago on a river in Chisago County we came across a river otter in a trap. It was the beaver season. Like it mattered to the otter. We freed it. It had bad lacerations on its hind leg. No idea if it lived. It breaks my heart, watching as the basic civility that once made this state special, that installed in me pride of place, withers and dies. Have more respect for the beauty and grace of the animals in this state. The animals have earned it. They have survived despite humans, despite the horrors we've loosed on them--pollution, habitat destruction, our ignorance (wolf eradication of the previous century). For once lets learn from the past and create a more beautiful future. Cancel the wolf hunt and for that matter cancel the bear hunt (bear baiting, really, its like offering free DQ cones at the beach in the summer), cancel the beaver trapping season. Summon the courage. You can do it.
- 977 I am unequivocally opposed to leg-hold traps. They are inhumane, and non-selective. If elimination of some wolves is vital, hunting is a much more acceptable method. My question is this: Why would the DNR even consider such a cruel method of regulation?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 978 I support managed firearms hunting of wolves but I strongly disapprove of trapping. Please do not allow this torturous method of harvesting wolves. It is dangerous to so many more animals than just wolves. We have had a family dog violently killed in a trap. I don't wish this on any creature.
- 979 I was born and raised in northeastern MN and still have a place in northeastern MN. Hearing the wolves howl is a common event and I have met wolves in the woods. Since I have dogs, I am far more fearful that they will get caught in a wolf trap than I am in them being attacked by a wolf. With all of these big game seasons continuing so long I do not feel safe in the woods. I fear the hunters and trappers much more than I fear the wolves. I understand that the DNR does not write the laws, it merely enforces those passed by legislators. That said, I believe the 1,600 minimum statewide winter population for wolves is too low. It should be set at at least 2,000. Wolf hunting and trapping enforcement will be critical.
- 980 I do not believe there should be a season at all. I particularly do not believe there should be trapping. Trapping is cruel and there are other ways to protect human property from wolves. This survey appears to be a joke and it appears that the DNR is once again only a puppet for the hunting and trapping lobbies without concern for the views of the people of the State of Minnesota.
- 981 I don't think wolves should be trapped.
- 982 This is not the right solution. What happened to live trap TNR method..(google it) How about better methods of deterrent to attacking farm animals etc.? This is a cop-out esp the kill trapping.UGH and disgustingly disappointing.
- 983 The wolf population is not expanding after years of protection. It is holding under 3000 animals. How can the State issue 6000 permits when that is double the entire animal population? This makes no sense. The wolf is essential in maintaining deer and other mammal populations that cause more damage to farm crops and residential gardens. There are examples where the wolf has been kept from cows and livestock by adding a few llamas to the farm herd. Lacking a test period for the wolf population, and good advertising on tips to keep the wolves away from livestock a harvest is unwarranted. The five year limitation should be honored, and the number of permits reduced to a limited harvest number of 100-150. The current DNR approach is a path to extermination.
- 984 NONE OF THESE QUESTIONS ARE SET UP TO ALLOW VIEWS THAT DO NOT AGREE WITH "THE PLAN"! I LIVE IN W. DULUTH. DEER COME INTO OUR YARD AND ALSO A WOLF AND A BEAR. THEY ARE APPRECIATED WILD LIFE! LEAVE THEM ALONE! IET THE WOLVE GET THE YOUNG DEER TO KEEP THE POPULATION DOWN THE NATURAL WAY. MY WHOLE FAMILY HAVE BEEN HUNTERS ALL THEIR LIVES FOR GENERATIONS, BUT THE WOLF HUNT IS TOO MUCH. STOP IT!!!!
- 985 I would like to know where the wolves are causing problems with the ranchers up north. These are the wolves that I would hunt.
- 986 I am against wolf hunting and trapping.
- 987 I am completely against the trapping and hunting of wolves!!! Hunting wolves is inhumane and 100% unnecessary. Why are you allowing these creatures to be hunted and trapped? Would you hunt or trap a dog? Wolves are beautiful creatures who form bonds with each other, are inquisitive, creative, highly intelligent, social and they also have the capacity to feel pain when shot or trapped. I DO NOT support the trapping or hunting of wolves in any capacity.
- 988 There are no logical or rational reasons to hunt or trap wolves. There are other methods to prevent predation on livestock. Don't you think there are enough animals to hunt already? Whats next, eagle hunting season. Come on.
- 989 Leave wolves alone. We need to control the human population, not wildlife populations.
- 990 I am against the hunting of wolves at any time. There is absolutely no reason to hunt them...period. They should not have been taken off the endangered species list. Hunters are generally an irresponsible group of persons who will lie about quotas (I have known a number of hunters though out my life, and generally they brag about breaking the rules) Trapping of any animal, is outrageously cruel and should not be allowed, ever.
- 991 I am deeply concerned about the wolf hunt/trapping season that was recently approved by the MN state legislature. As a top predator in Minnesota, wolves play an enormously important role in the ecosystem. Biologists have recognized wolves as a keystone species, capable of causing a cascade effect when populations are disrupted and/or dip below a critical threshold. In addition to the impact on the ecology, hunting causes social chaos and pack instability in this highly social species. Biological research has demonstrated that disruption of wolf social structure through hunting or other exploitation can lead to INCREASED numbers of conflicts with humans, similar to people reacting to war zone (stealing, cheating, killing). Lethal control breaks down pack social structure, which can lead to changes in age composition, groups size, survival rates, hunting abilities, territory size and stability, social behaviour, genetic identity and diversity. Humans have persecuted wolves for centuries; even bringing them to the brink of extinction. Now that we finally have a viable, albeit small, population of wolves in Minnesota, it's unconscionable that these highly intelligent, social animals are once again going to be in the high-tech scope or trapping line of someone simply looking for another animal to thrill kill. Please cancel the wolf trapping season and hunt.
- 992 Yes, I do not support killing wolves, not in Minnesota or anywhere.
- 993 I urge the DNR to use other management methods -- helping farmers get guard dogs, helping them get reimbursed more quickly for livestock losses -- before a hunting season is opened on wolves.
- 994 Education of shooters is absent as is monitor and penalty for extra kills.
- 995 I am especially against trapping of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 996 we should not manage any wildlife by killing or not killing them. Why do we have a war against wildlife every fall when most of us treasure wildlife?
- 997 I do not support the killing of wolves at all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Especially the use of Steel traps on the wolf, this is barbaric and cruel!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 998 I oppose trapping and hunting wolves to reduce their population in Minnesota - and support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region!
- 999 I think the DNR caved to legislative pressure to change their proposed hunting season to comply with deer hunting. If the DNR had been more aggressive on pushing their plan the legislature may not have acted. Overall the harvest plan is too large.
- 1000 I think that the harm done by wolves is overblown and this is more of a political statement by the legislature and lobbyists.
- 1001 why is there a wolf hunt anyway? does the permission to hunt have anything to do with the blood lust that seems to be in abundance with a lot of hunters? Leg Traps? are you kidding? they are brutal and inhumane. Why are you letting this happen?
- 1002 Wolves are not used for food...unless we have regressed to a point where we now desire Canine on our plates. Wolf-Hunting Season??? Really? This is "Government Supporting Cattle-Ranchers", nothing more.
- 1003 I do not support hunting or trapping of wolves. Much time, effort and funds have gone into the reintroduction of wolves into the upper great lakes region. Was that just so that hunters and trappers would have an additional prey?
- 1004 400 wolves is too high, would like to see that number lowered
- 1005 I do not think Minnesota should allow hunting wolves. If they aren't protected, they will be shot and trapped not only during the allowed period. Coyotes are responsible for more loss of wildlife than wolves.
- 1006 this hunting and trapping proposal is a sham and a disgrace. I think MN DNR has their heads up their butts and these poor animals just came off the protected list and I am very upset with this stupid hunting and trapping season. This beautiful animal should not be treated this way, and the DNR should be ashamed at how they ran this thing through the MN legislature.
- 1007 Trapping is inhumane and I wish to abolish this brutal practice. Why would we cause excess fear, stress and pain by using steel jaw clamps to trap these wolves, and only require that they are checked every 24 hours?
- 1008 Trapping is cruel under any circumstances. I have never met a hunter/trapper that expressed any empathy for an animal that attempted to chew its limb off to escape. Wolves do not need to be hunted, other proven methods such as using dogs or llamas are highly effective in livestock protection. Thank you, Wanda J. Hasselbalch, Independence, MN
- 1009 Trapping is the most inhumane method available. I cannot support any attempts to control the wolf population when this method is being utilized. Traditional hunting may be thought to be less effective but in order to "protect the wolf population", we cannot allow them to suffer for hours on end in such agonizing pain that sometimes the animal resorts to chewing off its trapped limb. Trapping is an atrocious and barbaric practice that should be illegal. Traditional, humane hunting is the only progressive option to control the wolf population. Although they still have a long way to go, regulations are constantly popping up to eliminate farm animals from experiencing excess suffering, and these wolves should be no different. We have to find an effective way to control the population without the horrendous torture that trapping undoubtedly brings upon these animals. Thank you for your time,
- 1010 I do not favor any hunting of wolves. They are relatives or our beloved dogs, they mate for life, are great family caretakers, and have adorable pups. I understand the danger to livestock, but if we are to get rid of the surplus of wolves, we should not trap them. That is cruel. They have feelings too. We need to research other means of control. It has been suggested that guard dogs and llamas may provide some protection. We need to learn to co-exist with them.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1011 I am categorically opposed to the wolf hunting/trapping season and turning wolves into trophies because our ecosystems need healthy populations of canids as keystone predators. As usual, the DNR is merely accommodating the big-bucks sport hunting industry and not adhering to the science at all. It hasn't even done a proper population survey. If the DNR actually thinks all kills will be registered, it's got another thing coming. There will be a lot of cheating going on--SHOOT, SHOVEL & SHUT-UP--as is already the case, by rabid predator-hating Schmucks. Therefore, Minnesota wolves' healthy pack sizes, their ability to disperse and their genetic diversity could be devastated, wiping out the populations in no time. Wolves do an excellent job of controlling their own numbers through territorial competition, along with Mother Nature and the diseases she afflicts upon them. Leave them alone and they'll manage just fine on their own. Plus, humans need to act responsibly and avoid human/wolf conflicts. There's a lot of poor animal husbandry going on that invites trouble by not taking proper measures to protect livestock and pets. Humans are largely to blame. Therefore, punishing inexperienced wolves for taking down cattle because they've had temptation placed in their paths by foolish people is not the solution. The DNR should be telling farmers & pet owners to stop whining and behave like sensible adults, guided by a scientific understanding of wolf behavior and plain common sense. It's the DNR's responsibility to educate them about how to protect their animals with the use of scent markings, noise makers, fladry, herding dogs, range riders, and so on. It's also the responsibility of the DNR to educate the general public about wolf ecology and the vital role the species plays in regulating deer populations and keeping them healthy by culling the weak, sick, old, and decrepit, as well as maintaining the dynamic equilibrium of our ecosystems overall. Instead of slaughtering wolves you should be protecting them from endangerment. The wolf hunt is a huge mistake and the making of an ecological Armageddon. Stop it now!
- 1012 leave the wolves alone.
- 1013 No trapping should be allowed for any animal. This is a cruel method. If there are too many wolves, then a firearms season should be allowed. But please consider eliminating all trapping.
- 1014 I agree with Howard Goldman, Minnesota state director for the Humane Society of the United States, would recently was quoted as saying that there is no biological reason to allow hunters and trappers to kill wolves. I also agree with this statement by Mr. Goldman: "Under the delisting, landowners can now legally shoot a wolf that's attacking their livestock or domestic pets. And that we think addresses the most critical issue with wolf management in the state. It certainly doesn't justify a hunting and trapping season." And I agree with this: Goldman said the state moved too quickly after gray wolves were removed from the endangered species list to establish a wolf season.
- 1015 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped. They are the natural predators to deer, elk, moose and other mammals and should be used to keep those animals in check.
- 1016 Hunting down and killing wolves is unnecessary. Wolves are not hunted for food. Please stop the attack on wolves.
- 1017 I simply do not see the value or need to hunt and/or trap wolves. It is an unnecessary solution to a problems that can be solved in other ways. I think the killing of these intelligent, social animals who live in complex, structured units will be destructive of these units and bad for the overall population. I think the five year waiting period after "de-listing" should at least be observed before any killing is done.
- 1018 LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE! If WE are allowed to hunt them, then in all fairness - they should be allowed to hunt US. Think about it. This is kind of a no-brainer. We don't live in a primitive society where we need to shoot endangered (or not endangered) species in order to survive. Lets just live our lives without killing animals for sport and let them live theirs. Shooting for fun should be restricted to target shooting only.
- 1019 I'm here to say that trapping is inhumane and I wish to abolish this brutal practice. Why would we cause excess fear, stress and pain by using steel jaw clamps to trap these wolves, and only require that they are checked every 24 hours. Wolf management, my ass. Have a heart.
- 1020 I am not in favor of wolf hunting in MN. People are allowed to kill wolves now that are a threat to their livestock and are reimbursed for losses. Wolves are not out of control in this state and law makers are bending to pressure from the hunters. Look at the problem we have with the geese in the metro area without predators. Wolves are a part of the food chain line and are a family pack animal.
- 1021 I can't believe that after all the money and resources that have been spent on saving the wolf, you now think we should have a "harvest". Call it what it is, killing. Why does everything wild need to be shot or trapped? Doves? Come on! Allowing trapping is barbaric and the fact that the DNR supports it says a lot about the people running the DNR. Society would be a lot better off with less killing and more saving.
- 1022 I don't support the hunting/trapping of wolves. Do whatever is mandated for this year but then lobby to ban the process in the future.
- 1023 Ban wolf hunting!
- 1024 I strongly urge the DNR and any other responsible agency to ban cruel forms of trapping and killing. Guard dogs and llamas can be used effectively for wolf control.
- 1025 THIS is RIDICULOUS!! Hunting for sport is unacceptable.
- 1026 We have no right to have a hunting or trapping season on wolves. This species does not have viable numbers to allow for the barbaric hunting of this unique species. The wolf has proven to improve and maintain balance in the ecological environment they inhabit. The human species has proven beyond doubt that we can not manage our numbers to allow for harmony and balance in our environment. Our numbers have caused the problems inherent in habitat destruction and the declining health of the earth and all species dependent on it. Wolves unaturally control their numbers dependent upon food and territory availability. natirna control

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1027 do not hunt or trap the wolfs. at least not with steel jaw traps! they were hear first and may have helped keep the deer population down until we killed them off. having spent years to re build their population why kill them off again for a few farmers that have problems?
- 1028 i feel there should be NO HUNTING OF WOLFS they are not used for food .the sport of killing wildlife is wrong. you cant go around killing people for sport.
- 1029 NO TRAPPING. It is cruel beyong words. I understand at one time in our history it was the only method available to some hunters. That is no longer true. One shot and instant death are certainly more humane than allowing an animal to suffer in pain. A trap rarely kills the animal. Please remove any trapping in Minnesota. My family are hunters but not trappers. It is too cruel.
- 1030 If you insist on having a hunting season for wolves you should at least NOT allow trapping, it is a very inhumane way to suffer and eventually die.
- 1031 Stop wolf hunting.
- 1032 I am outraged by the lack of planning that went into this horrible acts of cruelty. Please make better effort to notify and inform the public of these killing sprees. People may not take so kindly to this. I am not against maintaining control of populations of predators, it is just not right to trap these incredible animals. Please reconsider a better plan with less suffering for these animals. Please consider that taking out pack leaders and mother wolves with pups is completely inhumane. I am proud to live in Minnesota. A place where wolves are thriving. Is relocating not an option? I know the MN DNR has plenty of money not to make haste. Please respect our predators and their habitats. And use our tax dollars for what true Minnesotans want, a wild and beautiful place to live, along with these animals. Thank you.
- 1033 Considering that the wolf population in MN has been stable for the past 10 yr with no hunting allowed, I believe that the maximum number of wolves living in the state has been achieved. Given that wolves cull the deer herds of weak individuals and that the deer herds left unchecked by predators continue to grow to the point that they over browse available forage to the point that starvation of deer becomes common I believe that wolf hunting at this time is premature. Undisturbed, the population of wolves and deer is self regulating with neither group dominating the range. The argument that wolves prey on livestock and therefore deserve to be killed speaks more to the judgement of humans deciding to introduce vulnerable animals into the wolves range than to the wolves taking advantage of that situation. Our livestock have been bred to be docile and incapable of defending themselves, they need to be protected by the humans who own them. I think that that protection should be achieved by keeping cattle out of harms way, or perhaps allowing only those breeds, such as long horns, that can defend themselves to be brought onto the wolves range.
- 1034 I prefer NO TRAPPING
- 1035 I think the trapping using leg traps is inhumane and I will no longer give money to the DNR if this plan is put into place. It will be torture for those animals.
- 1036 This is an absolutely shameful way to solicit comments. I would not have known about this issue if it hadn't been for the letter to the editor in the Star Tribune on 6/13/12. Why should anyone need to watch a powerpoint presentation and take a survey before commenting? Clearly you don't want input. I am very opposed to trapping--it causes senseless pain for the wolves. I don't want to see them shot, but I understand the need to control the population. Why allow trapping??? Hunters alone will reach the target, A society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable, and that includes animals.
- 1037 I oppose wolf hunting at this time
- 1038 Yes, there shouldn't be a season of any sort on the hunting of wolves, those who would hunt wolves should be hunted themselves.
- 1039 Not a good plan to hunt wolves when the population is so small and they have just been delisted. Trapping is a cruial way of killing animals. If a season is allowed only shooting should be allowed.
- 1040 I appreciate the possible need of a hunting season, but trapping is fundamentally cruel and wrong: it causes animals fear, stress, and pain. Wolves are usually trapped in steel jaws that painfully clamp the leg or foot until a trapper comes to kill the animal which could take up to 24 hours. And of course other animals, including dogs and cats (as well as humans!), can be caught in traps as well. That is public safety concern. As well, the wolves "harvested" (e.g. killed slowly and painfully) must be turned over to the DNR. The meat will not be able to be used for food nor will the fur be able to be used. Lastly, why is a hunt needed so soon after this animal was removed from endangered species list? More time should be allotted before a hunt is initiated.
- 1041 Wolf trapping is barbaric. How can we as humans allow such a cruel practice? Stop this repulsive system now. Slavery, child labor, women not allowed to vote, racial discrimination, small iron cages in zoos, bull fighting... all are now looked on with disapproval now. Trapping should join the same list.
- 1042 I have been very proud of our protection of the wolf in this state,so it saddens me that the season has been pushed through so fast,there are horror stories of all sorts of illegal killings now! We couldn't afford the officers we would need to keep some of these "hunters" from the illegal killings ,why make it easier for them. I beg you PLEASE , at the very least ,stop the trapping of this animal,it is a practice that is so cruel I can't even get my mind around the types of people who would enjoy this type of hunting,it is so wrong to inflict this type of painful,intense fear and brutal practice on any animal,any beautiful aminal at all. Use your power to STOP this practice .
- 1043 Absolutely oppose use of traps which are cruel and unusual, plus might hurt other wildlife or even dogs. Please listen to those of us who think this is important. I vote. I am not opposed to general hunting, but not for wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1044 I am opposed to this hunt, without the five-year observation period, and particularly opposed to any type of trapping, which, unlike most shooting, leaves the animals in distress for a long period of time. I am utterly opposed to the way in which this legislation was enacted.
- 1045 I am strongly opposed to the trapping part of the bill. It is an inhumane way to control the wolf population.
- 1046 I oppose using traps as they are cruel and painful. They should be eliminated from use and only hunting with rifles should be allowed. Thanks for your time.
- 1047 I object to the legislature's elimination of the 5 year waiting period to study the issue and possibly even educate the public about the place of wolves in our ecosystem. It seems as soon as a species comes off the endangered or threatened list the MN legislature and/or the DNR wants to establish a hunting season. I feel the wolf seasons will be difficult for the DNR and its conservation officers to monitor and enforce, especially since wolves have been villified by misinformation and disinformation. I expect to read news items about increased wolf poachers who think they are doing the world a favor by eliminating more wolves than the law allows. Having the first season coincide with deer season amounts to wolf baiting since, as many hunters know, when shots are fired during deer season, wolf packs come in to investigate. Wolves are needed here in Cook County where I live, to keep down the numbers of deer - an invasive species that has thrived on eliminating the trees and other vegetation native to the boreal forest. Wolves also work with the ravens and eagles to clean up road kills. Since the wolf population has been stable for over a decade, where is the logic in establishing a hunting season to destabilize their numbers?
- 1048 I am very disappointed with the decision to allow a wolf hunt. With just 3000 animals I see no reason to reduce wolf numbers. Reimburse farmers for clearly wolf related damage. Trapping wolves is an atrocity. The wolf is a highly social animal. The term "harvest" already makes me cringe.
- 1049 The trapping of ANY animal is INHUMANE!!!! That animal suffers..... I don't understand why this is even being concidered. I would like to put all of you in support of trapping in a trap and let you sit for hours if not days in PAIN and SUFFERING. The Wolf is a part of history and you want to inflict PAIN and SUFFERING on this magnificent animal why?????????
- 1050 First, we have spent a great deal of time and energy protecting wolves and it is illogical and unnecessary to now kill them. What next? Loons? Second, there are other means of protecting farm animals from wolves, such as certain breeds of dogs or llamas. Our first response should NOT be to kill. Third, trapping is inhumane for all animals and should be banned. Animals suffer in these traps until someone comes along and kills them. Many types of animals get caught in these traps, including domestic dogs. People don't eat wolves - hunting them is purely for sport or spite. I'm very disappointed that this bill was signed into law so quickly with little advance notice. It was snuck in when the focus was on the stadium and should have been subjected to more public comment. I like Dayton, but completely disagree with the fact that he so quickly capitulated on this.
- 1051 LEAVE THE WILDLIFE ALONE. WHY MUST WE KILL THE WOLVES? WHY MUST WE KILL GOD'S LIVING CREATURES WHO HAVE A PLACE ON THIS EARTH AS MUCH AS WE DO?
- 1052 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lake Region and oppose any effort to reduce Minnesota wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. I am against any killing of wolves in all states plus other wild animals that are not on an endangered list. Killing these animals is senseless.
- 1053 I DO NOT agree with wolf hunting in any form, this process should not be allowed for any reason what so ever! The Legislature enacted this bill without the consent of the public!
- 1054 Stop the hunting of this beautiful creature!
- 1055 Wolves should not be hunted or harvested
- 1056 If the deer population wasn't wiped out to make room for livestock grazing the wolf population would self-regulate, just like the rest of the food chain. Why do humans always blame the animals for their supposed overpopulation? Hunting should be illegal period.
- 1057 This is not scientifically supported in any way. For once we have balance and proper natural culling of sick/diseased animal populations in the wild. This is a cruel punishment and I for one will never support it and will pray for those souls who partake so that their judgement day will not be too harsh.
- 1058 I think that trapping is the most inhumane way to hunt and they should have to be checked every 8 hours if they think they have to. To make an animal suffer for 24 hours if it does not kill them is beyond where we have come as humans. I would allow a week of hunting with guns but that is it. Why are we hunting them when there are other methods to control the livestock problem. Please Please reconsider this for all the hard work that has gone into this to save them.
- 1059 Trapping should NEVER be an accepted practice for animal management. It is cruel and inhumane. There are other methods for controlling the behavior of wolves such as the use of guard dogs, llamas, research into birth control for females, and compensation for livestock loss. There needs to be a paradigm shift - humans live in animal territories and we need to adjust our thinking. This nation has put forth effort and money for the re-establishment of endangered species. Are we to say now that we did our job too well? Let nature manage nature. Wolves and deer will manage themselves. Is it hunters that need to be managed? How about putting a strict limit on deer hunting or eliminating it all together? It is hubris to think we can manage nature and killing any creature as a sport is reprehensible. We should be the planet's gardener, not its butcher.
- 1060 It seems counter productive to have brought up the wolf population only to quickly begin hunting and trapping them again. I am very opposed to trapping/snaring of the wolf population

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1061 Leave nature alone. We are already driving enough species to extinction without adding the wolf to the list. A wolf hunting season is a very bad idea.
- 1062 Since wolf populations have been stable for quite while, there is no justification for opening a season on them. Their population is already being controlled by prey abundance, no further control is needed.
- 1063 There should be no hunting season on wolves, period.
- 1064 I oppose the hunting of wolves PERIOD! This is an endangered species and the removal of any of the population would result in breaking up of families and loss of pups. Please rescind any plans to hunt! Contact Monty Sloan at Wolf Park, Indiana and ask him about wolves.
- 1065 Trapping is cruel and inhumane.
- 1066 Wolves should not be hunted at all. They have just recently been removed from the endangered species list. The 5 year waiting period should be enforced to make sure they are a viable species.
- 1067 no comment
- 1068 No trapping should be allowed
- 1069 Wow Minnesota!! Why do you bother with a "SURVEY" -- when you're actually just wanting justification for your plan to destroy any type of wolf population there is left? We all know that they "get in the way" (yes, I'm a farm kid...I do know that there are times wolves have to be destroyed) but for recreational hunting??? Sad...truly sad...
- 1070 I am apposed to hunting, trapping and killing these animals. Leave nature alone.
- 1071 yes, I would prefer that no wolves be hunted or trapped in 2012.
- 1072 Do not kill the wolves. They are a necessary part of the ecosystem.
- 1073 YOU ARE VERY CRUEL AND VICIOUS PEOPLE TO EVEN WANT TO KILL OUR WOLVES. THIS IS SALAZAR'S FAULT AND HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS KILLING OF OUR WOLVES. YOU ARE NO BETTER. YOUR JUMPING RIGHT IN TO KILL INNOCENT LIFE. WHY IS THAT? WHY DO YOU ACT LIKE VULTURES WHENEVER A CHANCE COMES TO HURT NATURE'S LIFE? I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND AND DON'T WANT TO HAVE A MIND SET SUCH AS YOURS. I AM CONTACTING YOU FROM THE BIODIVERSITY WILDLIFE ORGANIZATION. AND AS FAR AS I KNOW THE WOLVES WERE NOT DELISTED THEY WERE UNLAWFULLY HUNTED BY BUSH SAYING SO. THEN A BILL WAS SNUCK INTO THE LAST BUDGET WHICH SAID THEY WERE DELISTED, WHICH TECHNICALLY THEY ARE NOT AND WERE NOT AND WERE AND ARE UNLAWFULLY BEING HUNTED AND KILLED. IF YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR CRUELTY, FINE THEN. SOME DAY YOU MAY NOT BE SO HAPPY ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS AND INDIFFERENCE TO FEELING LIFE. THAT IS HELPLESS AND CANNOT DEFEND ITSELF.
- 1074 I strongly oppose the introduction of a wolf season. First, I understand that a number of scientists have researched the potential consequences of a wolf season, but I don't think enough information has been disseminated to the public. Wolves hunt and live in packs; one of the questions I have is what are the residual consequences to the rest of the pack if two or three wolves are killed. Secondly, wolf hunting is not used for game purposes, but rather trophy hunting, and I object to the trapping and killing of wolves for that reason alone.
- 1075 Wolves are just starting to make a comeback in this country & we're already trying to wipe them out. It's ridiculous to think that our actions won't unfavorably impact the only planet we have to live on! Did any of you ever hear of the balance of nature?
- 1076 Wolves should only be killed in conjunction with specific, individual conflicts. Other control methods should be tried first, like using mastiff dogs or llamas to guard livestock on farms. There should NEVER be trapping allowed - other creatures, including pets and people can be harmed, and it is an inhumane method of killing.
- 1077 first off this survey is for the opinion of hunters and hunters alone there was not one question that was geared towards people who are against the hunting of wolves I would like to express my views and opinion on this subject I cannot grasp the fact that in this day and age any compassionate person with a conscience would willingly trap another living creature and torture it letting suffer in excruciating pain before it dies is unthinkable to me... and can only be defined as humans without a soul and people who still feel that it is necessary to control the animal populations If you feel that strongly about killing them why cant it be done in a humane way? isn't that what guns are for? for it is the way of nature I am very sure it will fare just fine without our help because the only population that causes fear, destruction and harms the environment, nature and the earth is humans due to over population, greed and selfishness all it comes down to a little common sense and getting priority's in order. Wolves kill and consume a few hundred livestock a year us on the other hand kill, mutilate, abuse, mistreat and slaughter millions of livestock every year for our consumption and half of it is thrown in the trash because of the mistreatment most of them are sick and diseased not fit for human consumption, and that's just a very little piece of what we do to threaten this planet and its creatures and if you think about it for just a moment and look at the big picture in-turn we are harming our self more than anything else ever could. So now I ask you who do we really need to be concerned with? US or THEM? and until we start worrying about ourselves and what we do to this planet there will never be peace on earth for any living thing!!!!
- 1078 I think the shooting of wolves is acceptable. Trapping of wolves is like trapping dogs, horrible, cruel. So who is responsible when my dog, or worse my son steps into traps while we are bird hunting on our public land. I have contacted Tom Hackbarth on this months ago, the response I got was very clear that he did not care. The use of large traps, jaw and the conibear should be prohibited from all public lands!. There are enough deer hunters out there who can reduce the population, and if they cannot, open up your special hunt. Lets not spend a ton of \$ to figure this out.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1079 I think allowing trapping of wolves is cruel and should be outlawed. The wolf population has been stable for ten years, there is no reason to decrease the population. There will be public outcry over this cruelty and I will be encouraging everyone I know to fight this.
- 1080 I am strongly opposed to the trapping and hunting of wolves.
- 1081 The wolves should still be protected not hunted. I don't agree at all about hunting these beautiful creatures that we worked so hard to be kept from being endangered. I especially do not like the idea of the wolves being hunted by traps. That way of hunting is so cruel and inhumane. It is a slow and painful death when traps are used, This form of hunting should be banned all together. I am not happy whatsoever about this decision that has been made by the state of Minnesota. There are always better solutions than killing.
- 1082 If there were 3,000 humans and 5 million wolves in Minnesota, I'd be for an extensive hunting program. Since the numbers are reversed, I'm wondering what the point is. Did wolf meat become suddenly popular? If the wolf population has merely maintained itself in recent years, it seems to me we should leave well enough alone, especially considering the species is under attack in other areas of its US range.
- 1083 No hunting or trapping of wolves
- 1084 why we already loosing the wild life why you like to allow hunting wolf.
- 1085 If the population has been stable for 10 years, what makes the DNR think hunting down to less than half that number is beneficial to the wolf population? I'm against reducing the numbers of a species that has taken so long to recover.
- 1086 My main point of this survey is to voice my opinion on the trapping of wolves. This is a cruel and inhumane practice and should in no way be allowed. The suffering of animals caught in this manner is horrendous.
- 1087 it is a bad idea to hunt top predators in any ecosystem. we have this information now but continue to ignore it.
- 1088 I do not support the trapping of wolves. I do believe there are better ways to help those who are having problems with wolves. I hope for kind and responsible laws that protect our wolves.
- 1089 I hope there will be no season on wolves. Trapping is inhumane . Shooting wolves, a species that depends on relationships to thrive is also inhumane. We don't know enough about these animals to be so careless with them.
- 1090 Wolf hunting is inhumane.
- 1091 Wolf hunting should not be permitted in the five year period after delisting, which it was not originally stated. This survey is completely biased towards people in support of hunting wolves.
- 1092 You people seem to want to allow open season on anything that moves. Doves for example. Are cardinals and chickadees next?
- 1093 I believe there should be other less inhumane ways used in order to control the wolf population. Hunting is bad enough, but trapping is CRUEL. Please reconsider this plan. Thank you for your consideration.
- 1094 I do not believe wolves should be hunted. I have a place in the north east corner of Minnesota. Grand Marais. I have never seen a wolf. Would love to, but if people keep killing them I probably never will. Same with moose. Leave nature alone and it will equal itself out.
- 1095 After reading Lynne Farmer's letter to Mpls Star-Tribune, (6/13/2012) I, too,want to speak in opposition to using leg-hold traps. I am one of those people cut from the same cloth as St. Francis who feels a strong connection to all living creatures. See Farmer's letter re: "other options for wolf control."
- 1096 This culling of the wolves is horrible. They should be protected here in Minnesota and other states. Pls do not let the killing start until people put in their opinions
- 1097 This survey is too slanted towards those who are "pro wolf season" why the demand for a season so quickly after taking them off the endangered list. Who's special interest interrupted the normal 5 year waiting period. If we don't like something we just manipulate the rules for a select few with behind the door clout. America used to stand for something now we just drop our pants because we're too afraid of "affending" others. Who was here 1st. Just ask the native Americans how that worked out.
- 1098 I totally am against hunting any animals, but trapping wolves is so barbaric, I can't believe it is even a consideration. Wolves are beautiful animals who should be left to roam. Murdering red-neck hunters should take up skeet shooting or hunt each other----No Big Loss.
- 1099 Yes, I would like to encourage our legislature to do away with traps for wolves that feature the steel jaws. This causes unnecessary discomfort and distress to an animal, especially when a trapper has 24 hours to check on the traps. Please enact more humane rules for the trapping of wolves and mandate that the traps are checked are checked three times per day. Thank-you.
- 1100 I lived in Minnesota from 1985-1989 and have been back every year since then for the walleye opener, and deer season, as a non-resident. I hunt and fish with a great friend up in the Ely area. I come to hunt and fish, but the opportunity to see and here wild wolves is a major draw for me. I know that the wolves only represent dollar signs for the state and and the DNR, but wolves are a family group and when one is killed the entire pack suffers great stress needlessly. As long as the state sees the need for this senseless killing of wolves I will no longer be buying out of state permits for hunting and fishing and I will do everything in my power to spread the word and convince others not to spend their money or time in Minnesota.
- 1101 The environment needs top predators besides humans. The deer population and others could be kept under better control if there were a healthy population of top predators like wolves. Wolves do not need to be hunted--period.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1102 The hunting and trapping of wolves should not be allowed in Minnesota. Trapping is an especially cruel and inhumane act. Minnesota is representative of all that is beautiful and wild in this country and we need to protect and honor that, not destroy it.
- 1103 Wolf hunting and trap[ping is wrong and not the way to control the population. Is this why you wanted to bring them back, so you could open a season for your hunters
- 1104 I do not support the wolf season because I believe there are better ways to go about ensuring the integrity of the state's ecosystem. Just because wolves were recently removed from the endangered/threatened species list does not mean that it suddenly becomes acceptable to hunt or trap them. Once a season is opened on wolves, I worry that they could become endangered again. I understand that the DNR is aware of this and has a minimum population of 1600, which it will protect by closing the season once this level is approached or met. Yet I am still wary. I have heard that one of the main reasons for an open season on wolves is its potential to curb livestock predation, but this problem could be solved by other, less painful means. For instance, I read that guard dogs and llamas can be effective in controlling livestock predation. I am afraid that the ability to hunt and trap wolves will be abused. It is true that we humans have a responsibility to protect the environment and to do all we can to look out for the interests of the many species who share our state. However, wolf management need not involve the pain of trapping or the needless killing of wolves. Nature will play itself out just fine with very little human intervention except in the most dire of situations, so I believe that an open season on wolves, at least at this time, is premature and inadvisable.
- 1105 I believe that the legislature acted prematurely and we should have kept to the 5 year waiting period after delisting. it is misleading to say there are 3000 wolves in the state when you are including all the pups of the year because many do not make it to the next year. If the winter target population is 1600 which wolves will be most likely harvested? The young inexperienced wolf, the sick and mangey wolf or the healthy wolf that could do most for strengthening the population. Do you know?
- 1106 Stop trapping! Stop hunting wolves, PERIOD. If you must hunt, at least don't make them suffer in a trap for days until they die.
- 1107 It is important to leave the wolf population alone, as is. It is important that we as humans, be stewards of the earth and its creatures, and that means protecting the wolves, not destroying them. Thank you for your consideration.
- 1108 I don't believe a hunting trapping season is an appropriate way to handle this. Just because the wolf has now been removed from the endangered species list isn't automatically a reason to begin a harvest. Conflicts with property and livestock are insignificant. The wolf population is not overgrown and has been stable for years. There is no meaningful public interest in this. It's grossly inhumane, especially the trapping. Find another population management strategy. There are many that are substantailly more humane than the currently legislated approach.
- 1109 Trapping Wolves is not humane. It is bad enough to bait and blast them with guns. Really. I do not support a wolf season. I do not wish my tax dollars to be spent in this manner.
- 1110 your questions are based on the assumption that I, Public Citizen, am in favor of hunting and trapping wolfs. Obviously the legislature and Dayton did not represent my views. It saddens me that this bill was implemented without clear representation of the people. Wolves should not be hunted, maimed and killed.
- 1111 The wolf population doesn't appear to be out of control resulting in disease, why is sport hunting being encouraged? I live in MN because of the commitment to the environment. I don't believe in management of the food chain for the sport of a few. Assuming this barbaric sport is a given, there should be large zones where hunting and trapping are absolutely not allowed. Wolves should only be fair game on personal property where livestock or pets have been hurt or killed, and baiting and trapping should not be allowed. Under no circumstances should leg traps be allowed. They are indiscriminant and inhumane. Leaving a trap out to 'hunt' in your absence is lazy and under no illusion of being "sporting".
- 1112 I don't approve the hunting of wolves at all. I understand, I don't live up in the area, but with so many states allowing hunting of wolves, it will not take much to stress the population of wolves in general. There are very few left in the lower states of the U.S. As humans, our methods for hunting these creatures has been brutal and unfair and I don't trust that the DNR can control it. thank you.
- 1113 I don't believe we should be hunting wolves. While I understand they will attack livestock, I would hope that we could work with those impacted to find alternative methods for dealing with the threat that wolves present for livestock.
- 1114 Hunting may be justified, but trapping can not be justified. Trapping is brutal and should not be endorsed by a humane society.
- 1115 What is the basis for the 400 animal quota? This seems high given the overall population size. Is it the goal of the DNR to reduce the wolf population to 1,600 animals over the next several hunting seasons?
- 1116 It's amazing that the wolf populations have been stable for so many years! That must mean that nature is working to effect a balance. When human hunting becomes part of the formula, however, everything goes askew. Therefore, I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population by sport hunting or trapping. I support wolf recovery efforts in the Great Lakes region.
- 1117 I don't support wolf-hunting at all. Leave wolves alone. The biggest predators on planet Earth are humans who destroy habitats and on top of that, kill what's left of the animals for "fun". Stop this nonsense.
- 1118 By hunting the wolves, we will be taking away the natural way the deer herds are kept healthy and strong. The wolves kill the weaker animals where hunters take the most developed and fit. Hunting the wolves is a big mistake.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1119 WOLVES ARE A PROTECTED SPECIES. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO SLAUGHTER THESE ANIMALS. YOU ARE MESSING WITH THE BALANCE OF NATURE THE WAY GOD MADE IT. LEAVE THESE ANIMALS ALONE!!!!
- 1120 I have cabin and 94 acres in Superior National Forest. The wolves are not a problem. I am extremely against trapping. The wolves population recovered because they were listed as endangered. Why repeat history. Same with moose. When hunting was banned they did fine. Now they are diminishing. Put your efforts into teaching humans how to behave around wild animals, i.e. share habitat intelligently.
- 1121 Wolves should not be hunted but at the very least trapping should not be allowed at any time anywhere.
- 1122 I do not support any hunting and trapping, especially trapping of wolves, in the State of Minnesota.
- 1123 I am strongly opposed to hunting wolves and appalled that this state allows the cruel practice of trapping. While some hunters follow good practices, there are far too many who violate them. Farmers can use guard dogs and llamas to ward off wolves.
- 1124 I don't think there should be any hunting/trapping of wolves at this time. We should honor the five-year period and do a better study on management and sustainability plus I don't believe any animal should be trapped (i.e. leg-hold trap). It is cruel and inhumane whether it is a wolf, bear or dog caught by accident. We should be better than that as a civilization.
- 1125 This is a pathetic attempt at "public comment"...a person would have to be almost clairvoyant to find this "public comment" section. I am OPPOSED to the hunting or trapping of wolves...I'll bet you that your "limit" could be reached by poaching, killing by farmers and ranchers and death by auto. If hunters can be given the right to kill a wolf, shouldn't I have the right to save the life of a wolf? I am going to urge people to apply for a wolf license and then not use it.
- 1126 I am totally against this idea. This is a huge mistake and it will come to light if and when you implement it. TRAPPING is disgusting and inhumane!! There HAS to be another answer to this whole idea, if they are bothering farmers/ranchers and there is no alternative then they should have a right to shoot, but NO to TRAPPING and hunting.....
- 1127 there is no sound reason to have a wolf hunting and trapping season. I think that the traps that are set and supposed to be removed by the trappers would be left in place and not removed thereby allowing an animal to be trapped and left to die on its own. Also you would have some one sneaking in later to take their catch and poaching these animals. These animals are finally coming into their own and not you want to allow their killing. All in the name of money and nothing else.
- 1128 Hunting wolves should not be allowed. There are better ways to manage them and reduce problems between wolves and humans/livestock without killing them.
- 1129 I do not think hunting of wolves for sport should be allowed. I support wolf recovery.
- 1130 I do not feel we should be using traps at all. They are inhumane. No animal should be forced to endure stress, pain, and fear from humans. Would you like your dog to be in a steel trap suffering for hours? We do not need these animals for food. They are not our enemies. Please stop this killing. Thanks.
- 1131 I am opposed to both opening up hunting before the citizen planned 5 year period and hunting coincident with deer hunting. The idea of deer hunters taking opportunity pot shots at wolves running from a deer drive makes me find unsportsmanlike and unethical.
- 1132 Cruelty is NEVER acceptable. Sport is equality between sides and wanting to participate. Animals aren't living to be in a death game...killing is never entertainment...would anyone that takes this survey, want to be caught in a trap? I doubt it. And any living being can be maimed by this. Only humans conceive of ways to hurt and kill, I'm ashamed to be one when I hear about the horrors people inflict on innocents:(
- 1133 I am outraged that a hunting season on wolves was even considered. The population has been steady and is healthy for the other wildlife in the woods. Many studies have shown that a healthy population of all other animals in a given area depends on allowing predators natural access. Keep our forests healthy. Cancel any and all wolf hunting. Abuses are bad enough without such encouragement.
- 1134 I do not in anyway support this murder of wolves under the false title of management. Management implies that you have studied the pack and its individual members and specific removal of animals would be made to ensure that the health and productivity of the species were the core reason for any culling. True management culled would only allow professional contracted hunters to kill individual wolves deemed as detrimental to the species based on their health, reproductive usefulness, genetic worth or danger to the public through proven human or livestock predation. Instead you are giving a bunch of people with no management knowledge of pack or individual an open license to kill any wolf they see on any day deemed ok. How can this be management? How many more problems will be created as previously healthy and stable packs lose valuable members and those remaining particularly the young are forced to deviate from natural behaviours previously taught and regulated by senior members have to survive through increasingly unsafe and unnatural interaction with humankind. And what of the baiting for trapping where now we will teach the wolves like the bears to seek out our trash for yummy goodies putting more humans and more pets and live stock at risk. This is not management it is a catastrophe waiting to happen.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1135 My husband and I enjoyed the elusive presence of a few wolves on/around the primitive cabin we built 40 years ago. About the last 20 years we have not heard them or found real traces of them. the white-tailed deer are our real foes because they destroy the pine seedlings we have planted over & over again in attempts to reforest the area around the cabin. Please leave the wolves alone. If you must get rid of any wolves because of predation on farmers' cattle, etc., please do not TRAP them. We would not trap misbehaving dogs; it is just cruel to trap them. I do not think we need a hunting or trapping season in Minnesota.
- 1136 Trapping of animals is a cruel and inhumane practice. Imagine your leg caught in steel trap, in pain, in fear, waiting for up to 24 hours before your misery is ended. This way of "hunting" needs to be stopped. Humans already have the advantage of high power weapons they don't need the advantage of using traps.
- 1137 This legalization of hunting for wolves has NO logic whatsoever. It is purely for cruel sport to see how wolves suffer and die at man's hand. People do not consume wolf meat to survive. We DO not need to have more worthless trophies on walls and floors while killing innocent life. If wolf numbers are up, we should be thankful and not throw that accomplishment to waste.
- 1138 You will allow wolf "trapping"? Does this mean their leg or foot will get clamped into a steel trap, then they'll wait there to die? I read that trappers are only required to check traps every 24 hours. That's a long time if you are an animal in a painful trap. I understand the need for a hunting season if the wolf population gets out of control, but trapping seems totally cruel and unnecessary.
- 1139 I do not think we need to trap the wolves. It's not right if you can't manage to shoot one then you don't get to kill one!
- 1140 This process should wait 5 years before implementing as originally planned. However, this plan is acceptable as long as hunters and trappers remain honorable and are honest about what they kill. Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion!
- 1141 I am very much against trapping wolves. They are a smart, sensitive animal and do not deserve such torture. There are ways to protect livestock, such as llamas...or compensation fees. NO TRAPS! Tamara Rogers
- 1142 I don't think a wolf hunting season is a good idea. If they are at a stable population, they do not need to be hunted.
- 1143 I do NOT support the hunting and trapping of wolves for sport.
- 1144 Yes. Trapping is a barbaric way of dealing with any animal population and I am adamantly opposed to it. First, I am outraged that the state removed the 5-year waiting period; there must be alternative approaches to wolf control that could have been explored during that timeframe. Why the big rush? Have we explored all options? As the Oped in the June 13 Star Tribune stated today, "Regardless of our attitudes towards wolves, we can agree there is no point in causing them excess fear, stress and pain." Trappers are only required to check traps every 24 hours (and how many actually do so?) SURELY there is a better way.
- 1145 My question is: Who is going to use the meat? Or is it going to be wasted? What happens if the wolf chews the leg off, remains alive, who gets sued? The state? the DNR? How do we explain that? What about lazy trappers who don't check their sites in the required time? My understanding about farmers is that when dead animals occur, they take them to lower sites and let whatever comes to feed on them. This has been done for years. Check testimony with Stumpf and Lessard years back. I go on wildlife rescue calls year round, and I find, in the fall, that hunters are lazy and don't track what they shoot. But, that is only 35 years of experience. I am also a retired 911 dispatcher. Think this through thoroughly to ensure we are not just hunting for the skin. We can resolve this with llamas and guard dogs and make us all look smart. If you have any questions, please contact me at: because I like my DNR people always looking smart. I believe in the DNR because I started with Edward Reed on up.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1146 I have been a major supporter of the Department of Natural Resources my entire life. As a fisherman and a hunter, I always have believed in preserving the most incredible resource we have/share/enjoy- our land and the animals that cohabitate it with us. Thus I fully believe in the cause of the DNR. I have a number of questions and comments regarding the Wolf hunting season. First of all, if the Gray Wolf population has been stable for the past decade, why do we suddenly need to "manage" them?? It would seem that a stable wolf population suddenly conflicting with humans (after ten years of non conflict) would indicate that the conflict must be a result of human action/encroachment. Secondly, I have read that only 2% of the ranchers in Minnesota have had issues with wolves. That would place them in the minority and I feel that THEY should be made to take steps to protect their livestock and take other NONVIOLENT measures in combating 'rogue wolves'. Furthermore, I would like to point out that raising cattle in northern Minnesota is UNNATURAL. WE humans are the ones that are invading the wolves' territory and cutting down their woods and filling the newly made pastures with fat, docile, meaty animals that are to wolves what candy is to children. I am surprised that the DNR is wholly supporting this industry despite its negative effects on our natural resources. Third, I find it extremely interesting that Legislature quickly acted to remove the wolf from the protected list and even removed the 5 year hold on enacting an open season on the wolves- enabling a much swifter season opener... this just happens to coincide with MINING CONCERNS eager to remove the wolf as an endangered species- thus allowing them to ignore wolf habitat with their future proposals. Fourth, we are faced with a deer population that is around 1 million deer. With that large of a number of deer, coupled with an ever increasingly warmer climate spells disaster in the not so distant future. Warmer climate means less winter die off, means less food to go around... means more starving deer and more deer hit by MN motorists. If we reduce the wolf population -which has gotten to the stable number it's at NATURALLY- we will be removing the deer's natural predator. In addition, the warmer climate will also bring about more pests, diseases, and possibly other invasive species moving in from warmer regions that might be controlled by the wolves themselves... by their natural predator instincts. If we hunt them down and trap them and treat them like lesser beings and disrespect them in the name of an unnatural industry and in the name of making money for the state or for making it easier for miners to get into our land, then we are not only wronging the wolves but we are doing wrong by our children, our ancestors and the very land that we should be striving to protect. Please reconsider this wolf season. Thank you. Dan Johnson of Minneapolis
- 1147 Leave the wolves be. They should NOT be hunted or trapped.They still need protection.
- 1148 Wolves should not be hunted period. Their numbers will regulate themselves naturally. Taking out the top predator or managing them is a mistake. Any ecosystem is at its best when our top predators are involved to naturally balance the system. Managing them will leave them vulnerable to disease or other natural conditions they may not be able to bounce back from. Do we really want to go backwards and find them on the endangered species list again!? If you live in Wolf territory you must educate yourself about how to live with them and be a responsible human being and teach your kids to do the same. You live in this natural environment. YOU DON'T OWN IT!!! People of this state should realize our wildlife is our greatest resource and the healthier it is the more our state will flourish. If we have problems with livestock they can be protected easily with dogs. Since the return of the bald eagle it has been better for our ecosystem in to many ways for me to list here. Keep the top predators alive and health and the state will prosper!!!!!!!
- 1149 The entire hunting, trapping idea is disgusting. This isn't sport...it is butchery of social animals who make the herds better by removing the weak and keeping numbers in check. Nature culls out the weak and does not need the almighty MAN to help dessiminate another species like they have many others. STOP harassing the wolves and pups!!!
- 1150 Save wolves - they still need our protection!!!!!!
- 1151 I completely oppose the hunting/trapping of wolves in Minnesota or any of the Great Lakes states. I support wolf recovery. Wolves are not our enemies or our competitors. We can live with them.
- 1152 Steel trapping wolves is shameful. But the same mindset that says torturing 'terrorists' is just fine no doubt thinks trapping is great. The fact that so many enjoy violence when they have the power to met it out to others should be admitted. Hiding behind consoling phrases like 'livestock depredation' is hypocrisy. If unpublicized surveys like this allow people to pretend that they 'sought out' public 'participation' the hypocrisy is increased.
- 1153 Trapping is barbaric and should be outlawed. It is cruel and dangerous to other species, too. It is inhumane and should have been done away with long ago. People walk in the woods for reasons other than hunting (yes, even you DNR folks) and so do pets. I think traps could easily be left out, lost or forgotten. I probably don't have too big a problem with your controlled hunting with guns because of your 1600 limit. If the wolves do too much damage to livestock people will really get in a lather against them. This seems the lesser of two evils, but I truly feel that trapping should be stopped.
- 1154 I cannot support a trapping season. There is no way to make trapping humane. I would rather there were no hunting OR trapping season, but if there is some overriding reason to kill wolves, then kill them quick and clean - not with a trap. Please. I'm begging you.
- 1155 Hunting the wolves is a stupid idea.
- 1156 Why can't the wolves be left alone? Say prayers if one has to be murdered. Our general approach to wildlife is primitive, to say the least. Why do people enjoy killing creatures?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1157 There is not an over abundance of wolves and there is no need to permit hunting. There is an over abundance of deer and we need the wolves as natural predators. Please let the eco system do it's job. Let's not run the wolves into near extinction again. Have we not learned from past experience out west what will happen if we kill them off?
- 1158 I think that trapping animals in steel jaw traps is a brutal practice and should not be allowed.
- 1159 These beautiful animals are being slaughtered for pure sport enjoyment. They will soon be endangered just like in the 1940's. I believe the people doing this type of killing are heartless, and have no regard for life. They do it for pure enjoyment. They are SICK individuals! It will be a matter of time when animals are not enough and they turn to humans. Think about it. Snaring wolves and having them die a painful death. You reap what you sow. Karma has a way of giving you or your loved ones what you did to the lesser of you.
- 1160 I am totally appalled that the State of Minnesota would even consider such a hunt. It is barbaric! Why is this issue not going to the citizens of Minnesota for a full vote? Where is our due process in this decision. Clearly I am against any type of hunting of the wolf. There are other ways of controlling the wolf population. I worry about Coyotes attacking my dogs, so I have a fenced in back yard. Is it full proof? As fool proof as I can make it. Would I be happy if they attacked my dog? Absolutely not, but I have taken all precautions I can, and so far my dogs have remained safe. May I reiterate, please don't allow this hunt to go on.
- 1161 wolf trapping season should not be allowed
- 1162 The wolf population should be protected for 5 years before any hunting or trapping should be considered. This was the original plan for delisting in the State of Minnesota law. Politicians have short circuited good wildlife management policy.
- 1163 No Wolf hunting or trapping!
- 1164 A wolf hunting and trapping season is a bad idea. Management can be handled in other ways that does not involve killing and injuring wolves.
- 1165 We don't believe trapping should be allowed & are disappointed about hunting being allowed.
- 1166 I do not think there should be ANY hunting or trapping of wolves. The population numbers do not support either activity. Wolves need to be protected!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 1167 No wolf hunting period.
- 1168 Trapping wolves is as cowardly an act as laying land mines for humans. There is nothing "sporting" or humane about such a torturous treatment of an animal. How about a short but statewide season for poachers to thin the herd and raise the IQ statewide?
- 1169 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves for sport. It's really nothing more than the slaughter of an endangered species based on corrupt politics and unscrupulous politicians! Wolves in the Great Lakes region lost their Endangered Species Act protection and, as a result, their well-being is now the responsibility of each state. Sadly, state wildlife managers are dead set on using this new authority to kill the region's wolves. The department's proposal for hunting and trapping seasons would mean hundreds of Minnesota's wolves shot, snared and trapped starting this fall. The only reason wolves lost their ESA protection was that Republicans managed to sneak a rider onto " must pass " legislation having nothing to do with an up or down vote to delist wolves which they knew would fail. In other words, politics not science, ruled the day. Wolves had been recovering under the Endangered Species Act, but as of May 2011, were delisted. Since then, Idaho officials have killed nearly half their state's wolf population. Never before has an endangered species been driven to such low numbers so quickly. Is this the goal for Minnesota's DNR, supposedly much more enlightened than the west's " COWBOYS " in Idaho and Wyoming? Wolves are paramount of ecosystems and food chains, and must be managed with great consideration. These anti-wolf policies need to be reviewed immediately. Vulnerable and incredibly valuable wildlife hangs in the balance!
- 1170 Do not believe in trapping wolves - it's inhumane - causes much pain and suffering before death of wolf. Not necessary to use this method to control wolves!
- 1171 In my opinion, trapping is inhumane and should not be allowed.
- 1172 I support the wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region. I do not want there to be conflict between livestock and wolves but I oppose hunting and trapping wolves for sport.
- 1173 We need to find another way to put back the "balance" that we have been removing and or damaging in Nature. Man's interventions continue to disturb, erode and kill that which was first created as whole, living and interdependent system. Try letting it grow and evolve naturely. Proactive ideas accepted!
- 1174 http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2012/04/04/rockybarker/wildlife_groups_seek_investigation_trapped_wolf_photo Wolf trapping is cruel and should be illegal. The five year waiting period from delisting should have been honored.
- 1175 Trapping is an antiquated activity. It was useful when we explored and developed the country, but obviously not anymore. It has no real use now except for educational purposes (live trapping). Trapping is a barbaric, unethical practice that like all bad "traditions" needs to go away. Each year, hunting and trapping numbers plummet because the new generation just isn't buying it. The Minnesota DNR should't, either. I strongly disapprove of all predator hunting and trapping as their numbers are self-regulated. I have no issues with ungulate and bird hunting for sustenance.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1176 I 100% oppose any plans to hunt and trap wolves in Minnesota. If such a proposal would be accepted by Minnesotans, my opinion of the state would be much diminished. Wildlife is necessary and should be preserved, and the wolf population anywhere in the U.S. is not too great to warrant slaughter. Anyone in Minnesota who doesn't want to live near wolves is more than welcome to come down out of the wilderness and join us here in the city (in this case, Chicago)-the largest four-legged predators here are coyotes, and they are sticking to small mammals in the parks and dumpster diving!
- 1177 The idea of a wolf hunt is a travesty. What next? Why don't you just open the Minnesota Zoo or Como Zoo for hunting--I hear there are some rare Amur Leopard cubs that some moron, feeling erroneously superior, would enjoy hunting and inflicting pain upon. Trapping is inhumane and should be illegal. Also, this survey is lame--in the first question I stated I was against a wolf hunt, yet the survey insisted on asking only questions about the procedure of a hunt. Obviously, DNR has made up its mind. So sad.
- 1178 I believe that wolves should be included into the endangered species act and should not be hunted and trapped for their furs. because of hunting and fur trapping that is how most animals are on the endangered species act.
- 1179 Trapping wolves is cruel. Why does the state and DNR want to be associated with approving these inhumane practices? Is this the best we can do in resolving our issues? This is very sad.
- 1180 Guard dogs and llamas should be used to protect livestock. There is no reason to hunt wolves at this time.
- 1181 I watched this ignorant state make legal a dove season. I complained, along with many. It happened. Now you want to kill wolves. Am not an activist but absolutely hate hate trapping. If wolves need to be controlled, have a few sharp shooters maybe a lottery on that, and have it done humanely. Cannot believe in this day and age I am reading about trapping. Trust me, there are more people on my side than the other. What the hell is wrong with people who kill for killings sake.
- 1182 Why not phase this program in. Why not use the early season only for a year and see how many wolves are killed without trapping? Trapping just seems to be cruel, leaving an animal trapped and scared to die a slow death.
- 1183 I support wolf recovery in the great lakes!NOT HUNTING & TRAPPING
- 1184 Trapping is a very cruel punishment to wolves. Who knows whether the 'trapper' will return to free the harmed, and hurting, wolf from the trap??? it's a very cruel and barbaric punishment and should not be done, under any circumstance.
- 1185 I am opposed to both hunting and trapping of wolves. Trapping should be illegal for any animal . It is a horribly cruel practice and causes long-term pain, suffering and death of many non-target animals including pets and even unsuspecting humans. Why is this still allowed in Minnesota?
- 1186 Please prohibit animal cruelty! Abolish all trapping - a brutal practice. Enforce laws when wolves are poisoned. Rather than kill wolves, promote & support protection of livestock with guard dogs and llamas. Offer a reimbursement program and continue to educate about wolves & its place in the natural environment. Thank you.
- 1187 Trapping should not be allowed!
- 1188 I am revolted that the only solution the DNR sees to animal management is killing them. The leg-hold traps are barbaric and unnecessarily torture the animals they ensnare - including dogs, foxes, and others. Your cruelty makes me want to cry and ashamed to be a member of the most blood-thirsty species - homo sapiens. This survey was a joke - nearly all questions aimed at those who will hunt. There is little I can do to stop this but I will refrain from giving financial support in any way to DNR activities
- 1189 It is too early to determine the viability of wolf hunts versus survival of wolf packs. The motivation seems to be for hunters with no regard for the wolves.
- 1190 I detest this practice. Your facts state that the population has been "relatively" restored...That in no way signifies and abundance of wolves that need to be eradicated. Wolves do not harbor diseases like the deer. Therefore there's no need for eradication on that subject either. TRAPS EQUAL CRUELTY! Nothing more nothing less! Give the public an inch and they will take a mile! I have seen first hand illegal practices among hunters. Unless the population is exploding there's NO NEED TO HUNT WOLVES! Wolves are very shy. They will only take what they need. I have worked with experts that produced documentaries on this subject! PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS HORRIBLE IDEA!
- 1191 no
- 1192 In all of my 58 years of living in Northern Minnesota and spending a great deal of that time out in the woods, I can honestly say I have only seen four Timber wolves in the wild. How could such an beautiful and elusive animal be given a death warrant? The number one reason is of course MONEY. It all has to do with how much money the State can bring in by offering the chance to bag a once endangered species as a trophy kill. I am appalled that these magnificent animals, who were hunted and trapped to the brink of extinction by humans, will again be slaughtered for nothing more than a trophy for someone's collection. People have always had the right to protect their livestock, pets an family from wolves. These animals are not a threat to humans. I know any trophy hunter is going to look to kill the biggest wolf they can find which means the Alpha male and female of the packs are at the biggest risk of being killed. As for trapping, this is the most sick inhumane way to take an animal. Any animal. My heart will break when the season begins as it does with any of the other killing seasons.
- 1193 NO NO NO
- 1194 I do not support hunting or trapping wolves in MN. There aren't enough!
- 1195 I don't support a Wolf Hunt at all.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1196 I don't believe killing wolves is necessary at this time in the State of Minnesota. I especially don't believe in any type of trapping in this state as it is cruel and unusual punishment to animals, and risks hurting, maiming, killing other animals. Please stop trapping in this state.
- 1197 We have worked hard to bring the wolf back into its natural range. Allowing a hunting and trapping season negates the work. Why should people feel the need to hunt or trap something that they will not eat. The wolf was here first, let it remain first.
- 1198 I don't approve of the wolf season at all. The questions did not include that option except for the first one. Since the wolf population has been stable there seems no reason to hunt and trap these beautiful animals. Traps are cruel. Guns are, too. Leave wolves alone.
- 1199 There is a human problem, not a wolf problem. The human population is huge compared to the wolf population. Therefore, if there is a perceived wolf problem then reduce the human population. There is no wolf problem and therefore there is no valid reason to allow psychopaths to recreate by torturing to death wolves.
- 1200 Such depravity! Shame that you find such activity fun!
- 1201 I believe that it is much to early to have a season on the endangered wolves. This seems to have been pushed through by the hunting and trapping lobby without consideration of how it will affect the long tern survival of the wolf. As a Minnesota citizen I am appalled by this season.
- 1202 It is bad enough that non-hunters have to wear orange vests for their own safety on their own property, but do we have to wear orange for even more weeks?
- 1203 I do not believe it is necessary to kill or trap wolves. They have a place in the eco-system and are necessary . My family members hunt, but they do not hunt wolves. Wolves are not used for food. Killing them just for the sake of killing them in wrong. Nature has wolves for a reason and nature seems to have done just fine for millions of years. Let the wolves live.
- 1204 I understand that in some select cases it is necessary for farmers to deter wolves from killing their livestock. I also agree that there are times when it is necessary to kill the animals that are threatening the livestock. I completely disagree with the use of traps as it is inhumane and extremely painful/terrifying for the animal. The idea that wolves would be "harvested" is ridiculous - what value can the dead animal provide short of its pelt? Deer season provides hunters the opportunity to control the population as well as harvest an animal in a useful way (for food) and in a manner that is not cruel (no trapping). If it is truly necessary to have a wolf hunting season, please consider disallowing live traps on the grounds of inhumane treatment of animals.
- 1205 the wolf should not be hunter in the next 5 years until there a accurate count of them
- 1206 The legislature should re-enact the 5 year waiting period and trapping should be made illegal and should not be used in the state. It certainly should not be used on wolves. I'm a person who has sent money to wild-life conservation people to repopulate wolves in this region. I didn't do this to provide "entertainment" for hunters and trappers. I'm NOT happy that the legislature has decided that my good faith money should benefit hunters and trappers!!!!
- 1207 It's all about the money,as usual!Anti-hunting,Anti you! the DNR!
- 1208 I support wolf recovery and don't want anymore killed!
- 1209 This survey has inherent bias - It PRESUMES favoring a season for hunting/trapping wolves. Since the wolf population is only stable, not increasing dramatically, it is unnecessary and unwise to set a legal season for hunting/trapping wolves. Further such a season in likely to interfere with other non-consumptive outdoor activities. Claims of wolf-human conflict seem to be seriously overstated.
- 1210 I simply cannot believe that hunting and trapping of wolves is being allowed. Trapping is torture - I'm ashamed to live in a state that will allow this to happen. The only people who seem to be negatively impacted by wolves would be those raising livestock of some sort - there are other methods to deal with this issue. I implore you to reconsider this horrendous decision. Wolves have been villified and demonized for centuries - and the "quotas," "limits," and "rules" you set forth will be ignored and abused by many - you can count on that. They are intelligent animals and they feel pain - trapping is inhumane and torturous for the animal. Would you think it's okay for your pet dog to be trapped? Would the wolf feel any less pain because it is wild - or do you just not care?
- 1211 Leave the wolves alone. I do not support opening a hunt season on them or any animal for that matter. Killing is not a Sport>>>>>>>>>>
- 1212 NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF WOLVES!!! After all the work of bringing back the wolf , I CANNOT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE ANY HUNTING ALLOWED, MUCH LESS THE OVERTLY CRUEL AND INHUMANE PRACTICE OF TRAPPING ANY ANIMAL!! I have your solution, allow hunting and trapping of the human beings that enjoy such cruelty and consider it to be "sport", let them know how it feels.
- 1213 WOLF HUNTING IS TERRIBLE. TRAPPING IS WORSE. WHAT IS WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE? STOP THE CRAZINESS
- 1214 I oppose the trapping of wolves. If it is not outlawed, trappers should be required to check traps more frequently than every 24 hours.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1215 I am saddened by the action to implement trapping as an acceptable form of species control. While I'd support necessary thinning of the population thru hunting, trapping is an inhumane method. I've seen an animal in a trap suffer before and it changed me as a hunter. I can't imagine what they must go thru when one limb is caught and they face a certain death. The struggle to survive this method of control is barbaric. It's why we put down an injured animal immediately to put them out of their misery. This is inflicting a 24 hour misery period (provided you trust a trapper to return to a trap within 24 hours) on a helpless creature. Let me hunt naturally and not have to come upon an animal who has spent countless hours trying to free itself....that ruins the joy of hunting. Please think again before enacting this trapping provision. Thank you, A long-time MN hunter
- 1216 The use of steel-jaw traps should be illegal. Their usage is cruel and brutal.
- 1217 I don't see a real need for wolf hunting at all if the deer go starving or sick the wolves can eat them and they probably keep the deer population down naturally anyway
- 1218 I am appalled that the MN DNR has been put in a purely political position by the MN State Legislature. I support the original 5 year ban on wolf hunting and trapping after their removal from the Endangered Species list. This was changed because of politics and not good management practices. There are and have been other more humane ways to control problem wolves used from the time wolves were put on the Endangered Species list. Minnesota should use these methods and promote their wolf population in our tourism. Wolf population does not need hunting and trapping by humans to control it. What an odd statement Minnesota makes to the world by hunting and trapping an animal which had been hunted and trapped almost to extinction just a few decades ago! Not only Minnesota but every area in the country with wolves are out to "control" their populations. As the human population grows, more pressure will be put on the wolf population unless we learn that there must be a place for predators. That what we have NOW in Minnesota is a treasure. The wolf is a sacred animal to those of us who find their spiritual roots in earth-based religions. Let the natural forces control populations.
- 1219 Trapping should not be allowed. It is cruel. Hunting to the quota is okay.
- 1220 This hunting season has been rushed into being and is not well thought out. Too much depends on hunters complying with these regulations, phoning for information, pulling their traps immediately. We should not be sport hunting and sport trapping for wolves at all. I certainly don't want these animals suffering in leg-hold traps, much less the unfortunate domestic animal or even human stepping on one.
- 1221 I cannot believe that the DNR/State is even considering a wolf hunt. Wolves are killed everyday by Poachers, Cars etc. We do not need to manage their numbers we need to manage our interference into their territories. I believe that God granted us domain over his animals with the hope that we would protect them from slaughter and inhumane treatment. Humans have become so oblivious to the balance God created that we just assume we can mess with it to meet our needs or desires without consequence. The slaughter of any living thing is fundamentally wrong. We as humans MUST start appreciating the gifts God graced us with and quit killing them off. If we can put a man on the moon we can certainly come up with a better plan than to slaughter these wolves..where is your moral conscience? It is not as if these animals are going to be consumed as food..this is just joy killing and it is disgusting!
- 1222 wolves do not need to be hunted.
- 1223 I am not opposed to hunting the wolf but feel TRAPPING is inhumane and wrong. Leg traps are nothing but torture to any animal. Trapping wolves should not be allowed.
- 1224 I DO NOT believe that wolves should be TRAPPED. It is inhumane and a horrible way to die or suffer while awaiting death. If controls for wolf numbers are needed, there are more humane ways to control the population. It has been stable for 10 years, so other programs are effective and successful. Please consider methods other than trapping!
- 1225 the science does not support the need for the hunt...you should NOT allow hunting/trapping of wolves
- 1226 Inhumane and terrible to think that our beloved state would even contemplate maiming and destroying wolves. Read JULIE OF THE WOLVES and make it mandatory for anyone who wants a license to kill and trap. So many animals will be hurt and for why? So bullies can feel powerful? No! we have sheep in our pasture and a small donkey named Eeyore who keeps away dogs and coyotes. Raised and reared animals can be protected by donkeys and llamas and guard dogs. Raising animals comes with responsibilities to protect them, but this is not the way!!
- 1227 This wolf hunting and trapping season is uncalled for. Guard dogs and llamas would work fine. Shame! This is a disgrace. Trapping is absolutely cruel!!!!
- 1228 It seems both premature and counterproductive to begin a wolf hunting season. The species has only recently been removed from the endangered list. Without some patience for the wolves to achieve their own balance with food sources, they could easily become endangered again. Let's be prudent and not impulsive!
- 1229 We live on 40 acres of prime wolf habitat in Aitkin County, and although the wolves are here, they are rarely seen and have never been a problem. Many of our neighbors are farmers/ranchers, and while all of them hate wolves with a passion, none have ever lost stock or pets to wolves. We have a healthy, thriving deer population, thanks in part to the wolves. Leave the wolves alone!
- 1230 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1231 Wolves should not be considered 'game'. In as much, they should not be hunted or trapped!
- 1232 I do not support ANY hunting season for wolves and am VEHEMENTLY opposed to ANY AND ALL TRAPPING OF WOLVES!
- 1233 I wish you would do a more clear cut survey of the wolf population, also have a notification sent to the public.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1234 I would like to see wolf populations continue to recover throughout the Great Lakes region. I am very pleased that my own state, Michigan, has chosen not to allow wolf hunting, and would strongly hope to see Minnesota make the same decision. Though wolves have made a surprisingly good recovery so far, their numbers are still far below what nature intended, which puts them at risk for dangers related to lack of genetic diversity. I am greatly relieved that Minnesota is not considering all-out eradication of wolves such as is underway in the Northern Rockies, but I think that any hunting of a species so recently (and controversially) removed from the endangered species list would be a mistake. Thank you for considering my comments.
- 1235 I feel that trapping wolves is a very inhumane practice and I think it should be banned. I am not in favor of hunting wolves all together but other means of population control needs to be considered.
- 1236 don't allow trapping. it's an awful way for such a great animal to die.
- 1237 There should be no trapping of wolves allowed. Trapping is a cruel and inhumane form of wolf harvest.
- 1238 I see no justifiable reason for hunting wolves and am violently opposed to trapping. Minnesotans previously outlawed trapping a cruel and unnecessary means of management. Although I credit the DNR for taking this survey, I am unhappy that I was unable to influence the associated legislative process ... my fault.. Given that existing law supports wolf management, I urge the DNR to set up a very short, firearms only season. Finally, I am concerned about the viability of the process that depends upon hunter honesty for immediate feedback and inaction. I suggest you control the number of wolves taken by setting up a very short season. Use the 2012 process as a pilot program.
- 1239 It is a pleasure, although a rare one, to see a wolf and even then it is usually a fleeting moment. You should wait a few years before jumping into the hunt for wolves. Not necessary, harmful to the image of Minnesota, and not nearly profitable enough for the expense. And, that is all the Department of Natural Revenue is actually considering, more revenue.
- 1240 Wolves have been shown to have a positive effect on the environment and their presence within the ecosystem should be protected. If they are to be killed at the very least trapping should be banned. This is a barbaric practice banned in most civilized countries. Inflicting pain on animals has been shown to be a common behaviour in individuals who go on to become serial killers. I am NOT suggesting that trappers are likely to become human predators, but public acceptance of what amounts to animal torture degrades a person's sensitivity to the suffering of other living beings which is detrimental to society itself.
- 1241 Personally, I wouldn't hunt unless I ate what I killed so I am not a supporter of the wolf hunt, however I don't have any wish to obstruct the rights of responsible hunters. I am entirely against trapping and I don't believe that any responsible person would resort to such a barbaric practice.
- 1242 Killing for the joy of murder is murder and straight up wrong. It is wrong to hunt anything that is not needed for survival.
- 1243 Wolves are necessary for a balance in nature. I am totally opposed to killing them....trapping is soooo cruel. Minnesota needs to remain wild. If wolf-killing is allowed, we will no longer plan any vacations in Minnesota...ever.
- 1244 Imagin your dog in a leg hold trap, trying to chew his leg off, taunted by "hunters" and shot in the head. Think about that before you go to bed.
- 1245 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1246 I think the ability to see a live wolf is one of the greatest assets that our state could offer a tourist. I don't believe that we should interfere with such a valuable commodity (wild wolves) for tourists to see and hear.
- 1247 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1248 The only reason for a wolf hunting and trapping season is the joy of killing. Wolf population is self managing. There have been great efforts to restore the population. Leave them in peace. I spend a lot of time in the woods with my dog. How do I keep my dog out of someone's trap?
- 1249 How can a civilised society still use these barbaric leg traps, so the wolves suffer for up to 24 hours. Unbelievable. Is there anyone there that tried to dissuade these absurd legislators?
- 1250 I am not happy about animal trapping of any kind. I do not agree with too many approaches the DNR has taken with MN wildlife management. I will discontinue my financial support of the DNR I donate through my vehicle license plates once I need to renew in November.
- 1251 I do not think the Mn. public has been adequately informed of the wolf hunt process or need thereof.--I believe the DNR is responding to special interests--ie hunters and farmers without a truly demonstrated and communicated need. I am disappointed and disgusted with the approach you have taken.
- 1252 Don't allow the hunting of wolves.
- 1253 The trapping of wolves should be considered cruel and inhumane. There are other ways to protect cattle and other farm animals...
- 1254 I believe the trapping of wolves is inhumane.
- 1255 Trapping is extremely inhumane and SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. As it is, how do you know hunters will actually report the wolves they kill? Also, if there can only be a few hundred wolves killed, why are there 6000 licenses? This is sick, and wrong.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1256 Minnesota has had a stable population of Wolves for a decade. Problems have been few. Fair chase hunting is the only ethical, humane way to manage wild life. DNR should consider surgical sterilization of breeding males as a more humane, practical way to manage wild life populations. Thank you for considering my comments!
- 1257 Please do not hunt or trap wolves. There should be no season on these magnificent, endangered animals. Let farmers etc manage their animals better, so wolves are not a problem for them. What gives us the right to kill other living creatures?
- 1258 If a picture is worth a thousand words, then those showing the results of trapping and hunting speak volumes. Trapping is inherently cruel and--- we must understand--- these majestic animals are not that far removed from our own domesticated dogs whose intelligence and emotions are well-established and widely understood. Do we need to encourage more cruelty in Minnesota? Cruelty to animals is just one step shy of violence toward humans. We don't need to attract or encourage that.
- 1259 We should not be killing these magnificent creatures at all. They are a vital part of nature. But trapping should NEVER be considered. Would you want your dog to suffer such a cruel fate? There's very little difference between a wolf and a dog. Please be compassionate.
- 1260 I am incredibly disappointed in our Minnesota Legislature in making this horrific decision. This decision creates an imbalance in Minnesota's order of natural life, as well as, once again, disregarding the importance of the wolf to our Native American cultures. I would take the number of kills down significantly as well as the number of permits (from 6000 to 2000). I know your jobs are not easy, but you have considerable control on this very unpopular issue. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on this matter.
- 1261 I think this proposal is deplorable. And trapping any animal is something worse than that. It seems we just reintroduced these animals to the wilds of MN... where they have always belonged. Surely there is money to offset farmers' losses.
- 1262 Wait the 5 years that was first stated.
- 1263 PLEASE PLEASE DON'T KILL WOLF'S YOUR THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT IS WRONG WHOM EVER COME UP WITH THIS IDEA IS CRUEL AND IS SICK IN THE HEAD.EVERYTHING IS WRONG ABOUT THIS.PAY THE FARMED THE GOVERMENT PAY'S THEM WELL ENOUGH ALLREADY GIVE THEM MORE MONEY.IT'S LIKE BLOOD FOR OIL. WE ARE GONNA STAND UP FOR THE WOLF'S..IF WOLF SEASON IS OPEN ILL BUY TON'S OF AIT HORN'S FOR THE HUNTER'S.FOLK'S ARE WORKING HARD OUT HERE IN PINE RIVER TO ANOY WOLF HUNTER'S SAVE THE WOLVE'S SAVE THE WOLVE'S P.S. I AM 14 YEAR'S OLD AND I KNOW THIS IS WRONG. AND I WANT TO SEE ONE IN THE WILD BEFORE YOU VOTE TO KILL ALL OUR WOLF'S SO SO WRONG W
- 1264 As you stated in the presentation, the wolf population has been stable. There isn't a massive population that's endangering people or the environment. I fail to see any sort of logic behind allowing people to kill off a fairly large amount of this struggling species. Allowing people to hunt wolves legally could very well put them back on the endangered list, and it's absolutely appalling that our government would accept this for the sake of collecting revenue from hunting licenses.
- 1265 This survey is fundamentally flawed in that it assumes the responder will favor the hunting and trapping of wolves. I am vehemently opposed to this slaughter of a species that has become endangered by the presence of an invasive species, namely homo sapiens.
- 1266 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season
- 1267 I strongly oppose the trapping of wolves in any season.
- 1268 No need for trapping and subjecting these animals to the pain of steel jaw traps. If "management" is really needed, dispatch the animal with a firearm only. Shame on our legislators and the DNR of even considering trapping to be included the management of the wolf population!!!!
- 1269 This hunting and trapping permit should never have been allowed. It is unnecessary and barbaric. Time to end this carnage!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 1270 I do not support hunting wolves.
- 1271 It appears that the wolf population has reached a stable balance and should be left at that level. Trapping is an inhumane approach to population control.....one reason I do not trap the cats that enter my yard and prey on song birds that I prize and enjoy
- 1272 Do not support any type of trapping or hunting of wolves
- 1273 Wolves should not be hunted.
- 1274 This doesn't seem like a good idea at all. What do people need to kill wolves for? Food? They don't eat them. It is disrespectful to the wolves.
- 1275 I PERSONALLY DON'T BELIEVE IN KILLING WOLVES ANYWHERE. THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS. NO WOLF KILLING. PERIOD.
- 1276 I do not support the hunting or trapping of wolves at any time. There are more safe and creative ways to address the issue.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1277 I primarily object to the use of leg-hold traps. Hunters are notoriously irresponsible about checking them and there are many cases of domestic animals caught in them, left for long periods at a cost of both suffering to the animals and cost to the owners. It is simply foolish to believe the same won't occur with wolves. Gun hunters are equally irresponsible as witnessed by numerous stories of accidental shootings every year. One can only wonder at the accidents, killing of other animals and other "collateral damage" that is never reported. It should not be necessary to point out the degree to which liquor is a major part of so many hunting traditions. A wolf hunting season is an open invitation to those who hunt because they enjoy killing, with no intention of eating what they kill and who carry on the old and disproved prejudices and hatred of wolves. A hunting season encourages this hatred and will perpetuate continuation of the cycle of pushing this essential predator back to the edge of extinction. The world over, as long as humans have farmed livestock, dogs have been used effectively as protection against wolf predation. There is no reason Minnesotans can't use this responsible and traditional method to protect their domestic animals.
- 1278 This type of hunting, especially so soon after being delisted, seems to be driven more for money rather than any animal welfare. I have yet to see or hear about any successful management plan that doesn't generate issues elsewhere.
- 1279 Please don't allow wolf hunting and PLEASE find a better way to manage bears when they are in public places. Other States don't kill the bears like we do. The DNR needs a better plan.
- 1280 Do not open any hunting season on wolves. There are other ways to manage any problems with livestock or other issues that may occur with a healthy population of wolves. Please investigate and choose a different management method. Predators are the keystone species in ecosystems. That function should be respected and conserved.
- 1281 I think that there are much better and more humane ways to deal with this issue. I am totally against the idea of trapping wolves, or any other animal for that matter. I would like to think that we have evolved beyond the point of defaulting to such barbaric means to control animal populations that we find inconvenient.
- 1282 How about a jet ski season.
- 1283 I feel the wolf hunt is unnecessary and unbeneficial.
- 1284 I would never hunt any animal I think its a crime to kill these animals like that they have a purpose and have been here long before we came along and moved into thier territory displacing them
- 1285 Save the Wolves
- 1286 Wolves should not be hunted for sport.
- 1287 This whole push for hunting, and particularly trapping, wolves is pure cruelty to animals. Minnesotans should be ashamed of themselves.
- 1288 I am peeply saddened at the lack of forward thinking by the legislators who have allowed this wolf season. We know so little about have wildlife will be effected and yet men continue to interfere. What is the plan when the numbers plummet to bring them back? Why 5 years...?? Our forests are ablaze in Arizona and New Mexico and we have the endangered grey wolf in New Mexico. What is the plight of that pack...will they migrate to Minnesota..Do we know? A species as fragile as a wolf needs protected and not hunt and trapped...stop the plan please. How can we stop laws that a backward thinking legislation has implemented? Vote the right people inot office to begin with would be a plan.
- 1289 I live in the Great lakes region, and I support wolf recovery in this vital time. I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population including "sport" hunting, and vehemently oppose trapping. This is the most inhumane form of killing, and should not be allowed. More thought should be given to Eco-tourism and wolf recovery training for the rest of the country to come and participate in. Thank you.
- 1290 I am not a hunter but I can respect gun or bow hunting in some respects. But to consider allowing the TORTURE and BRUTALITY of leg hold traps is beyond comprehension. Shame on Minnesota for even considering allowing a return to that!!!!
- 1291 Everytime the government decides that an animal is strong enough to be hunted years later it is discovered that that was, in fact, not true. That the species does not do as expected. Furthermore in this day and age when technology is widely used by all we leave wildlife little chance to defend themselves. The season if allowed needs to be short and rules more specific. Baiting should not be allowed as animals follow basic survival instincts and this often leaves them defenceless
- 1292 I think that it is deplorable to allow trapping of these beautiful creatures that feel pain the same way that you and I do. By the info the DNR reported, it sounds as if most of the "target harvest" will be done by trapping as hunting has a low success rate. Could you imagine your ankle or foot being in a trap and not being able to release it. You would be suffering, terrified, wounded and in great pain. We should be better than this, more evolved and less barbaric. I implore you to no allow trapping of these animals. Thank you.
- 1293 I am opposed to hunting and trapping wolves. There are better methods of control if it is necessary. Trapping is a particularly cruel, barbaric way to kill these animals leaving them in excruciating pain for hours. Please do not allow this terrible method to go forward.
- 1294 There should not be any trapping of any animal at all-incredibly cruel and unnecessary. My dog stepped in a trap once-worst 3 minutes of my life. Wolves do NOT need to be killed in any way-very disruptive to the health of the pack and not necessary at all.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1295 If the wolf population has been stable for a decade, why the need to allow hunting to regulate its population when it is apparently doing so on its own? (It is much more preferable to allow nature to regulate itself than trying our best to imitate natural forces which often results in unintended negative consequences.) Besides, isn't there a massive and chronic overpopulation of white tailed deer in the state which the wolves help to manage? Unless there is a drastic and sustained rise in the population and in wolf-human conflicts over the span of several consecutive years, I say leave them alone. The cynic in me assumes that political pressure from hunters, trappers, ranchers, 4WD users, and anti-wolf proponents, etc. is the real reason behind this Legislation and the scrapping of the 5-year waiting period. It is discouraging and dis-spiriting to feel that pro-motorized recreation/hunting/angling/trapping (not to exclude farming/ranching) groups always seem to get their way with our natural resources as they supposedly pay for licenses and fees which revenues go to the DNR. These groups may bring in the largest share of the revenue for the DNR but they also seem to cost the most to support their leisure (i.e., thanks due to careless motorized recreationalists/hunters/anglers for helping spread invasive species all over the state's forests, prairies, and waterways.) Furthermore, trapping is cruel. Among many circles, trapping is considered barbaric, distasteful and an unsporting way to take an animal's life, ranking up there with clubbing baby fur seals and anal electrocution. Who still does this for a living? Is there even a market for their products? Why should we the taxpayers support and condone this? I would like to see the DNR devote as much staff time and financial resources into managing and curbing invasive species overrunning our lands and waters. Seems a much greater long-term threat than wolf depredation of livestock and deer...
- 1296 trap them in a humane way if necessary and transport them to another state
- 1297 These creatures just came off the Endangered Species List THIS YEAR and should NOT be hunted. What a waste of the last 40 years. We need to preserve them and look out for them as they have as much right to be here as we do. Please remember we share this planet with the animals, and are not to kill them just because some rancher loses a sheep or a cow once and a while. Once again, a Republican legislature bows at the feet of any lobbyist that will promise them a dollar or two and a re-election. This simply should not be taking place. Please do your job and protect the wolves.
- 1298 I am appalled to learn of wolf hunting in Minnesota. I have spent many years assisting wildlife groups to help wolves recover their populations. In addition, the use of jaw traps should be outlawed, they are inhumane and abusive. For those of you who favor the use of these traps, may I suggest sticking your foot in one and see how you feel, especially after 24 hours.
- 1299 Wolves are dedicated parents and their young depend on them to teach them survival skills. What good are the dead wolves? There is such strong aversion to fur that the pelts shouldn't be valuable. I am extremely against trapping - there is no need to make animals suffer needlessly and many trappers are not good at making sure traps are checked or removed (they don't just trap wolves either so non target animals may get caught needlessly.) If hunters need a season to kill animals, at least make it actual hunting so the animals die quickly.
- 1300 I am totally against the wolf hunt. Livestock keepers should be responsible for having guard dogs or llamas, both of which have proven effective for keeping wolves away from herds of livestock. If they must be killed, shooting is the only slightly humane way to end the wolves' lives. Trapping is a horrible way to die for any animal. Besides killing the target animal, many others are injured and killed in the traps. And no matter how one feels about wolves, no humane person can support leaving an animal in a trap for up to 24 hours to suffer and die. Please don't allow trapping.
- 1301 I am not in favor of the wolf season in Minnesota at this time.
- 1302 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves for sport.
- 1303 I do not want trapping of any animal to be allowed. It should be banned. It is a cruel practice.
- 1304 I am against killing wolves. It is purely for "sport," for a trophy pelt. Will the hunters and trappers eat the wolf meat? I think not. Trapping is inhumane. Imagine lying in the forest with a metal toothed trap piercing your ankle, holding you, bleeding, thirsty, afraid, suffering and waiting to die. And your "Public Comment" opportunity is too damn late.
- 1305 I can't believe that the DNR supports the brutal hunting and trapping of our beautiful wolves!! Why would you consciencely cause them excess fear, stress and pain. Wolves are trapped in steel jaws that painfully clamp the leg or foot until a trapper comes to kill the animal. Do you really think that is humane way of protecting livestock? Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. This brutal practice should be abolished and our wolves protected. There are other ways of protecting livestock and the wolf population including the use of guard dogs and llamas, both of which have been shown to be highly effective. Wolves are also holy creatures our Native American population and their beliefs and religion should be respected.
- 1306 As a frequent winter visitor to Ely and the boundary waters I will go elsewhere if there is a wolf hunting season. There is no reasonable justification of hunting wolves in Minnesota. Let them be! There is no sport in killing wolves just to kill an animal with a bad reputation.
- 1307 I oppose any hunting and trapping season.
- 1308 I believe there should be a period of at least 5 years before wolves are hunted, and hunting should be kept at a minimal level.
- 1309 If the wolf population hasn't been changing much over the past few years what's the point of having a wolf hunt? There is no need to "manage" their numbers if they aren't increasing in numbers and posing a problem to people or to the natural resources... After all of the work to restore the wolf population I would think that the last thing the DNR would want is to have to put wolves back on the endangered/threatened species list.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1310 Hunting is one thing, trapping is another. A cruel option that does not need to be included. If "hunters" cannot find and kill a wolf, that is too bad. That's what hunting is about, there are no guarantees.
- 1311 don't trap them
- 1312 With a stable population and since wolves are not food, I don't think they should be hunted and especially not trapped. Trapping any animal is torture.
- 1313 We have gone to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area several times over the past two decades and only seen wolves at the visitors' center and never in the wild. We see no reason to disturb or molest them with hunting or trapping. Wolves are highly social animals, with complex family structures, and killing individuals will harm the pack and disrupt their social order. If wolves take livestock, then owners of livestock should be compensated for their losses and non-lethal preventative measures (fences, etc) should be made available and subsidized. Nuisance predators (multiple repeat individual wolves) could be tranquilized and relocated or killed by special hunters. We think that wolves have a right to live their lives in the wild without hunting and trapping. Hunting and trapping them is a misguided and harmful policy for not only the wolves but for modern humanity which seems to have little respect for other species on earth.
- 1314 There is no need to allow the hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. There are plenty other types of wildlife they can be hunted and other measures to be taken in areas where wolf population is a concern. If either is allowed (hunting or trapping), hunting is the only acceptable, humane option.
- 1315 Trapping is unnecessary - will likely cause animals unnecessary pain and suffering due to hunters not being required to check traps more frequently than once every 24 hours. Other options for wolf control exist - such as, guard dogs and reimbursement programs.
- 1316 I do not support hunting wolves at this stage of their repopulation in Minnesota.
- 1317 Animal/Wolf welfare is everybody's business not just the legislature! Trapping Wolves is not a humane way to hunt Wolves!!! There are other options that are effective for Wolf control.
- 1318 I strongly disagree with trapping as a means of wolf population control! Let the trappers have a trap snap on their unprotected leg or hand in public first and see if they want to continue this disgusting method of control after that.
- 1319 I think the smallest windows should be allowed for the allowed hunting periods, and wolves reproductive time frames should be of utmost importance! There should be several ways for advising the hunters when the season is closed!
- 1320 Do not allow the trapping of wolves. I understand the need to manage the population, but trapping is cruel and unnecessary. A person who was responsible for a dog or cat suffering in a trap would be charged with animal cruelty. It should be no different for a person responsible for allowing a wolf to suffer.
- 1321 This idea is preposterous on the whole and out of line. I love my country and I am disappointed that an action like this is being considered against one of our nation's treasured natural animals.
- 1322 Cancel this idea.
- 1323 You people are idiots. Wolves were just taken off the endangered species list, are you trying to put them back on it?
- 1324 I don't agree with hunting or trapping, or poisoning Wolves
- 1325 Minnesota does NOT need wolf hunting/trapping season. Please consider NOT having one at this time. Maybe in the future, if wolves are a serious threat or problem, it could be considered then. Wolves are not a problem now!!!!!!!
- 1326 I oppose the trapping of wolves because it threatens other animals as well and is cruel.
- 1327 I strongly oppose the hunting or trapping of our wolves, PERIOD. I am horrified that a hunt will be taking place this year. It seems that the reason for the hunt is to appease the hunting lobby, and not based on scientific necessity. The Sacramento Bee recently published a series of articles on predator management, this one concluding that predator management does more harm than good for the ecological health of a given area: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/04/30/4452212/wildlife-services-deadly-force.html> Beyond this, methods used to hunt and trap wolves can be extremely cruel. I think this entire process is deeply flawed and I urge the DNR and our elected officials to reconsider. It sickens me to think of wolves being hunted in the North woods where I love visiting and camping in the summer, and I won't go back up there until this stops.
- 1328 We need wolves to keep the deer population in check. Hunters are not doing the job. Lives and property are being lost on our highways. Killing wolves will only make the problem worse.
- 1329 I oppose a hunting season of any kind. Trapping is particularly abhorrent--What about collateral kill--other animals don't know a trap is just for wolves!! We have spent time and resources to ensure the come back of the wolf--not so we could open a hunting season. 3000 wolves--that is the population size of a small MN city/township or a small neighborhood in the metro area. Shame on us for thinking 3000 wolves is a lot. Compensate farmers and homeowners who can demonstrate their lost livestock/pets by wolf kills. Don't hunt these valuable creatures!!!
- 1330 Totally against hunting and trapping wolves! Period.
- 1331 I absolutely do not agree with the wolf hunt. Hunting wolves is an unnecessary management of a stable population. Any claims of wolf problems should be dealt with on an individual basis with that specific location. I do not believe there is any physical reason to justify a hunting or trapping season for wolves. Any individual instances or issues do not justify a hunting or trapping season for an entire population.
- 1332 Wolves should be protected, not hunted. This proposed hunting season is sickening.
- 1333 You cannot remove wolves from the endangered species list one day and allow hunting them the next. Trapping is barbaric and wolves should not be hunted for sport. At least deer can provide a hunter with food, I don't recall seeing recipes for wolf meat. Wolves need human and humanitarian protection.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1334 there are other options for controlling wolves.
- 1335 The hunting and trapping of wolves is a disgusting practice and wolves should not be de-listed as an endangered species. A healthy and vibrant wolf population means a healthy and vibrant deer and elk population. There are numerous studies in support of this yet the DNR continues to follow the outdated and unproven cries of the hunting community. The DNR needs to do what was created to do, protect and manage the wild places we have left from invasion by mankind, outside interests, and political pressures. Your job is to protect and service the wild things. Keep that in mind. Do you want Minnesota to join the ranks in history of those states that contributed to the decline and extinction of such an amazing animal as the wolf. We tread thin ice here. Shame on you for even considering such a thing. This will hurt your reputation among wildlife lovers and supporters and will only damage your reputation as a state that cherishes its wilderness. Stand up and do what is right, not what is popular.
- 1336 I strongly oppose the hunting of wolves in Minnesota. They are a native, keystone species and are important to the health of the ecosystem. Killing them is purely for sport and not for livelihood reasons, like providing food. Please consider a livestock compensation scheme in place of killing wolves.
- 1337 NO WOLF HUNTING SEASON!!!! NO WOLF HUNTING SEASON!!!! NO WOLF HUNTING SEASON!!!! Killing what you cannot eat is WRONG, period. Other methods of preventing livestock predation are available. Current legislature is pandering to the idiot gun lobby. Who's in charge at the DNR these days, Ted freakin' Nugent?
- 1338 I strongly oppose any extermination of wolves in Minnesota.
- 1339 This is beyond ridiculous. Surely, the state of Minnesota has better ways of obtaining revenue. How about managing tax dollars in a more responsible way. As a tax payer coming from a different state, I find that Minnesota seems very irresponsible with the money it collects.
- 1340 If wolf numbers have stabilized on their own there is no need for hunting. Removing individual wolves who prey on livestock or place people at risk should be removed. Traps large enough to take a wolf are also large enough to take dog and children. No traps should be placed on public land where innocent people and animals could be hurt/killed.
- 1341 I think this is a black eye for our state and can't believe the large quota you're contemplating. Wolves' numbers are barely sustaining now and they're vital predators in our state's eco system! PLEASE support a wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and stop your efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1342 I am against any hunting/trapping of wolves in the State of Minnesota.
- 1343 I only support hunting of specific wolves that target livestock. I support the wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and the 5 year recovery plan that originally was planned. You can't eat a wolf. I only hunt for pheasants and grouse, which are edible. Wolves live and hunt in packs and are no danger to humans. They are intensely social animals that rely on each other at all times. They prey on animals 10 times larger than their size, keeping the population of deer down in Minnesota. Leave the wolf alone for now. Since last year Idaho has killed 1/2 the wolf population in its state and they kill wolves during mating season, when pups are born.
- 1344 trapping is cruel
- 1345 It seems contradictory to me to press the need for a deer harvest because of a lack of natural predators, and then hunt their natural predators. It also seems that the DNR is simply intent on more things for people to kill--mourning doves? Sandhill cranes? When will it be bald eagles and peregrines? And if there must be a hunt, making shooting. Trapping is invariably inhumane.
- 1346 Wolf hunting is unfair to wolves and dogs and should not be allowed. The traps often hurt other animals and provide a very slow painful death, Traps should not be allowed at all. Fewer or NO wolves should be hunted. Farmers can use dogs or llamas to protect livestock. Wolves should be protected! This survey is slanted toward hunting wolves and not advertised. It is an abomination!
- 1347 I approve of hunting wolves with firearms. Trapping is cruel and unnecessary.
- 1348 There are people who have found a way to live with the wolves, and the wolves are no threat to livestock. Please contact The Defenders of Wildlife. Thank you.
- 1349 Trapping is barbaric you should be ashamed of even thinking of trapping. Until the animal can be killed quickly under a second and no innocent animals are hurt (dogs, other animal other than wolves) until this can be done trapping should never be allowed. I'm also against bow hunting for the same reason it's cruel.
- 1350 (1) leg traps should be outlawed except for any trapper who is willing to spend 24 hours in the woods, alone, with his leg caught in one. No protective gear allowed. (2) Wolves are top predators, and culling them opens up the ranks for second-level predators such as coyotes that quickly spread to urban areas. Think before you knock out that wall -- it's load-bearing.
- 1351 Leg hold traps are archaic and cruel devices. There is no way for the DNR to monitor animals that are trapped and suffering. There are also better ways to 'manage' wolf populations than allowing a hunting season. This problem was created by the encroachment of humans into wolf habitat and that issue should be addressed.
- 1352 No trapping - no poison. My best dog had to be destroyed because of a trap. The DNR needs to reimburse me all that I put into that dog if it is going to allow trapping. Trapping damages hunting for all of us.
- 1353 I wish to see wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region, and I strongly oppose attempts to reduce the wolf population by hunting and trapping.
- 1354 Please, do not allow leg hold traps!!!!!! They are cruel, excruciatingly painful and should not be tolerated!!!
- 1355 Stop killing wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1356 Can we get rid of the torture of trapping? No living creature should be subjected to this. Hunting is cruel enough. Have mercy. (I know this is hopeless, but I had to try.)
- 1357 As a Great Lakes state resident, I strongly oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1358 This legislation was a mistake in the first place. If the wolf population needs to be controlled, there are more humane ways to do it besides hunting and trapping. This is not a sport but a slaughter of a species that was almost eliminated because of our past practices and because we demonized the wolf. There are no justifications for killing these wildlife creatures at this time. wolves.
- 1359 Trapping of wolves (and other animals) is inhumane. Imagine yourself standing with your leg in a crushing trap for 48 hours, or possibly freezing to death, before someone comes to put you out of your misery. Shoot, but don't trap.
- 1360 Hunting wolves is ill-considered, irrational, and despicable. Trapping is all of the above, plus exceptionally barbaric.
- 1361 This survey was really geared towards the hunters rather than the public as a whole. The presentation prior to the survey was in a fast mode so actually reading it was not possible, regardless there is absolutely NO Need for a Wolf Season. What's next Eagles? I don't have to be a Wildlife Biologist to figure out that by hunting the Wolf their alpha males being taken will lead to another mess that the DNR will have to figure out. As far as the farmers go, when they lose a cow or other animal that's the cost of doing business and the wolves were there first it's their range not the farmers. Now to mix the season with the other Deer hunters is crazy as I've heard. Hunters walking in the woods setting up their site for Deer Hunting then stepping in a Trap that some trapper set out and didn't pickup from the previous year, we know this is going to happen. In closing I don't think a Wolf Season is at all necessary, let them be and rather than trapping them or shooting them why not do what has been done all the time they were protected move them to MI or the Rockies etc. this method seems a bit more palatable than shooting or Trapping them.
- 1362 Only alpha male wolves mate. With a population of only 3,000 and an allowed take of 400, the wolf population in MN would be decimated in a matter of years. Further, allowing 6,000 licenses for only 400 wolves is excessive. 400 licenses for 400 wolves.
- 1363 Do not hunt Wolves at all!
- 1364 Protect wolves. Thank you.
- 1365 After reading the editorial by Lynne Farmer I have to agree that in order to use humane methods there should never be a wolf 'hunting season'. There are proven methods for farmers to ensure their livestock are not harmed but opening a season in which to 'harvest' wolves is horrific. And if the article is correct in which the hunt will be established (cages, etc) that too is more than inhumane. Secondly the survey in which I watched did not address the 'illegal' aspect of the hunt and we all know this will happen. I don't agree with the needless harm to Minnesota wolves and believe through creativity (such as reimbursement programs) need to be established before the State considers the unethical practice of killing our wolves. I would be happy to lend any support and time/energy in establishing reimbursement programs for my area - let's be unified and stop the needless kill/hunt.
- 1366 I'm always appalled by the use of the word "harvesting". This isn't like harvesting crops it's killing hundreds of God's creature's who share this earth with us. There are more humane ways of dealing with wolves if they are an actual problem in a certain area than trapping. To have an all out hunting season to just kill wolves that aren't a problem is sickening. I'm tired of hearing and reading news reports in which the only way of dealing with wild animals who unfortunately encounter man is to kill them. Obviously, I am against killing them in any form unless they're actually threatening to people.
- 1367 My comment is this: My family and I, and many of our friends, boycott any state which allows wolves to be killed. This limits our tourism/vacation possibilities, and I have enjoyed visiting Minnesota every year for the past 12 years. This year, however, neither my family nor I will visit Minnesota if wolf hunting is permitted. What a shame.
- 1368 Hunting and/or trapping wolves is wrong. This needs to stop. They are vulnerable, and have a right to their lives.
- 1369 no killing of wolves
- 1370 Wolf hunting is wrong!!! Do not allow it. And especially, do not allow trapping!!! It is cruel, painful and barbaric. I am ashamed of Minnesota for allowing this out-dated and mean way of hunting.
- 1371 I do not in any way support trapping of wolves. Firearms are a different matter, but trapping of an animal this large is a brutal act.
- 1372 TRAPPING IS NOT THE SOLUTION. TRAPPING IS TORTURE. WE MUST USE OTHER MEANS OF DETERRING WOLVES FROM PREYING ON LIVESTOCK. PLEASE PURSUE A MORE BALANCED APPROACH BY USING GUARD DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS. WE ARE STEWARDS OF THIS LAND, OUR ACTIONS SHOULD REFLECT A HUMANE CO-EXISTENCE WITH ALL FORMS OF LIFE ON THIS PLANET.
- 1373 wolf hunting should be outlawed.
- 1374 This is a terrible idea. There needs to be a proper balance of nature and to allow for the slaughter of these beautiful creatures is simply not acceptable. There attack on the wolf populations in other states is horrendous and does not guarantee the results that the government is seeking. We should not cater to the farmers or livestock ranchers in this debate, but seek other more beneficial alternatives. Allowing for trapping is just plain cruel and there will be instances of abuse if this plan is allowed to pass in Minnesota. Please reconsider and find a better solution. Thanks you

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1375 Speaking as a sportsman I find it very foolhardy to open a season on wolves when they are just beginning to recover. In order to have a healthy ecosystem for future generations we must preserve and protect all wildlife. I DO NOT SUPPORT WOLF HUNTING OR TRAPPING.
- 1376 This is completely wrong and unnecessary; the DNR always sides with hunters and farmers - we have killed too many wolves over the years and now you want to have two seasons to legally kill them? It's not enough that several hundred wolves are killed each year for taking livestock and pets? Is there is no responsibility for the farmers to guard their livestock and people their pets? I know farmers are reimbursed for wolf kills - why are they not forced to have shepherds, guard dogs? Why is your only solution to kill wolves? And do you really think hunters are going to be up early checking their emails to find out if it is still legal to kill wolves? I am so tired of DNR's answer to everything is to kill the animals, whether it be bears who come into the city, the occasional mountain lion, or wolves - and then you say the deer are starving and so there must be more hunts to save them from starvation - when if you would let the natural predator/prey cycle run, there would be no starving deer nor wolves killed because people still on some level believe in "evil wolves and little red riding hood" - and your agency, instead of educating the public just encourage them to kill. DNR stands for "damn natural resources" the way you operate. As a tax payer and animal lover and vegetarian for over 30 years, I protest this hunting and trapping season with every fiber of my being. And lastly, why is David Meech the wolf expert you listen to? There are many wolf experts who do not see things the way Meech does.
- 1377 Wolves are an integral component of a healthy eco-system. They control the overabundance of deer and the consequences of over grazing by deer and other herbivores. This has been proven in Yellowstone Park where many plant and animal species have benefited by the wolf introduction. Hunting wolves is therefore counter productive, and only advocated by the uneducated i.e. ignorant.
- 1378 I do not agree with wolf hunting/trapping in any form unless it involves verified depredation. Wolf populations are self-managed by weather and prey conditions where the populations rise and fall with the environmental conditions. Simply stated, nature controls the populations of wildlife at sustainable levels and when humans interfere there are usually environmentally negative results.
- 1379 There is not reason to hunt wolves for sport.
- 1380 Wolf hunting should not be legal. Trapping is torture. Why aren't there photos of maimed and dead wolves included in this presentation? Shame on anyone who voted for this. I expect better of Minnesotans. Please repeal this.
- 1381 I do not believe the wolf population has become such a serious threat to life and livelihoods that it justifies further stigmatizing their relationship to us as enemies and prey. Other options exist that would educate future generations of the need to come to better relationship with the natural world than through random violence and fear. We are very fortunate in Minnesota that the Timber Wolf program has been so successful and I fear that the slaughter of an open "hunting" season will not be so easy to control.
- 1382 I especially oppose the trapping aspect. Inhumane. The wolf population has remained stable without hunting/trapping, so I see no need to open a season. Wolf hunting is just trophy hunting, which is pointless. As far as livestock predation, there are several ways to protect livestock without hunting or trapping.
- 1383 It took so long to get our wolf population back that it seems a horrible shame to start hunting them so soon. And I am adamantly opposed to trapping of any animal. Why should they have to be terrorized for a day- or 2 or 3 or til they die of hunger if someone "forgets" to check their trap line. Aren't we advanced enough in 2012 to treat animals humanely? This entire issue is very disappointing to me. Sadly signed,
- 1384 I am against the proposed season. We have far too many deer and not nearly enough wolves.
- 1385 Please look into alternative methods for controlling the wolves.
- 1386 I do not approve of using traps to eliminate wolves.
- 1387 I do not support trapping at all, although I understand the need for population control and would support hunting. Trapping adds a completely different layer of cruelty that changes the issue for me.
- 1388 While I am not opposed to a limited wolf hunting season, I am strongly opposed to the practice of trapping. The use of leg-hold traps should be reduced, not expanded.
- 1389 no--no wolf hunting should be allowed in the State
- 1390 I am opposed to the use of leg traps as they are completely inhumane. I'm also opposed to baiting Wolves should only be fair game on personal property where livestock or pets have been hurt or killed. The wolf population appears to have reached a plateau.
- 1391 I have yet to see any biological evidence to support killing any wolves other than those that can be demonstrated to be a significant threat to livestock [which would not include only occasional predation, for which the farmer/rancher can and should be compensated].
- 1392 NO "WOLF SEASON" - PERIOD!
- 1393 Don't go out shooting wolves
- 1394 This isn't a survey about hunting wolves.....it's a sign up sheet for the hunters and trappers. Why not ask how they like their coffee, and if they want valet parking? Trapping any animal is cruel, and should not be allowed. Wolves are powerful predators who, if they are allowed to flourish, will keep our deer populations naturally regulated. Hunting and trapping are just excuses for humans to shoot guns and kill animals whose continued existence reminds us that we are NOT the most powerful species on the planet. If you want to hunt wolves, grab a knife or a bow and arrow and spend a week or so in the woods. Alone. Come back alive with a wolf skin, and then you can brag.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1395 Trapping of any animal is barbaric. I strongly urge the DNR to prohibit the cruel practice of baiting and trapping wolves. Wolves are smart and pack oriented. They mate for life and care for their young. Luring an animal to its death by food is a total betrayal of the DNR's promise to protect and serve the animal population. SHAME on you if you allow this terrible practice to continue. I will no longer contribute to the DNR if the trapping of wolves is permitted in favor of making more money by collecting fees. SHAME TO ALL who voted for this travesty of a law.
- 1396 I understand the need to manage wolf numbers in Mn. If there is going to be hunting/trapping it should be the most humane methodologies so that the wolves don't suffer. I support having a natural habitat where the animals live/hunt and maintain balanced population levels on their own...if we can do that we should. Thanks for letting the public comment.
- 1397 I am vehemently opposed to the extremely cruel use of trapping. Wolves are known for their intelligence. They are pack animals that work together to feed and defend the pack. Such a regal, intelligent animal does not deserve to die in a trap like a common gopher, while it's pack mates listen to it's yelps from agonizing pain. How long before we begin reading about incidents of tappers finding nothing but a chewed off foot in a trap? PLEASE reconsider allowing this cruel means of controlling the population of an animal that is a symbol of our state! The Minnesota timberwolf deserves better from those who are charged with the duty of caretakers of the wildlife of our state!
- 1398 I am totally against hunting and trapping wolves. Trapping is cruel and inhumane and should not be allowed.
- 1399 I oppose hunting these wolves at all.
- 1400 Don't mess with Mother Nature and the natural food chain! Don't hunt wolves or bear.
- 1401 Most of my fondest outdoor memories in Minnesota involve wloves. They are the very symbol of wilderness, in my opinion, and should be left alone. Their numbers fluctuate naturally with the deer population and have for many, many years before the white man screwed it all up. I have relatives who have run farms in the Chippewa National Forest area for more than 80 years and they have NEVER lost an animal to wolf predation. Bears? Hell yes! Wild dogs? Oh yea! Wolves, no. In fact, with the retrun of the wolves, there are no more wild dogs. I have personally spent many hundreds of hours in the woods with pets and also have never been threatened by wolves. I've seen them, and they me, but never been threatened. I don't know anyone who has any substantial claim to any problem with wolves. To the best on my knowledge there has never been an unprovoked attack of any human by wolves in Minnesota (or anywhere in America for that matter). Why are you all so afraid of them? Hunting and trapping an animal so recently rescued from extinction is insane and barbaric. Native Americans view the wolf as their brother, but we Eurpoeans se them as vermin that must be exterminated. For a while there I thought we'd matured, but I can see I was wrong. You can bet I'll vote against any legislator that supported that bill come November; please pass that along.
- 1402 I oppose trapping of animals. I own an acreage of land in Wisconsin in prime hunting country. While I recognize the need to control the number of some animals I oppose trapping because I feel it is particularly cruel and especially with baited traps.
- 1403 I don't agree with the plan to hunt or trap wolves at this time because I don't think that the MN DNR knows what it is doing and can't accurately predict the long term impact of the hunt. Just look what is happening with the moose population in the state. The MN DNR is attempting to control natural selection of certain species for financial gain in the short term, not acknowledging the long term negative affects on the wildlife ecyosystem.
- 1404 I do not support wolf hunting for sport This species needs protection not annihilation!
- 1405 Just twenty years ago the wolf population was on the verge of extinction and everyone was scrambling to try to save these wonderful creatures. Now you want to hunt them?, for what?. Any livestock damage is compensated for and is pretty rare. The deer overpopulation is getting worse and now you want to damage a major factor in controlling the deer population?. There is absolutely zero reason to want this bill to pass. Whats next?. Bald eagle hunting because they are taking possible fish away from anglers?. This bill is completely disgusting and you should be ashamed for even considering it.
- 1406 leave the wolves alone. quit altering nature and let it take its course. your going to wipe them out if you dont quit killing them. they are part of natures plan!!
- 1407 I do not support trapping or hunting of wolves under any circimstances.
- 1408 Wolves should NOT be hunted or trapped. The idea that now that there are wolves in the woods after people nearly exterminated them completely, we should begin killing them again is depraved!
- 1409 The idea of allowing hunting and trapping of wolves is a wrong-headed decision. The DNR is biased in their language of wolf-human conflict. You do not hear of deer-human conflict even though many more people are affected by lyme disease than by wolves killing livestock. A hunting and trapping season will allow wolf haters to pursue their goal of eradication. If the DNR thinks they can effectively monitor and police this slaughter, they are fooling themselves.
- 1410 "I am opposed to the use of leg traps as they are completely inhumane. I'm also opposed to baiting. Wolves should only be fair game on personal property where livestock or pets have been hurt or killed. The wolf population appears to have reached a plateau. Isn't this what is desired? I don't believe in management of the food chain for the sport of a few. There should be large zones where hunting and trapping are absolutely not allowed."
- 1411 Why do you want to hunt wolves? There are nonlethal ways to protect livestock. Also, wolves are afraid of humans, but there are still nonlethal ways to protect people on the off chance a wolf comes to a human community.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1412 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1413 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1414 Steel traps are cruel and shouldn't be allowed. A wolf trapped in one can suffer for 24 hours before the trapper returns. Why should we have to hunt and kill something because it's there. Aren't wolf populations self-limiting?
- 1415 Wolf trapping and hunting is inhumane!
- 1416 I don't agree with hunting wolves at all, but certainly NO TRAPPING. It's cruel. I understand wolves will take some livestock. Isn't that just the cost of being in that business? I also understand that having a llama works.
- 1417 Highly unlikely that all hunters will receive message about close of season or fully report their kills. To get the 400 quota, the aim should really be 350. In the end, however, there should not be a season at all.
- 1418 I do not support any wolf hunting.
- 1419 I am opposed to wolf killing but am horrified that Minnesota would allow trapping which is inhumane.
- 1420 In Minnesota we need to leave the wolves to keep down the deer population which has grown tremendously.
- 1421 Get rid of the wolf hunting season entirely, especially the trapping. This serves no real purpose other than to satisfy individuals' violent tendencies (as opposed to deer hunting--which is necessary because there aren't enough top predators left.)
- 1422 I am shocked that the trapping alternative to hunting is even part of the solution to this problem. Traps are the most inhumane way to kill a wolf. Why would we allow suffering of any animal as a means of "controlling" their population? It's bad enough that the hunting has to occur but at least the animal is taken quickly. Please consider removing the trapping option. It really is sickening and I am personally very disheartened that our Governor signed this into law.
- 1423 What you are requesting with a Minnesota Wolf Season is the same as Montana, Idaho, Wyoming etc....WOLF SLAUGHTER..It takes years and years to establish wolf populations and now all that is heard is KILL THE WOLVES....WHAT IS IT WITH THIS KILL THE WOLVES!!!
- 1424 I am very much against the hunting and trapping of the wolves in Minnesota. I am very disappointed that the legislature enacted this program.
- 1425 I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region.
- 1426 Wolves have a highly evolved hierarchy. Hunting may inadvertently take the alpha wolf--which will throw the group into chaos. Farmers already have the power to shoot any wolf (wolves) that are predators on their livestock. I think that is reasonable enough. Do not conduct this hunt--and call it sport.
- 1427 I don't think there should be any wolf hunting, period. Do not do this.
- 1428 Wolves should not be hunted! If a wolf or wolf pack is causing a problem for farmers only then should there be efforts to move them or, if that is not possible, kill them. Born and raised on the Mesabi I love and respect the wolves.
- 1429 While I oppose hunting of wolves, I feel that trapping with leghold traps is inhumane and should be banned completely.
- 1430 There is no justifiable reason for the hunting or trapping of wolves
- 1431 Trapping is inhumane for any animal. There are other ways to protect domestic animals from wolves. I guess we're just too lazy to implement them.
- 1432 Wolves should be left in peace. Do not allow the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 1433 PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW WOLF HUNTING -- AVOID ALL UNNECESSARY SUFFERING FOR THE WOLVES! PLEASE ABOLISH THE BRUTAL PRACTICE OF TRAPPING. PLEASE EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS FOR WOLF CONTROL.
- 1434 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season
- 1435 I don't approve of any trapping of wolves as it is a cruel, lazy and non-discriminating way of removing wolves. Trapping endangers any animal including people's pets. Please don't allow trapping of wolves!
- 1436 I think what you are doing is inhumane
- 1437 Protect wolves.
- 1438 Wolves deserve protection at least as long as other animals just removed from endangered lists. Trapping is an abomination!! Farmers are reimbursed for lost livestock-- at least wolves kill to eat, and choose sick or weak specimens, unlike hunters and trappers who want the "prize" animals. Shame on our legislature for quietly and quickly moving this hunting/trapping program along.
- 1439 I'm not in favor of the hunting of wolves or a wolf season and think other means should be used to discourage and control wolves. Thank you.
- 1440 Trapping is cruel and inhumane on any animal. Wolf hunting should not be allowed unless it is specifically needed to cull the pack of unhealthy or over population.
- 1441 Yes. All of you are idiots if you allow the hunting of wolves. Your policies made them almost go extinct and now you are doing it all over again. Idiots.
- 1442 I am totally opposed to hunting and trapping of wolves. At least the 5-year waiting period should have been observed. MN is one of 5 states that allow the inhumane and brutal practice of trapping. At least that type of hunting should be eliminated totally from our state.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1443 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and strongly OPPOSE any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1444 This is crazy. Leave these beautiful creatures live in peace.
- 1445 I do not support wolf hunting or trapping at all. Don't allow it.
- 1446 Seems strange to go through the effort and expense of keeping wolves on the endangered list and then as soon they go off the list, hunt em down placing them right back in danger!
- 1447 I am strongly AGAINST hunting these wolves!
- 1448 Trapping of wolves seems painful and cruel. Won't wolf numbers be regulated by forces of nature?'
- 1449 If you have to kill wolves, don't do inhumanely through trapping!
- 1450 I strongly oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota or elsewhere. We came so close as a state and a nation to losing these amazing creatures forever. Now, with their numbers finally returning to what are deemed healthy and sustainable, we are re-starting the process that will unquestionably result in lowering their population and could lead to unforeseen and unintentional consequences for them. What's the hurry? Why not allow them to exist in their natural habitat and let nature takes its course? 3000 or so wolves is hardly an overpopulation that is harmful to the ecosystem in our state. If the numbers continue to swell over the next decade or so, we can then revisit the issue and look at other options to control their numbers and protect livestock. However, allowing an open hunt on wolves, including the barbaric use of trapping, is frankly unconscionable. I would propose that anyone who is in favor of trapping wolves be forced to watch an animal in a trap die a slow and agonizing death. Would anyone be OK with watching their pet dog step into a trap and die this way? Then why would we allow wolves or any other animals to meet this fate? Please reconsider this decision to re-open hunting season on wolves in Minnesota. If the DNR feels that the wolf population needs to be controlled, then at the very least, please do so in a humane manner.
- 1451 I can not believe that anyone with any amount of compassion for any living thing would find this barbaric act to be O.K. Now we have to worry when we go up to our cabin that if we walk through the woods with our dogs they could get killed by one of these horrible traps. These are beautiful animals that are just coming back after the last time people did this to them. This is not O.K.
- 1452 Trapping is a cruel and inhumane form of wolf control. Traps are a hazard to other animals and to humans. We need to use non-kill wolf control measures. Minneapolis
- 1453 Wolf traps (because of our dogs) worry my husband and me more than wolves in the 60 acres of our cabin we own near Schroeder, MN on the North Shore. We have always enjoyed listening to the wolves and they have never bothered us or our dogs in the 12 years we have owned the property. It is bad enough that we have to worry about deer hunters going on our property and now these hunters have an added incentive. We are not happy.
- 1454 I do not want a wolf hunting season.
- 1455 Don't hunt wolves.
- 1456 I dont believe in hunting wolves at all!!!!
- 1457 I am against trapping. It is needlessly cruel and should be banned.
- 1458 "I am opposed to the use of leg traps as they are completely inhumane. I'm also opposed to baiting. Wolves should only be fair game on personal property where livestock or pets have been hurt or killed. The wolf population appears to have reached a plateau. Isn't this what is desired? I don't believe in management of the food chain for the sport of a few. There should be large zones where hunting and trapping are absolutely not allowed." Thanks for your time!
- 1459 1) Minnesota should not have a hunting season on wolves without further assessment. Trapping serves no purpose other than enabling cruelty. 2) Please develop future surveys so that they adequately reflect the views of those who may not want a hunting license. This survey's questions gave no way to show that a question did not apply to the responder.
- 1460 I do not support the hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. I am disappointed that this survey was worded in favor of the proposal, I could not answer most of the questions because of the way they were worded. I do not agree with killing the wolves. Their population has struggled and they have no natural predators, they will not know how to protect themselves or hide, it is not in their nature. I think that killing wolves would be about the equivalent to killing our household dogs. We have an obligation to stop this infestation of humans over the planet, where anything that gets in the way of human expansion is killed or destroyed. It is disgusting. They were here first, we need to respect that.
- 1461 I have hunted deer in southern koochchiching co. for 46 years, the heart of wolf country. Hunting wolves is not necessary,. We only want the right to protect our pets and livestock. Mdnr. is only interested in the license money. The jerks
- 1462 I am against any legalized hunting/trapping season for wolves
- 1463 stop trapping dumasses!!!!
- 1464 I do not like, but would be OK with the hunting of wolves as long as they are not baited. I DO NOT approve of trapping any animal, especially wolves. Trapping is cruel and should be outlawed by the state of Minnesota. Period.
- 1465 This survey is not properly created to allow all opinions. It does not provide a way to answer questions if you do not support this policy. I do not support hunting and trapping of wolves at all. It is not necessary and trapping is especially inhumane and cruel

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1466 Every time we humans make unnatural adjustments to nature we wind up with problems. I urge you to allow mother nature to adjust the populations of various wildlife in a natural way. Hunting, trapping, etc will only distort the natural process and surely you will wind up with results you had not counted on. Nature got along for centuries before humans thought they could do better. "Better" has only been worse. Please leave the wolves alone.
- 1467 I do not support hunting or trapping wolves in MN. FYI, this survey is not set up for those that respond "no" to question 1.
- 1468 I think the use of traps is inhumane because once a wolf is trapped, it doesn't die immediately. Couldn't it be a prolonged time of suffering for the animal? Hunters don't trap deer, they shoot them and they usually die quickly which is more humane.
- 1469 I reluctantly support controlling wolf populations by shooting. I do not support trapping, which is unnecessarily cruel and inhuman. Several years ago I searched 3 days for my dog and finally found her caught in a trap. I carried her and the trap three miles until I found someone strong enough to release the trap. I have opposed trapping ever since that incident.
- 1470 Hunting/trapping seasons are brutal to and totally unnecessary for monitoring our wolf population. Livestock loss can be corrected by the use of llamas and guard dogs...farmers and rural folk stating wolf problems should be required by law to take charge of their investments security as directed by our state. If people are robbing city dwellers homes etc, I do not see rural folks jumping to get involved to help city dwellers with security!
- 1471 If you reintroduce hunting, at least please ban trapping, which is cruel, painful, and does not only hurt wolves but all kinds of wildlife that would happen to step into the trap.
- 1472 I am not in favor of a wolf hunting season, and, I am particularly against trapping as sanctioned means to control population.
- 1473 I understand that wolf populations may need to be controlled for the safety of humans, livestock and companion animals, but I DO NOT support the cruel and inhumane trapping of wolves. I would support a short wolf hunting season using firearms only.
- 1474 "I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man." (Ghandi) "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." -Mohandas Gandhi
- 1475 The entire business is repugnant to civilized individuals. "Sport" hunting, by definition, is sick. Anyone who kills for 'sport' or pleasure or recreation needs to be institutionalized. To even consider trapping boggles the intellect. What kind of a person inflicts such suffering on sentient creatures?
- 1476 Yes, I believe Wolf Hunting should be eliminated and STOPPED instantly. The slaughter of these magnificent animals is beyond imaginings. Stop hunting altogether. It's cruel and unjust. Taking of innocent lives - Mothers who have cubs left to die of starvation or their killings. What has this world come to that you have to allow a "sport" that kills!!! What next, HUMANS!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 1477 1) Expand wolf (& moose) habitats instead of hunting wolves. There is too much human development in and around wolf (& moose) habitats, especially with climate (= habitat) changes. These climate (& habitat) changes will get worse, so start protecting & EXPANDING wolf (& moose) habitats now. Prepare for future. 2) Trapping is cruel for intended and non-intended animals. Do not trap wolves.
- 1478 This rush to a wolf-hunting season does not seem very sportspersonlike. We should have stayed with the 5 year waiting period, and if I read it correctly in a newspaper article, baiting of wolves will be allowed. This is unconscionable and unsporting: if a hunter can't bag his prey without habituating it to free meals, then that persons shouldn't be out hunting. I think this whole thing is a black eye for the DNR and for Minnesota.
- 1479 Wolves are a natural part of our environment in MN. I oppose hunting them. We have too many deer. Let the wolves manage that population.
- 1480 Hunting wolves is a terrible idea, especially since the state's wolf population has reached a stable point and has not changed in about 10 years. Why authorize wiping out just under 10% of a stable population of animals that, in fact, ensure a healthier and more stable moose and deer population in our state's forests? Finally, trapping should be banned altogether. It is an egregious practice, beyond cruel, and it no longer belongs as a legal method of killing animals in the year 2012. I am a retired commander in the U.S. Navy. I do not support killing animals for sport, and certainly not for trapping animals. I am chagrined beyond belief the state legislature has made this idiotic decision and I intend to vote against the members of my delegation who DID vote for this bill. I want them out of office for their stupidity and lack of understanding of the natural balance of the wilderness, let alone their inhumane support for trapping.
- 1481 I strong object to trapping at all. It is pointless, cruel and stupid. Traps are notoriously indiscriminate. A trap for a wolf could snap on the foot of a deer or anything else that steps on the trap. Wolf bait are known to attract eagles, or other species such as wolverines and animals. There are well documented cases in Minnesota of the family dog getting caught in eixisting traps. Even people, particularly curious children, can be caught or hurt by these traps. Expanding trapping is pointless. What possible reason is there to have a "recreational trapping" of wolves?
- 1482 I think wolf hunting is unnecessary and trapping inhumane. Sufficient protections are already in place for livestock owners and for people and pets.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1483 As a teen I steel-trapped fur-bearing animals and that act haunts me to this day--some 70 years later. Steel-trapping is cruel and barbaric and has no place in a civilized society. Wolf hunting should be restricted to the livestock farmer who has to deal with an intruding wolf and he should be reimbursed when it can be established that a farm animal is a victim of wolf predation. The wolf is a beautiful animal that has learned to survive under the most difficult conditions and we should take great pride in that we have an estimated population of 3000 of these noble animals in our state.
- 1484 THIS SURVEY SHOULD NOT BE USED AS OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I against the plans to open a wolf hunting season. Other than this box asking for additional comments, your survey doesn't give those who oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves an opportunity to make themselves heard. It's clear the survey is intended only for trappers, hunters and those who are in favor. There were many questions (most) that I couldn't respond to because the assumptions were that everyone who responded was in favor of the general season and that there only some details regarding length of season, etc. on which you were interested in getting public commentary. Trapping is a cruel method of "harvesting" animals. Allowing an animal to suffer for up to 24 hours is inhumane. I am a native Minnesotan and this new wolf hunting and trapping season doesn't seem to fit with Minnesota values and attitudes toward our forests and wild life.
- 1485 This is the most biases survey ever. Clearly you do not care what people opposed to this measure think, but I will tell you anyway. I think it is criminal for any animal to suffer. By allowing trapping, where an animal has to be in excruciating pain until the executioner shows up is barbaric. Shame on the state of Minnesota and its government.
- 1486 I am fine with having a hunting season for wolves. BUT I AM NOT OK WITH TRAPPING OF WOLVES OR ANY ANIMAL. I cannot believe that leg traps are allowed for any animal. It has to be the most inhuman ways to kill an animal. Maybe we should trap one of you in one and see how you like it? TRAPPING SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED and I am writing my representatives and the Governor with the same comments.
- 1487 I would only want to shoot/kill wolves that are hunting in areas close to or moving into populated areas where they endanger domestic animals or farm animals.
- 1488 I am in favor of a limited hunting season for wolves, but I'm against any form of trapping. This is cruel and usually ends up with the animal dying a slow death until the hunter checks the trap.
- 1489 I did not answer some of the questions because I did not agree with any of the options. For every question there should be the option of saying that there should not be a wolf hunting season at all. Trapping in particular is a cruel practice and should not be allowed at any time.
- 1490 I know trapping is very effective in gathering animals but I strongly oppose trapping as an inhumane way of controlling any wildlife.
- 1491 The idea of using leg traps is barbaric, causing the animal pain and suffering. There are other ways to manage any problems. And we are the state that also allows hunting mourning doves. This is not the MN I was born (66 years ago) and raised in. Are we so enamored with killing living creatures that we cannot find ways for all God's creatures to live together peacefully?
- 1492 I oppose allowing wolf hunting. Also with deer hunting, females should be selected more so over bucks to control population. Get over collecting antlers! The female meat would be more tender anyway.
- 1493 They should outlaw wolf hunting all together. That's just plain cruel. They should outlaw deer hunting too.
- 1494 STOP WOLF HUNTING ENTIRELY. PERIOD.
- 1495 Wolf Trapping is inhumane and cruel. Anyone that supports it is sick. Wolves are beautiful animals and deserve a quick end if they HAVE to be killed! (I doubt it). How would you like to be trapped and have to chew off your leg to get out of it? Supposed sportsmen, indeed. I am against TRAPPING any animal.
- 1496 I am opposed to the use of leg traps as they are completely inhumane. I'm also opposed to baiting. Wolves should only be fair game on personal property where livestock or pets have been hurt or killed. The wolf population appears to have reached a plateau. Isn't this what is desired? I don't believe in human management of the food chain for the sport of a few. There should be large zones where hunting and trapping are absolutely not allowed. Kind regards, Scientist
- 1497 This process is rushed. DNR Conservation officer corps is depleted already. Keep trapping and wolf hunting out of wilderness areas. I have hunted for years near Splithand and despite the pack, deer hunting is GREAT. The occasional cougar that comes through spooks the deer a lot more.
- 1498 I feel this decision by the legislature to allow wolf hunting and trapping was rushed. There should definitely be a years-long waiting period for us to reassess the wolf population and data before we start a wolf harvest. The wolf hunting and trapping is just asking to be exploited by hunters that have no regard for wildlife management. It seems to easy to claim a wolf was killed inside a legal area when it could have been brought in from an illegal area. Finally, trapping of wolves may be more successful but is much more cruel. Trapping should not be allowed and the 24-hour mandatory check on traps is too lenient.
- 1499 I think trapping of wolves is barbaric and an inhumane way of meeting a quota.
- 1500 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting season. There are always complaints about too many deer and wolves are effective in controlling that population. There is no real threat from wolves to livestock and as far as a threat to pets, that is the responsibility of someone who chooses to live close to these wild animals. Wolves deserve to be left alone.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1501 I am outraged that this type of "hunting" is about to take place. It is cruel and unnecessary. This is nature and man needs to learn how to live within these bounds. It is not the wolves fault that mankind has encroached into their territory. why would you want to cause such pain and suffering to an animal? It is a slow and horrid death. Legislature, why don't you stick your own foot in a trap and see how it feels. Wolves will not be the only victims in these traps, other wildlife and possibly humans will step on it. I am opposed to this cruelty and ask you to not allow this to happen!!!!
- 1502 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1503 I strongly oppose any hunting of wolves for any reason. There must be an alternative to killing wolves than establishing a hunting season. Do you really think you can control how many wolves are killed? This is a travesty!!! Obviously, I don't like the idea.
- 1504 There is no point in causing wolves excess fear, stress and pain. There are other good options for wolf control, including the use of guard dogs and llamas, both which have been shown to be highly effective. Please stop the use of traps as a means to control the wolf population. It is a cruel process and there is no way for the DNR to "manage" the abuse of this "program" by hunters and trappers. How will the DNR be able to track the limit of "1 wolf per hunter?" This program is absurd and "old school." Where is environmental oversight? Where are the modern experts? Traps? Really, it's like something out of the Dark Ages.
- 1505 I do not favor a hunting/trapping season on wolves, especially since they appear to have a stable population and territories. These predators achieve a natural balance with deer and elk, and by culling the old, sick, and poorly parented young, improve the quality of prey herd animals. I know of instances in which currently protected wolves have been hunted, poisoned and trapped. Without protection, the gains this magnificent species has made will quickly be lost. Developing "see the wolves" eco-tourist opportunities is a better direction for the DNR to go.
- 1506 NO hunting of wolves. Their existence is still precarious.
- 1507 I believe that animal welfare is the business of all Minnesota and U.S. citizens. There is no reason for the wolves to be caused excess stress, fear or pain. I am against the steel jaws that so painfully clamp the leg or foot until a hunter arrives to kill the wolf. Trappers are only required to check traps once every 24 hours. Please abolish this brutal practice with our state's wolves. Thank you.
- 1508 As an educated professional, I find that this survey is flawed for a number of reasons. Only the first question asks for the survey-takers yes/no opinion, while the remainder of the questions ask for hunting/licensing/range information. Shouldn't there be more questions for the "non-hunter" to respond to, such as why might they be against the hunting proposals, or do they feel the evidence is met to open hunting/trapping of the wolves. Who really benefits from changing this law - the trophy hunter? the livestock owner? If the latter, then continue to allow them to protect their stock, but as one reader to the Star Trib on June 13th wrote, why not have those who feel threatened by the wolf population to pursue other non-killing options first, such as guard dogs or reimbursement. And the final missing information, what financial incentives are there to the state/DNR with licensing fees to proceed with this change in the law regarding hunting of wolves and what would be the overall costs to add the four additional personnel required to monitor this change yearly - and that cost estimate should include not only base salary but also total benefits including major insurances (health, dental, life) on state employees. Finally, why not take this opportunity to bring in the increase in coyote population in the state and 7-county metro area. What are the laws regarding this and what has the DNR done to decrease the coyote population.
- 1509 I DON'T support the hunting of wolves. They just made a comeback and now you want to KILL them.
- 1510 Hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota is a travesty. Re-population of wolves' historical range is a wildlife management success story. Don't jeopardize the progress we've made.
- 1511 I don't understand the reasoning for hunting wolves. Is the meat going to be eaten. No! Then what's the point? Let the wolves be.
- 1512 As a property owner in Aitkin Co, I have had aprox 9 wolves trapped/ removed from my property by the Feds from Grand Rapids. They were responding to young cattle killed on a neighboring farm. The Fed Wildlife officer (Officer George ?) clearly posted the area for the trapping and advised adjacent property owners of such to prevent unwanted harm. As you may know, these traps are baited with odorous and rank materials in order to draw the animals to the bait site. As an avid grouse hunter, how do I protect my springer spaniels from being drawn to baited traps that do not require posting or are placed by overzealous, inexperienced jack-pine savages who have little regard for others? I fully support taking of wolves attacking livestock but the recent legislation is premature and takes the wildlife management process from the professionals and places it in the hands of amateurs.
- 1513 Stop the leghold traps, at least hunting kills the wolf instantly and without continued pain.
- 1514 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes Region. Trapping and hunting of wolves will hasten the demise and extinction of wolves in all areas where allowed. After Man has extinguished all of God's Creations, what, or, more correctly, whom will be left to sit in the crosshairs?
- 1515 Please stop killing wolves.
- 1516 Please, please, please don't allow the hunting of these wonderful, pictureque animals. God put them on earth for a reason and to kill them would be horrible and unkind. There are other ways to protect livestock and those should be used to control the killing of them. They have been nearly extinct before and it should not be done again.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1517 I don't agree with having a season for hunting but ESPECIALLY NOT TRAPPING of wolves. I thought we as humans were evolving not to impose undue pain and suffering on any living being. There is also the possibility of others falling into these terrible traps - humans as well as animals.
- 1518 Killing the wolves should not be an option.
- 1519 This is a survey which presupposes that opening wolf hunting is a good idea. As the wolf population has been stable for 10 year, it seems as if it has reached self-sustainability. Starting hunting before a 5 year waiting period is a mistake. We need additional data to measure whether the wolf population can survive enviornmental changes due to a rapidly warming state, and true public commentary rather than this biased survey. I am appalled at the rush to hunt a delisted endangered species. Have we learned nothing from the past 30 years? The original 5 year waiting period was thoughtful, considered, and appropriate. Why is thee a rush for slaughter now, after decades of careful management? I oppose a wolf season in Minnesota until the 5 year period following delisting occurs.
- 1520 Options other than killing wolves should be initiated to control the population.
- 1521 Since owners who lose cattle to wolves are already compensated, why must you continue to encourage this cruel slaughter? Trapping should be illegal, not licensed. Our wolves are a precious resource to many Minnesotans.
- 1522 I say NO to any killing of the wolves, especially trapping, which is inhumane.
- 1523 I am against allowing hunting for wolves and abhor the inhumane use of traps for any creature. Wolves were almost hunted to extinction in the past and are now just beginning to come back to healthy numbers. It is way too soon to allow any hunting. I believe this action has been promoted by those who wrongly blame wolves for livestock predation and competition for deer, and those who are just intolerant/ignorant of wolves and wolf behavior. Please, give these magnificent animals a chance. I believe they are a source of pride for our state and what Minnesota has done to date for them is a model for other states - let's send out a message to those other states that we value these animals and want to continue protecting them.
- 1524 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1525 Can humans who over populate the state be trapped or hunted for the damage they do to our enviroment? Step up to reality and let wildlife be wildlife. It survived before you or us existed and needs NO so called mangement. Your wasting tax payers time and money. If you wish to open a game farm or livestock operation, it is up to you to do what you wish the animals. Didn't know MN is a free range state where livestock roams free until such time it is decided to round them up. Or is this mentality applied selectively? Maybe you could change the name from Wild life to something more appropriate.
- 1526 I am totally agains't this! The DNR is just a tool of hunters now not for true conservation purposes!! I will fight this & the DNR! I have donated to the preservation of our wildlife not the destruction! NO SPORT SHOOTING OR TRAPPING!
- 1527 We should NOT allow an open wolf hunting season in Minnesota, when wolves have just come off the endangered list! Trapping is a VERY inhumane method of killing, for any living thing. It is an antiquidated, barbaric, torturous action for living creatures to have to endure, and animals can feel fear and pain as we do. STOP this from happening! The only reason these beautiful wild animals will be slaughtered is a strictly economic one, and the DNR coffers will grow with the license fees to kill them. Is the DNR truly being good stewards for the living creatures of our state? There are safeguards farmers can use to protect their livestock. Even having a wolf hunting season won't stop them losing some livestock. Use smarter methods than killing and maiming wolves, instead use llamas and huge dogs that are bred to keep wolves away. Hunters think it's easier to just kill wolves than to co-exist with them..don't allow this to happen. Please rescind the wolf hunting/trapping season, at least during the first year they have been removed from the endangered list. Let's use some sense, DNR! We EXPECT you to protect the natural animal and environmental resources of our state.
- 1528 I have no problem with hunting but am strongly opposed to allowed trapping. It's inhumane.
- 1529 WOLVES ARE BEAUTIFUL NATURAL INHABITORS OF THE WOODS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE DESTROYED AND ESPECIALLY NOT TORTURED IN STEEL TRAPS.
- 1530 This survey is skewed toward hunters. It is unfortunate that the DNR seems to favor those who want to kill rather than create true balance of wildlife.
- 1531 There should be no wolf hunting allowed! We can adapt to their increasing numbers in other, non-lethal ways.
- 1532 Trapping should not be allowed at any time.
- 1533 No trapping should be allowed. It is inhumane. My husband hunts, but only game that you can eat. There is no reason to hunt wolves.
- 1534 No wolf hunting at all!
- 1535 This survey should default to relevant input if the first question is answered no. Skewed design impacts results.
- 1536 Wolves should not have been de-listed, soon there vwill be no animals to hunt, I guess that's when the "Hunger Games" begin.
- 1537 stop the killing of all animals
- 1538 Do not hunt or trap wolves!!!!
- 1539 I am not in favor of a wolf hunting season at this time.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1540 1)Many of your questions don't allow for "none of the above" or "other" answers--length of season, opening date, or closing date. Therefore it looks like you're going to proceed regardless and only want responses whereby you can say "our survey results indicate approval" when,in fact,there's no way to respond otherwise. 2)It's ALWAYS a mistake to take out the top predator in the food chain--wolves, coyotes, eagles (any raptors), grizzlies, big cats, bats, crocs, lake trout, walleye--because there are fewer of them and it allows large numbers of lesser, unwanted, and invasive species to overpopulate (rodents, house sparrows, insects);like sawing off the legs of a table, you never get it right after the first cut.3) The DNR's history of killing hawks that protect their young from picnikers and shooting bears instead of relocating them is not good; you guys screw up alot. 4)Harvesting is an easy, lazy policy that appeals to hunters who are always chomping at the bit to kill anything, especially if it's been off limits for years. 5)Trapping is a fine theory unless your leg is caught in one and you die in misery. 6)The DNR should focus on invasive species and overpopulations of plants & animals down the food chain that destroy natives. 7)We have too many deer; you'll only exacerbate that problem.
- 1541 We should be very careful about how many wolves we kill.
- 1542 I am opposed to any trapping or hunting of wolves
- 1543 Your slides said that wolf population has not been increasing over recent years. Why interfere with wolf recovery now? It will take a long time to recover 500 animals in a population that is not growing.
- 1544 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1545 Do not agree with a wolf hunting/trapping season in any form.
- 1546 Do not hunt or trap wolves - at all. Let's stop the barbaric practice of hunting anything.
- 1547 NO hunting.....
- 1548 1. I do not support the hunting or shooting of wolves in the state of MN- I do not agree that the population of wolves is large enough to support this approach to wolf management, nor do I agree that the killing of wolves is needed to control loss of livestock. 2. If the state of MN now thinks it's necessary to kill wolves as a method of "wolf management", I strongly disagree with allowing trapping. Trapping is a cruel and inhumane method of killing any animal, and especially wolves- due to the type of traps used and the fact that trappers only need to check traps every 24 hours for trapped animals.
- 1549 Trapping is the cruelest and most inhumane form of blood sport . If hunters are allowed to shoot wolves, shouldn't that be enough. Trapping of all animals should be abolished. Just the thought of a living creature suffering for at least 24 hours makes me sick. Why was the wolf hunting season hurriedly passed through the legislature in opposition to your original plan of a five year waiting period after the wolf was delisted?
- 1550 Hunting is one thing - trapping is unacceptable - maiming animals is not humane by any stretch of the imagination. Trapping is acceptable ONLY if it is the only way to feed a family (read pioneer days) AND hunting from the air CANNOT be condoned. I support land and animal management only to the extent that torture is not a part of the system.
- 1551 I believe that wolves should not be hunted. There are other means to protect livestock that is supposedly killed by wolves. Guard dogs and/or llamas are effective in keeping wolves away. Trapping is cruel and painful. Why should this be allowed? All creatures should be protected from this cruel practice.
- 1552 trapping and snaring----you got to be kidding me, how barbaric!
- 1553 This is wrong and I hope you reconsider this.
- 1554 Hunting of wolves should not be allowed!
- 1555 This is a horrible idea to trap wolfs. How cruel and inhumane. What kind of people are you-stop this idea right away.
- 1556 Why not relocate problem wolves, educate farmers about protecting their cattle from wolves, ect? Why kill so many?
- 1557 wolf are part of our egosystem. Let the be, they control and balance other wildlife within the system. It is the human that are responsible for wolf's misbehavior by taking away their hunting ranges. Remove humans from the wolf territory.
- 1558 This is a huge mistake. Wolf hunting should not be allowed but trapping should be PROHIBITED.
- 1559 Strongly oppose wolf hunting/trapping season. Your survey is chock-full of questions assuming season will become a reality. You offered no place for input on other means of wolf control or for input from nonhunters. What a cowardly joke!
- 1560 The available options for answers to survey presume agreement with hunting wolves. Questions 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 need additional choices. In fact, the questions are poorly written and do not allow for expression of an opposing view. Certainly in this day and age we can do better management than killing everything in sight. Livestock predation can be managed in other ways besides being a red herring. Have we not learned by now that hunting is not an effective means of population control and the disasters that result? The packs can self regulate as all of nature does if left to it's own devices. Of course, there is always the revenue generated by the licenses that apparently is just too tempting for the state to let go. DNR is to preserve natural resources, not destroy them. You can't control things out of your control so quit trying.
- 1561 As the wolves have only just been removed from the endangered species list, I do not think it is appropriate to immediately begin hunting and trapping them. Hunting wolves in the future, I think, could be a beneficial way of managing them. However, I do not support trapping, as often animals suffer in traps before trappers find the animals. Thank you for your consideration.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1562 This is completely unnecessary and is not responsible management. You state yourself that the wolf population has been stable, so there should be no reason to start hunting wolves. Trapping wolves is barbaric and not even good sport. The obvious goal of this effort is to eliminate wolves so that you eliminate natural predators for prey species that you wish to hunt, therefore creating an overpopulation of these species and making for easier hunting. Natural predators should be encouraged to control these species instead.
- 1563 I don't believe you should be hunting or trapping the wolves ! - They deserve and have the right to live there & life itself - we humans are too greedy !!! - expecting everything to get out of our way so we can have whatever we want - They don't endanger the public or other animals other than to eat to live - If there are issues, take them up with the farmers or people who don't ranch properly & do other things to keep their animals safe - NO HUNTING OF WOLVES !
- 1564 There is no need to kill these animals. Trapping is especially brutal and we should not allow it in our state. There are more humane ways to keep wolves away from livestock, if that is the issue, though I don't think it really is.
- 1565 I don't support the hunting of wolves in MN. But hunting is better than trapping. Trapping is cruel and should not be allowed at all!
- 1566 Trapping is inhumane and should not be allowed.
- 1567 I am totally opposed to ANY hunting or trapping of wolves. They are still an endangered species and should be allowed to control naturally the populations of game animals within their range, a process which naturally preserves the ecological balance of the entire area.
- 1568 I disagree with any trapping, it is a horrible way to die.
- 1569 If livestock is a concern there are other ways to control wolves, such as guard dogs. Trapping is abusive. What kind of society would condone allowing an animal to suffer in a leg trap? This is barbaric. So are the people who use these devices. I don't feel there is a need to kill wolves in Minnesota, aside from making money selling hunting licenses.
- 1570 No wolf hunting, period!
- 1571 I do not support trapping wolves in Minnesota. A hurt, agitated wolf (communicating to other wolves) is a danger to the community. Wolves were JUST taken off the endangered species list, we don't need to be concerned with "getting as many as we can" for now. Let hunting alone and see whether it's successful or not before introducing trapping.
- 1572 NO!
- 1573 Other than seeing if you can 'hit' a moving target, what is the benefit of killing wolf? This is sick, and motivated by one and ONE reason only---\$\$\$\$\$! Just like Iowa and it's Dove Hunting. There was a time when hunting was a necessity--now it's nothing but a money making sport. May you all come back as a hunted species in you next life!
- 1574 I believe that we should have kept the 5 year hunting moratorium after the federal delisting. I don't believe these animals are in great enough numbers to be of harm to our livestock and pets, I think this whole wolf hunt is being driven by a group who wants to kill for trophy mounts and certain guides who could sell wolf hunts
- 1575 hunting and trapping wolves is wrong!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 1576 I favor no hunting or trapping of wolves.
- 1577 I thought the days of trapping were over. And hunting wolves? What is done with the carcass? It sounds like just plain suffering for the animals with no respect to them. They are a part of a cycle of life and balance? I know they were taken off the endangered list but this doesn't seem like a good next step? Thank you, Ann Hancox
- 1578 too many people; not too many wolves.
- 1579 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region, and I am opposed to the sport hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 1580 I think it's a sad thing that people are going to be hunting these magnificent animals for sport. It's sick that people want to do this, it's no different than killing puppies and people get riled about that! I have a wolf as a pet and he is one of the best pets I've ever had and this just sickens me that they are going to kill these beautiful animals just to get their rocks off!! There is no point in killing any wolf unless he is going to hurt you and that is doubtful, JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE!
- 1581 I STRONGLY oppose any efforts to reduce the wolf population. Trapping and sport hunting is barbaric.
- 1582 I do not support the use of traps that are only checked once every 24 hours. Hunting an animal is one thing, torturing them is just wrong. Please outlaw the use of these traps.
- 1583 I think your survey is poor. The first question was "Are you in favor of a hunting and trapping season for wolves" Yes, or No. I don't mind a hunting season to coincide with deer hunting; but, I am strongly against a trapping season of any sort. The first question did not allow me to answer that way. I have two objections to trapping. First, trapping animals with steel leg traps is very inhumane. I used to trap when I was a boy, before I had a sense of feelings for animals. I know how cruel it is. I've seen the look in the eye of an animal on the end of a leg trap. Second, I spend a lot of time in the woods with my dog during the winter months; cross country skiing - real cross country skiing; not on groomed trails; I also do a lot of hiking in the winter - my area is northern Clearwater County - I know there will be trapping going on here. If my dog gets caught in a wolf trap; I will hire the best lawyer that money can buy; and bring a lawsuit against the DNR for initiating a trapping season in the first place. I understand that the wolf population needs some management. I'm O.K. with hunting wolves with high powered rifles during deer hunting season, or, in a special season, or both. I am firmly against any kind of a trapping season.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1584 I am NOT in favor of wolf hunting. I am particularly appalled by the lax guidelines for checking traps. Traps/snares are non-selective; who knows what gets in those traps, so this puts all wildlife at risk. Allowing a wolf hunting season is an issue that requires more citizen input. Thank you for letting us participate in this survey.
- 1585 This survey seems to assume that respondents are in favor of the wolf trapping and hunting because all of the questions after the first one are written with that slant. I am not in favor of subjecting wolves to painful trapping for the 24 hour period stated and not in favor of trapping at all. There are better ways to deter wolves from killing livestock.
- 1586 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1587 Please do not allow wolf hunting or trapping.....thank you.
- 1588 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1589 I believe it was a bad decision to allow hunting of wolves so soon after being removed from the endangered list. I am totally against trapping, I find it to be cruel and wrong.
- 1590 I oppose wolf hunting.
- 1591 As a resident of Northeast MN, and an avid outdoorsman and sportsman, I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. As compared to deer hunting, wolf hunting has no real return, aside from the avaricious, "man over nature", grade school mentality that allows for blood-bathed human boasting. The wolf should remain a protected animal of our state, and symbolize the beauty of our wilderness areas.
- 1592 This legislation should absolutely NOT be enacted. Wolves were wiped out by people and are just now making inroads back to an only somewhat decent recovery. They are a majestic, intelligent, beautiful and necessary animal, as is any animal, but they are not overpopulated like the deer (or humans, for that matter). They keep to themselves and selectively hunt for food, not for sport. Leave them be, please. If this open season is allowed we all know they will be overzealously hunted and most likely their numbers will dwindle again. Please show some respect for one of the most glorious animals! We would not have mans greatest companion if it were not for the wolf. Do not allow this proposal to go through. It would be a blight on your beautiful state. Instead be the state to take a stand for the wolf not against them. Protect them, honor them. Ban this attempt at trophy hunting because that is what it would be. Thank you.
- 1593 Humans do not have the right to hunt wolves--or any animal--just for sport. Wolves are not the threat that hunters like to portray them as. The number of humans atually killed by wolves in America is less than five. Wolves are carnivores but this does not mean they are evil. They are intelligent and deserve our respect. We need to live side by side--the Earth needs wolves as well as humans. Every creature has a purpose and man has no right to decide which animals will survive and which will not. I don't care if people consider this a sport. They are killing. It doesn't matter what they're killing. They are killing. They are not hunters but murderers. And since when has murder been an acceptable sport?
- 1594 This is a disgrace! I live in WI where these same measures have been implemented. it has been so divisive and issue that people are literally at one another's throats. Trapping any animal is wrong and cruel in the extreme! And I can tell you that wolf hunting here is far more about violence and revenge than sport. Please don't turn Minnesota into an animal cruelty theme park for sociopaths like they have done to Wisconsin.
- 1595 Trapping needlessly prolongs the torture of the animal - if hunting is allowed, at least it theoretically means a short end-life stage for the animal (unless the hunter is a bad shot and the animal is wounded and disappears).
- 1596 I do not favor a wolf season. I think people will shoot them, just to shoot them any time of the year regardless of a season. Please NO wolf season.
- 1597 DO NOT HUNT THE WOLVES..!!! For once leave nature alone. She will do better on her own.
- 1598 I do not support the hunting of wolves. The current population, without hunting, is stable and not increasing. Therefore, any hunting is likely to negatively effect the continued stability of the wolf population. Furthermore, I am concerned that hunters may confuse families dogs, if they are german shepherd or husky mixes, with wolves. This confusion may result in the killing of family pets, and put those who might be out walking with them at risk.
- 1599 no
- 1600 I don't support Wolf Season.
- 1601 I am against wolf hunting.
- 1602 I do not support hunting or trapping of the wolves.
- 1603 This proposal is just sick. Seriously, stop kissing the asses of ranchers, farmers, and hunters. The trapping option is unconscionable--have you ever seen videos of what animal caught in leg traps will do to free themselves???? Just because the feds decide that protection is no longer needed doesn't mean that you need to rush to kill things. Seriously, stop this action.
- 1604 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1605 Stop the wolf hunt. NOT NECESSARY. I will move out of Minnesota and pay taxes elsewhere. The wolf hunt will be a disgrace to Minnesota.
- 1606 Why do we insist killing off the natural predators and then use over population to justify hunting other animals. Why don't we ever learn how to co exist with animal populations instead of killing them off.
- 1607 leave the wolves alone!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1608 it has taken so long to get the wolf population back in this state and now this. Wolves do not take anymore than they need. they prey on old, sick and weak stock. this is a natural process, why do humans think it is okay to do with nature what it wants, but when nature returns the favor, we take it to far?
- 1609 If the wolf population has been stable, that suggests that their role in the ecosystem is maintaining prey populations effectively. They should not be hunted unless this relationship goes out of balance. Trapping seems inhumane and short-sighted for a newly delisted species.
- 1610 Trapping wolves is barbaric. It is time we humans reach our needs in a humane way. Please, Minnesota, let's continue to lead the way in admirable practices! This means "no" to the cruel trapping of wolves of MN.
- 1611 It would better serve all concerned to educate us about wolves and their contribution to the natural order rather than issue licences to exterminate these creatures. Shame on us that we haven't evolved past this behavior.
- 1612 pity the poor wolves....
- 1613 I do not support a wolf hunting season. The idea of having a wolf hunt is based on stereotypes and fear. Damage to farmers and ranchers has not been shown to be widespread or created enough of an economic impact to warrant this drastic measure. If you move into someones backyard uninvited, is it any wonder that you will be paid a visit by those who lived there first?
- 1614 I am extremely strongly opposed to any trapping of any kind, this endangers other animals and people and is a cruel method to harvest animals. The expansion of any form of trapping is a huge step backwards for MN quality of life.
- 1615 There is absolutely NO reason that wolves should be hunted or trapped!
- 1616 no
- 1617 I strongly appose any hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota.
- 1618 This survey didn't apply to me since I am NOT a killer and do NOT believe in killing, particularly for "fun" - called "sport" in this country. Killing mammals (we are mammals) for any reason other than absolute necessity (starvation, perhaps) is inhumane, wrong, ignorant and just bloody savage!
- 1619 There is no reason to open a hunt on the wolf other than gratuitous killing. Trapping is cruel, and pathetically un-sportsmanlike. These animals if allowed to truly recover in this country, will balance out their own numbers naturally without our interference as they have done for millennia. Problems of lost livestock can be managed by other means - large dogs for one.
- 1620 I thought Minnesota was better than that.
- 1621 I am against any hunting of wolves. They were almost extinct and then reintroduced. Now that they are thriving human beings want to plat God again by killing them off. Leave Mother Nature alone. Every time humane beings are meddlesome in the affairs of flora and fauna problems occur. Adopt a 100% hands off position.
- 1622 I am opposed to ANY wolf hunting. (I am not an anti-hunter)
- 1623 This is really stupid..Why not do what we have always done and allow the game wardens to take out nuisance animals?
- 1624 Wolves should NOT be hunted or trapped at all. Get a life and find something positive to do rather than kill helpless animals. Hunting is such a cowardly activity and people who find enjoyment in torturing and killing innocent animals are cruel and sick.
- 1625 If ANY hunting of wolves is allowed it should be only after the deer hunting season ends. I do NOT support any trapping of wolves. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1626 DO NOT hunt the wolves !!!
- 1627 HUNTING ALL WOLVES IS NOT MANAGEMENT OF PROBLEM WOLVES, AND HUNTERS ARE ACTING IN SELFISH SELF INTEREST, NOT OUR PUBLIC INTEREST. TO BE FAIR YOU MUST OFFER A NON-HUNTER WOLF MANAGEMENT LICENSE WE CAN PURCHASE TO PAY PROFESSIONAL DNR STAFF TO MANAGE PROBLEM WOLVES SCIENTIFICALLY AND AS HUMANELY AS POSSIBLE..
- 1628 I do not support any hunting of wolves, especially so soon after they have been removed from the endangered list. It's like taking a giant step backwards.
- 1629 I find it appalling that your actually considering a "Wolf Hunting Season". I do not in any shape or form support your state governments' decision to hunt wolves. Are your people hungry and starving? Are you going to eat the wolf meat? I hardly doubt it. Are ALL the hunters Native American and in need of a wolf hide for their regalia. Doubt that too. Actually in most Native American cultures the wolf is revered as one of the Creator's strongest, protective, family oriented creatures. Not to mention a great hunter. You have no viable need to hunt these animals. I have difficulty understanding why you would want to hunt them. As stewarts of this planet we are given the responsibility to protect all it's creatures and it's resources. These poor animals were once on the brink of extinction and now that they are doing well you want to hunt them again. Makes absolutely no sense. You say the DNR will be tracking the numbers. They're only human. Humans make mistakes every day. I say it's not worth the risk. It'll be just like the buffalo or the mustangs. Can't people just let the beautiful creatures inhabiting this world live in harmony WITH us. Why does man have this need to kill and destroy?
- 1630 I see no purpose for hunting wolves other than being bloodthirsty. At least deer are eaten. Guns are bad because the victim may be wounded only, but trapping is absolutely beyond the pale. Wolves have been shown to be an effective and beneficial environmental balance (which can certainly not be said about humans).

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1631 "Harvesting" sounds like you are digging up potatoes. You are proposing the killing and torturing (trapping) of magnificent breathing, feeling, thinking living creatures. You stated that the wolf population has remained stable. Why don't you let nature do her "thing" to keep it this way.
- 1632 For me, it is impossible to see hunting and trapping as a "sport", especially in 21st century, it is just barbaric.
- 1633 Please do not allow a hunting season on our beloved wolves.
- 1634 Hunting the wolves for sport is not a good idea.
- 1635 I think having any sort of wolf hunting season in Minnesota is wrong-headed policy and should not be allowed. Large predatory animals are in steep decline; dwindling numbers of such species endangers human health -- biodiversity is needed for healthy ecological systems, which are the only way humans will have access to the food and water resources needed for survival and quality of life in the future. Loss of large predatory animals is among the top ways in which biodiversity is compromised.
- 1636 I am vehemently opposed to the trapping of wolves. I think trapping is inhumane, and dangerous to people, pets and non targeted animals that may accidentally step in a trap.
- 1637 I do not think the wolf hunt should be allowed. Our wolf population has just reached nonendangered status and needs the 5-year waiting period to stabilize. The wolf population will manage itself. Trapping should DEFINITELY be outlawed. It is barbaric. Let the state find a less cruel way to generate revenue, which is what this is really about - not wolf management. Ban the use of dogs in hunting bear, educate people about keeping their pets safe when they choose to live in wolf habitat, and continue to pay the farmers for the very few cattle the wolves take. That will take care of the wolf "problem."
- 1638 I do not support hunting of deer, wolf, rabbit, pheasant, or any kind of animal for any reason at any time. Animals were put here by God, just as mankind was. Too bad the animals can't have a gun to hunt mankind when they want.
- 1639 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1640 As wolves are top predators, their population keeps other animal species in check. Killing just one wolf has a tremendous impact on the balance of an ecosystem. For these reasons, I do not support the hunting of any predator species. Thank you for taking your time to ask the public for their input.
- 1641 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region but oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1642 No Wolf hunting!
- 1643 Hunting and trapping wolves is an immoral act -- especially trapping is a cruel and inhumane means of managing wildlife. This "wolf policy" is wrong. The population is stable and does not endanger life. Wolves help maintain a balance in nature -- i.e., deer and other wildlife, which has existed for centuries. Human intervention in nature is the problem, not wolves
- 1644 leave the wolves alone!
- 1645 I think that hunting wolves is just absolutely wrong. Who eats wolves? There should be no such thing as "sport" hunting. Hunting should only be allowed for eating. What's next? Are we going to start hunting our pets or humans if there's too many? We have to draw a line somewhere. Humans are not the only ones on this planet.
- 1646 no killing or trapping of any wolf
- 1647 if the population is holding steady...I don't understand why you would hunt them at all. There are many places that have not gotten their wolf population back at all. There should be a program to trap and send wolves to places trying to bring back the wolves. What is this compulsion to have to shoot everything...it's how we lost them to start with. As long as the population is stable, and you trap and relocate...why this sudden need? Leave them alone unless they begin to over run us. Let's try to hold on to our wildlife.
- 1648 I do not agree with hunting/trapping wolves, and do not believe that this "management" of the wolf population is necessary.
- 1649 I understand that a wolf hunting season is necessary. I am a hunter and come from a big family of hunters. However, I simply cannot support trapping. The suffering and pain of being stuck in traps makes me sick. I encourage the DNR to support a firearm only season on wolves.
- 1650 If you take an animal's life, use all of that animal for your sustenance and or life needs! If you do less, you are then less than the spirit that has given it its life for you.
- 1651 I do not support hunting or trapping of wolves
- 1652 I believe this de-listing was very irresponsible, I think that wolf management on open season terms is unscientific and is designed by hunting clubs to increase deer herd numbers. There are other ways to ensure wolf populations are in check other than an open season with hunting and trapping. I just hope that the State Management procedures that are going to be put in place safeguard the genetic population to sustain a healthy population. I feel this is an all out assault on wolf populations based on a mentality that they should not have been introduced into the wild. I am not against hunting, I have a cabin in northern WI. and have wolves making rounds in my driveway at night so I understand depredation cases, and in the event where wolves have been close to human activity, they should be monitored. I still do not believe hunting and trapping is the most effective way to deal with the numbers.
- 1653 Don't kill any wolves!!
- 1654 I support the wolf population as it stands today without hunting harming the delicate eco-system. I do not agree with hunting wolves to decimation or per a certain quota/year. Please consider my comments.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1655 This is a bad idea. People will be poaching. there is something wrong with a person who wants to kill a wolf for sport - at least with deer a person can use the meat and they recycle the hides. And trapping is inhumane and cruel. the DNR should be ashamed.
- 1656 I do not support your planned wolf hunting!!!
- 1657 "Science" of DNR is questionable.
- 1658 Our tax dollars were used to reintroduce this species and now we are going to kill them. Very strange. These animals keep other species in check. Don't make the error of killing them all again
- 1659 No trapping should be allowed. If one is a "real" hunter he does not let a trap do the work for him and try to beat the wolf on the same level. Wolves are no vermin.
- 1660 I cannot believe Minnesota is this barbaric....trapping, really? TORTURE is what it is. Mark Dayton really missed the bus on this one. He easily could have gone for the line item veto of the hunt. Please reverse this awful law for next year. I am ashamed of my state for letting the hunters push this through for the sake of killing a wolf....for the skull and claws. We cannot co-exist here with nature? You should all be ashamed...you are NOT representing me!
- 1661 I do not think trapping or hunting wolves is a good thing to do. Traps are cruel and a slow agonizing death is inhumane. Why do humans need to control every last moving thing on earth. It is time we stop this hunting and killing mentality. We do not do right by our children to teach them to kill for pleasure. Sick, sick, sick .
- 1662 I beg DO NOT hunt wolves! It was the hunting of these beautiful creatures in the first place that unbalances everything.They
- 1663 Please do not add to the wolf season as these animals should be protected and not gunned down.
- 1664 I don't agree with the hunting of wolves at all so most of these questions were irrelevant to my opinion, but I do not see the need for it. Find other ways to protect your livestock.
- 1665 Although I do not support the hunting of wolves, shooting them is at least a quick death. Trapping is long-term suffering, cruel and just flat out terrible. Those traps also pose threats to human. Trapping should be banned, period.
- 1666 there should be NO wolf Hunts.
- 1667 You have poor data and reasoning for hunting this majestic animal, let nature do its thing.
- 1668 I am opposed to hunting. Leaving the wolves alone would help with deer overpopulation.
- 1669 Leave the wolves alone.
- 1670 As a biologist I believe it is poor policy to initiate wolf hunting before having a 5 year period of balanced population. From the graph shown it seems to me that the population is still in recovery phase (population rising) and has not yet reached it balance point as would be indicated by a leveling off of the population. If localities feel they have wolves being a problem then they should relocate them to areas where there are less wolves. There are many areas in the USA where wolf populations are still under desired numbers. Regarding allowing wolf season to coincide with deer firearm season, I think this is a poor idea. Due to over excited Illinois hunters, my pet dog was shot during deer season and it took thousands of dollars, multiple surgeries and 6 months of changing bandages until she was fully recovered. Too many inexperienced (and some drunk) people are out hunting during deer season. If they can't tell a Labrador from a deer I doubt they will be very good at distinguishing a dog from a wolf. Having a season completely separate from any other season will help to insure that only serious, experienced hunters will be shooting. This should help to protect dogs as well as limit the number of wolves that are shot at, wounded, but not humanely killed. I also would like to propose that the DNR institute a target test before giving any type of license. If a hunter is unable to shoot their gun or bow in a manner that would produce a fatal shot (and thereby harvest the animal humanely) in a simulation then it is doubtful that they will be able to do so in the adrenaline rush of the real hunting experience. I see too many, and hear of too many, animals that have been injured from poor shooting ability that are then left to die a slow agonizing death. Besides the fact that this is inhumane, it also leads to inaccurate harvest records as these animals are never reported.
- 1671 yes, wolves were just recently removed from the endangered list. These animals are critical to the enviroment for keeping the deer population in check. If they were just left alone, there would be no cause for having massive deer kills to keep the populations from becoming over populated. I STRONGLY disagree with this new law to eliminate them. As a registered voter, I will vote against any candidate who supports this.
- 1672 Since wolf populations are stable (neither increasing or decreasing) I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. If it becomes scientifically (peer reviewed) necessary to manage wolves in Minnesota, I would be adamantly opposed to trapping as a method. Trapping is an archaic, cruel, and inhumane practice regardless of it's intended target.
- 1673 I wish that the DNR expounded upon the reason that the five-year waiting period was eliminated (lack of federal funding.) I think it's important for the population to know that.
- 1674 This is AWFUL!!!! I am totally against this! These animals should be protected! Trapping is so inhumane,left in a trap to die a slow death. This is also against Native American Culture. I'm sick that Minnesota is allowing this to happen!
- 1675 I am not in favor of hunting and I abhor trapping.
- 1676 I do not support this

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1677 1) Maintaining an adequate wolf population is essential in avoiding too high a deer population. I live in northern Minnesota and know how to cohabit my environment with wolves, protecting myself, family and pets. 2) Leg hold traps are likely to cause pain and slow death. At a minimum, trap check every 24 hours is too long a period. 3) Wolf predation is not a problem for those who know how to protect their herds. A wolf season will not eliminate this problem
- 1678 no
- 1679 I come up to Minnesota with hopes of seeing a wolf. Hunting them will only make it harder.
- 1680 Hunting is very different from trapping. I would support a controlled hunt in which wolves are taken with a shotgun or bow and arrow, which is a far more humane approach. I would not support trapping, in which the animal can suffer for several days needlessly.
- 1681 I see no reason for the senseless hunting of wolves. Get a life rather than taking them.
- 1682 I am against the wolf season.
- 1683 The genetic pool is too small. There should be no wolf hunting at all at this point at time.
- 1684 I think the wolf population is currently at insufficient levels to allow hunting and particularly the cruel and inhumane method of trapping.
- 1685 I don't support a hunting/trapping season for wolves. These animals are vital components of healthy ecosystems because they tend to cull weaker members of their prey species, thus maintaining the long-term genetic health of those animals. Wolves also tend to keep coyote populations in check.
- 1686 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1687 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and adamantly oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1688 Wolves should be protected and not killed for fun.
- 1689 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes Region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population through sport hunting or trapping.
- 1690 I think this is totally wrong. If the wolf population in Minnesota has been stable, leave it alone. There is no need to kill these animals, there is no need to kill the domestic pets that will get caught in traps. While I realize hunters enjoy the outdoors, as a lifelong midwesterner, I spend the most beautiful season of the year (Fall) away from the woods to avoid getting shot by a hunter (poacher). Why not let all of us enjoy nature in the Fall?
- 1691 There is no strong reason to hunt wolves. They are not a food animal and would essentially be utilized for their pelts and as trophies. I don't think that this is a defensible use of such a valuable Minnesota wilderness symbol. Concerning the issue of wolf-human conflict, direct compensation for property loss reflects a more sound mediation tool that is in line with most Minnesotans values concerning wildlife. In rare cases the limited use of exterminating consistently problematic wolves may still be justified as it currently being practiced. At the very least do not allow trapping for wolves. Hunting for wolves leads to far more humane harvesting and the difficulty of a successful wolf hunt will help weed out ill intentioned and naive trophy hunters. The solution most in line with what I believe is the opinion of most Minnesotan's values is the continued protection of wolves within Minnesota's boundaries. Do not misrepresent those values to please a small minority of cattle owners and trophy hunters. Thank you for conducting this survey and I hope you take the comments seriously.
- 1692 I value our wolf population and think trapping wolves is cruel with the rules proposed. A humane way of killing should be the only option for the wolf hunting season...meaning with a gun NOT snare traps that are only checked once every 3 days. That is inhumane.
- 1693 Trapping any animal is barbaric and cruel and should be universally outlawed. Hunting is not a "sport." (Two parties engage willingly in an activity as a competition in a sport. Wolves do not choose to be hunted to death, nor should they be.)
- 1694 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and I oppose any effort to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1695 I am appalled that our DNR has rushed into a wolf hunting/trapping season after a five-year wait time was proposed after delisting. I find trapping particularly cruel.
- 1696 Wolf populations regulate themselves because they must eat, so this is a silly and ridiculously trumped up hunt that we should NOT BE HAVING. Wolf packs are not unilateral...they have hierarchy and shooting an alpha male or female can have devastating effects on the pack. They grieve and can loose interest in living if it is a mate, as has been demonstrated in wolf packs monitored in Montana and Wyoming where horrible indiscriminate killing of wolves out of pure hate goes on. We have followed wolf issues for decades and are members both of the NRDC, Ely International Wolf Center, Environmental Defense Fund, and others who put out the facts about wolf life, importance to the environment and fragility. You should have stayed with the 5 years plan...this is arrogance and mismanagement and hate of wolves, not anything to do with management. Just another thing, like the mourning doves, to SHOOT. Farmers are compensated for downed animals, and they are not many. This is crazy and it shames you as our stewards of nature in this state, our DNR, to have put forth and plunged forward into this terrible path. Please reverse your plans; study the wolf packs as they are delisted, and see how you can live with them and their fragile pack life; if there is a problem wolf, then deal with that if need be, but wholesale killing and trapping is cruel, unnecessary, and purely politically motivated.
- 1697 Anyone who has seen an animal caught in a leg trap could never approve a hunting/trapping season for wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1698 This public comment section is obviously bullshit!! Required by MN state law or some other excuse. The slaughter sounds as if it's already a done deal. DNR already has the right to kill wolves proven to be a problem, so why a hunt?! Let alone traps and snares, the !@#\$\$! cowards way! I hope ALL wolf hunting cowards burn in Hell. God cares nothing for man' s law, so I hope you "hunters" can explain to him why you killed His creatures for no other reason than that you could.
- 1699 Wolves need our protection to help maintain an ecological balance. They are very intelligent and very family oriented. We have much to learn from them.
- 1700 i am against wolf hunting
- 1701 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1702 I am against the hunting, and especially trapping, of wolves.
- 1703 It was wrong of the legislature to bypass common sense policy that a waiting period should follow removal of a species from the endangered species list. They followed a political agenda rather than an environmental one. It makes no sense to restore a species only to allow its' destruction immediately after. Unless there is a proven problem with wolves and excessive numbers they should not be hunted. They provide a natural balance in nature and I believe more people value their place in the ecosystem than hate them and want them destroyed. Once again a minority with an agenda is determining public policy to the detriment of the wolves.
- 1704 I do not condone the killing of wolves in Minnesota or any other state. Please do not allow this to happen
- 1705 It is completely unacceptable that we have brought back the wolves from the brink of extinction only to allow them to be killed for sport. Totally barbaric and totally unacceptable. Respect life, instead of trying to destroy it - you may be glad you did. What goes around comes around.
- 1706 Don't shoot the wolves.
- 1707 Why are people still killing wolves?
- 1708 I think the approach should be more conservative on the number of wolves per quota. I think more time should be allowed to study the impact of hunting and the quotas should be lower until we have more data on hunting and trapping patterns.
- 1709 I am totally opposed to hunting of wolves in any form. We have spent millions to save them and to preserve the balance of nature and now, only because of politics have they been downlisted from the endangered species list. What kind of pathetic coward of an individual would trap any animal? Send them to Syria where they can be hunted.
- 1710 Please do NOT hunt and trap these fabulous sentient animals.
- 1711 Do not allow these poor animals to be killed!
- 1712 I am appalled the legislature turned it's back on the 5 year agreement. Again the government has reneged on an agreement. Disgraceful.
- 1713 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Please make every effort to support the wolf population's continued growth.
- 1714 The presentation of information prior to the survey moved too quickly to be read. But more germane to the point, I don't feel that wolves should be hunted at all. As a species, wolves embody the spirit of America. Wolves are, at once, both fiercely individualistic and fiercely loyal to their complex community. The spirit of the wolf is one with the spirit of American, and being of a patriotic mind as an American, I think that it's sinful to hunt such an animal. To my mind, it is like hunting fellow Americans or hunting American values.
- 1715 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Animals feel agony, pain, and sadness just as humans do. Why would anyone chose to impose agony, pain or sadness on another living being? Disgraceful.
- 1716 Leave the wolves alone, no hunting or trapping
- 1717 Why does the NRA have so much power in the DNR?
- 1718 Seems that your own statistics state that the wolf population has remained consistent over the past years, so why is an open hunting and trapping season needed? I would think that the state government could tackle more important items then wasting their time and tax payer money on unnecessary killing.
- 1719 This is atrocious. We have protected the wolf population and now allow a kill. Please stop the nonsense.
- 1720 I would support monitored hunting of wolves but I do not support trapping of wolves.
- 1721 Please do not allow the murder of our beautiful wolves. Why should they be killed? For food, for fur or just for "fun"? Apparently no lessons were learned when the wholesale killing of wolves almost made them extinct!!! You are entrusted to protect wildlife & allowing a shooting spree for "sportsmen" is just not right.
- 1722 You are wrong to mess with Nature. A natural balance was in place before Man came along and wrecked it. We will pay for this in the long run. Please stop the barbaric practice of killing wolves immediately.
- 1723 no hunting of any living creature should be allowed. Now if you allowed hunting on child molesters or rapist, I'll be in on that!!
- 1724 It is a tragedy that the special endangered category given to wolves has been repealed and they are no longer listed as endangered. There is no reason why so-called sportsmen need to hunt these creatures. Our country is moving backwards in so many ways--like back to the 30s as in the 1830s. I am appalled that such a progressive state as Minnesota would allow this sad trend to devastate the state of Minnesota's beautiful environment, wildlife and ecosystems.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1725 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1726 Trapping should be illegal at all times as it is quite inhumane.
- 1727 Don't kill wolves. There are many other animals to hunt. Wolves are beautiful creatures which we have fought for years to take from the brink of extinction. Is no living thing sacred anymore? Don't kill wolves. DON'T KILL WOLVES. Leave them alone to live in peace.
- 1728 Wolves do not need to be hunted or trapped. They are part of the natural balance of predator/prey which has been disrupted by human beings.
- 1729 No to wolf hunting
- 1730 I support the recovery of Great Lakes wolves and am opposed to any attempts to manage their population through sport hunting and trapping. Wolves are an important component of the Great Lakes ecosystem and should be valued as such by attempting to preserve their numbers, not reduce them soon after have been delisted. Although Minnesota claims it's wolf populations have been stable for over a decade, this has been during a time when wolves were protected. It is counterproductive to kill what the federal government has spent years working to recover. Please look for other, nonlethal alternatives to easing the relations between wolves and humans. Or, if this is purely for the sport of hunting, choose an animal other than one whose numbers are drastically reduced across the country. Without responsible wolf management in the states lucky enough to have Great Lakes wolves, they will soon be lost forever. Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on your proposal, and for your time.
- 1731 Wolves are part of our country's natural heritage and it would be a disgrace to allow them to be brutally killed by any means.
- 1732 I have studied ecology and microbiology and while your census methods are scientifically sound I happen to know people with wolfdogs and the wholeness they bring their owners. Call it opinion, but I wouldn't understand a hunting season on wolves just as I wouldn't understand a hunting season on children in overcrowded nations. You have told yourselves to not meddle in the affairs of abiding consumers too long.
- 1733 Don't do this.
- 1734 I'm against wolf trapping and hunting. They are animals just like human beings. They feel pain just like you and I do. They have families and protect each other just like you and I would.
- 1735 I am totally against this proposed hunt, especially the use of traps which are inhumane and cause great pain and stress to the animals
- 1736 I do not understand why we should shoot wolfs? Wolfs are natural "cleaners" of sick animals. They do not do any harm to anybody, pretty soon we will face decreased population of wolfs as some years ago, when almost no wolfs left in US and we will start to save them again. Why just not to live them alone and shoot some deers, at least you can eat a deer, what are you going to do with dead wolf? I grew up with a dog who've been half wolf (his father was a wolf, a hunter found him as a puppy). He have been a best companion and and friend to our family for 15 years. When I'm hearing about wolf hunting I'm about to cry, because I imagine my dog I loved so much. Why people should be so cruel?
- 1737 The trapping of any species is visibly and knowingly inhumane. Better to educate humanity to co-exist with nature rather than try to eliminate nature by any barbaric, cruel and inhumane means available- From, and avid deer hunter nnd fisherman
- 1738 Trapping is CRUEL! It should never be allowed. It is unconscionable.
- 1739 STOP THE KILLINGS!!!!
- 1740 Wolves are part of the ecosystem. End of story.
- 1741 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1742 Let the wolves live!!!!!!!! Just let the wolves eat the deer.stop invading wildlife.I HATE YOU!!!!!! i LOVE WOLVES!!!! my 160 lbs husky shepards name is Wolfy.Please stop my nightmares...and tears.these are incredible,beautiful animals with a human hierarchy.Dont hurt and destroy them.Please.or rot in hell.
- 1743 I am gravely concerned about the fate of dogs and other domestic animals and wildlife. This type of hunting would cause great restrictions to any recreational use of woodlands by non-hunters. As someone who lives in the woods, I would be living in great fear for my safety and especially that of my dog. I also think it would be nice to let natural predators take care of the balance instead of hunters. It makes me sad that there are animals being killed for sport that most people never even get to see. We are blessed to have our wolves.
- 1744 Hunting the wolves will affect the ecosystem greatly.What then when wolves reach extinction one day. People need to worry about themselves and STOP DESTROYING EVERYTHING ON THIS PLANET, called EARTH.
- 1745 I don't believe any wolf hunting should occur. I would love to see these animals returned to all of their historic range.
- 1746 The 5-year waiting period should have been completed before this was decided on.
- 1747 As an environmental scientist I oppose this 1800s throwback law. Our need to be the top predator is ridiculous; I find trophy hunting abhorrent. I enjoy hunting and fishing very much, and do hunt game animals and birds, which I and my family eat. Hunting wolves, for no other reason than because we can is offensive to me. Reduction through trophy-hunting of a stable-state species will only serve to reduce the fitness of the species; since trophy hunters, by definition, pick the 'best' specimens for the most 'impressive' trophy display. I think this program is backwards and environmentally damaging. To sum it up into a single word: STUPID.
- 1748 I strongly oppose this measure in its entirety

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1749 I strongly support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1750 I do not understand why the State of Minnesota, or any other Great Lakes state, would be comfortable allowing the needless ("sport") slaughter ("harvest") of such a majestic, beautiful, and ecologically significant wildlife treasure as the wolf. Wolves are wild mammals, not a cultivated agricultural product or a domesticated farm animal, and therefore cannot be "harvested" - terms like "harvest" are only used in these situations to soften, mislead and disguise the fact that there are those who want to use this legislation as nothing more than an official excuse to slaughter an innocent wild animal population.
- 1751 Hunting & Trapping of Wolves should not be permitted under ANY circumstances. Artificially "managing" this population is a farce and will result in less than the ideal population surviving. The DNR needs to get out of the business is destroying animals for financial gain. Protect the state parks/state forests and get out of the wildlife destruction "business."
- 1752 animals are targeted because states are greedy for money--if government used there money this stuff would not be happening--
- 1753 I don't favor a wolf hunt - and don't feel it's necessary. It's a political ploy.
- 1754 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes Region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1755 I am totally opposed to a wolf hunting season. I may get a license and not hunt just to protect them.
- 1756 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1757 This survey is obviously slanted to favor wolf hunting. Don't hunters have enough targets already?
- 1758 This survey was stupid! I am totally against shooting, trapping, and snaring and killing of our wolves. man is a bloody monster that thrives on killing ,torturing and destroying life. It seems the people of the Western States really hate animals. They are slaughtering our Bison, our wolves, and our mustangs, even the mares in foal and the new born colts, for blood money, and because of their stupid lust for power to kill a life. We know the cattle ranchers are behind most of this slaughtering cruelty of wild life. I hope all their cattle die of a new strange plague from God Almighty.
- 1759 What is the purpose of shooting wolves? "Sport" is an unacceptable answer. Your proposal for a firearm wolf season is contemptible. Here in Michigan's lower peninsula we wish we had wolves to control the deer population, which is a nuisance to farmers.
- 1760 Wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region must become a priority, and therefore I, along with thousands of others who support protecting the population of an endangered species, vigorously oppose efforts to reduce the wolf population by sport hunting and trapping.
- 1761 I think we should stick with the original plan to have a 5 year waiting period. Then I think wolves should only be hunted or trapped by the DNR. If possible the animals should be taken alive and sold to zoos. If the animals are killed they should be donated to museums and their furs should be utilized.
- 1762 THIS HUNT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AT ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 1763 I hate hunting, it is very cruel way to deal with over population. There are other more humane solutions, you can move wolves in the areas where the population is not as big. Also if you'll reduce number of wolves, than you'll problem with over population of deers or other animals. You cant play with nature, you have to keep the balance and please do it the humane way. We need to protect our wild life and what is left of it. I hope you'll concider that option. Thank you. Please no more cruelty!!!!
- 1764 I am opposed to the wolf hunting and trapping seasons. The five year waiting time should have been followed to allow for more information to be gathered.
- 1765 LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE!
- 1766 I do not approve of hunting. I believe there are other territories where they can be taken because they are not in excess. There is a natural balance in nature. The biggest predator is man.
- 1767 If there is a plan to allow a wolf season, I the DNR should seriously consider revising their deer management plans to reduce herd size somewhat as well. There are TOO MANY DEER in the state, and hunting wolves makes that problem worse, not better, even if the wolf population isn't terribly large. I have considered becoming a deer hunter specifically because I think the herd is too large and is becoming a problem for driver safety and ecosystem health. (Well, I also like venison!) I don't know how much the wolves impact the deer population, but if it's significant, I'm completely against the wolf hunt.
- 1768 I don't believe in hunting the wolves. We spent years and \$\$ restoring the wolf population. They play a vital role in the environment and balance between predator and prey can be achieved without the interference of human hunters.
- 1769 I think that any plan on destroying these animals is ill advised. Leave them alone!
- 1770 Hunting wolves is ridiculous - it should not be legal!!!!
- 1771 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Wolves are an integral part in maintaining the balance in a healthy biodiversity spectrum.
- 1772 There are better and more scientific methods for managing the wolf populations than hunting and trapping, except for select and problematic individual wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1773 Wolves should remain on the endangered species list (or atleast be protected). I do not agree with allowing anyone to hunt wolves at any time.
- 1774 TRAPPING is barbaric. There is no BIOLOGICAL need to hunt wolves in Minnesota. I support the continued recovery of wolves in the Great Lakes region.
- 1775 Wolves rule !!!
- 1776 Wolves need to be preserved and protected, not hunted because their population happens to currently be "stable". They have been scorned and destroyed since time immemorial, and as an integral part of our state's ecosystem, they need to continue to have protection.
- 1777 The population needs to get larger in a larger area to reduce excess deer first.
- 1778 Do NOT hunt Wolves!! Please!
- 1779 Please please do not allow the hunting of wolves, This animal was delisted from the endangered species lit. The wolf should be protected not hunted.
- 1780 I think the hunting of wolves is total out of line. There should be no season to hunt.
- 1781 I do not believe in the hunting of wolves.
- 1782 I am extremely disappointed and disgusted in the MN wolf hunt. These beautiful animals should never have been taken off the endangered species list to begin with, and now there are licenses to kill those that have been brought back by the help of the endangered species list?! Very disheartening.
- 1783 I do not see the point of hunting wolves in the first place. They are harmless when left undisturbed. Neither do I see an advantage to feeding the destruction lust that possesses so many who hunt for sport.
- 1784 This survey appears to have been tilted toward the pre-determined intent to open a wolf hunt. That seems to distort the intent that opinions were actually being sought regarding whether to have a hunt or not. There are so many deer, undercounts etc that wolves are needed in their natural predator role to keep deer numbers in check. I've been run into by a large deer and hope not to have that happen again. Even when considering the insurance costs for deer strikes as well as the ecotourism effect of live wolves - they are worth more alive than dead.
- 1785 Despite you assertions to the contrary, the wolf population in Minnesota is still too small and fragile to withstand sustained hunting and trapping. Wolves should be given more time to recover and increase their population. Additionally, trapping is a pathetic and cruel technique. If you're going to allow people to kill wolves, at least require them to do so in the most humane way possible. Trapping inflicts needless pain and suffering for prolonged periods of time. Thank you for your time.
- 1786 I want this proposal to be rejected. I'd rather take action to protect wildlife and habitats.
- 1787 i do not support the hunting of deer or wolves
- 1788 I don't undersstand the need for this program...or the ethics of it.
- 1789 Wolves should be put back on the endangered species list!
- 1790 I DO NOT support the hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota.
- 1791 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped!
- 1792 leave the wolves alone - they were here first
- 1793 I totally support wolf recovery in my home state of Minnesota. I am strongly against hunting and trapping of wolves!
- 1794 Evil people kill animals..
- 1795 I believe in co-existing w/the wolves. 400 expected kills is too many. Also, too many licenses are planned on being issued for the number of expected kills. We are not barbarians, we need to stop acting like it and issuing licenses to kill these animals.
- 1796 I DO NOT SUPPORT the HARVESTING OF WOLVES_ PERIOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! BUT IF YOU INSIST ON HAVING A 'HUNTING SEASON' FOR WOLVES, IT BETTER BE VERY CLOSELY REGULATED, AND I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY TRAP HUNTING AT ALL EVER!!!!!!
- 1797 not supporting this
- 1798 No.
- 1799 Wolf hunting is unnecessary. They are almost extinct. Ranchers that lose stock to bona fide wolf predation need only take the loss off their taxes.
- 1800 I do not support hunting and trapping wolves. Trapping is incredibly inhumane and should not be allowed.
- 1801 Although wolves have been removed from the federal endangered list, I don't concur that it was a good decision. I think that wolves should remain protected until their numbers are increased twofold from what they are now. Therefore, I can't as yet support allowing them to be hunted.
- 1802 Stop the hunting- just tortures wolves who fight for their existence as we all do.
- 1803 If a wolf season is allowed it should be as brief and tightly regulated as possible, as the natural population has proven stable over an extended period.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1804 Yeah. I do. How about you stop killing wolves? Maybe you need to take a lesson from one of the greatest naturalists to have ever lived, Aldo Leopold.... "In those days we had never heard of passing up a chance to kill a wolf. In a second we were pumping lead into the pack, but with more excitement than accuracy; how to aim a steep downhill shot is always confusing. When our rifles were empty, the old wolf was down, and a pup was dragging a leg into impassable side-rocks. We reached the old wolf in time to watch a fierce green fire dying in her eyes. I realized then, and have known ever since, that there was something new to me in those eyes—something known only to her and to the mountain. I was young then, and full of trigger-itch; I thought that because fewer wolves meant more deer, that no wolves would mean hunters' paradise. But after seeing the green fire die, I sensed that neither the wolf nor the mountain agreed with such a view."
- 1805 Although I do not hunt myself, I have no issues with hunting in general. That being said, I do not want anyone hunting our wolves. But I am extremely unhappy with the prospect of trapping. Trapping is cruel and inhumane and does not discriminate which animal it traps. Trapping should NEVER be allowed. Thank you.
- 1806 Why does Man have to kill and destroy everything?
- 1807 Please outlaw trapping. It's just plain inhumane.
- 1808 There is no reason to hunt wolves. As far as I know, no one wants to eat wolf meat.
- 1809 I do not agree with having a wolf hunting season. Nor do I agree with our nation's aerial killing and poisoning of wolves. Let them live!
- 1810 Minnesota is a destination where it is possible to hear if not see wolves. Keep it that way - I won't visit an area where hunting of these still rare animals occurs.
- 1811 Hunting wolves serves no purpose other than fulfilling the ego requirements of some hunters.
- 1812 Yes I do, this is disgusting and we will make sure that the public is informed via social media that you are allowing these wild animals to be killed.
- 1813 I dont feel the time is right to hunt them again, they still need to increase their numbers. I am totally against trapping.
- 1814 Let the wolves be. Leave them alone.
- 1815 Do not allow trapping. It is inhumane. You know was well as I living in rural area that there are hunters that do NOT follow regulations and have no regards if the animal suffers before it is killed. OR will the state look at how much money it will make to base their decision on????????????????????????????????
- 1816 the slaughter of animals for "sport" is sick. Humans are the only species that has wiped out another species. There is simply too much killing in our society. Do something positive for mankind instead of killing.
- 1817 i do not agree to hunting any animal...
- 1818 If the wolf population has stayed stable, the what is the need to hunt them or kill 400 wolves a year? Would that not change the balance, it seems that Mother Nature does not need any help here. I do not agree with the federal governments decision to remove the wolves from the endangered list, but even so that does not mean start killing them, especially if the population is stable. I believe the federal governments decision to remove them from the endangered list is premature, and at the rate that Idiaho and other western states ch as Oregon and Wyoming, and including Montana, the wolves are going to land right back on the endangered list.
- 1819 no hunting season on wolves period.
- 1820 I do not approve of any hunting or trapping of wolves
- 1821 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1822 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1823 PLEASE do not allow the hunting of wolves. PLEASE let them live. PLEASE do not allow ANY traps to be legal. You need to reconsider. PLEASE don't let this killing become legal. Thank you.
- 1824 I am against wolf hunting.
- 1825 please do not kill any wolves at all
- 1826 traps and snares are wicked,evil devices that are torturous.Other animals can/do get caught in them.They should all be thrown into a landfill.
- 1827 Killing wolves or any animal for so-called "sport" is inhumane, unnecessary, and barbaric.
- 1828 please don't hunt wolves
- 1829 dont hunt the wolves
- 1830 I oppose any efforts to reduce the wolf population in Minnesota by sport hunting and trapping. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and elsewhere. Killing any animal is not sport - it is killing.
- 1831 My family and I are against killing wolves. They should continue to be permanently protected.
- 1832 I support the restoration of wolves in the Great Lakes region. It is not necessary to hunt wolves. How many years have we spent attempting to restore the population? No wolf hunt.
- 1833 i do not support any harvest of wolves in the great lakes region. this is ridiculous. to hunt them to near extinction, then protect them til they come back just so you can harvest them.
- 1834 Yes. After you've managed to slaughter all the wolves, please announce when you plan to open hunting season for bald eagles. They're killing too many fish! Sound idiotic? So does your phony plan for "wolf management" because wolves are killing too many elk. Quit sucking up to the NRA and read a book on preserving the environment through the laws of nature! "Management" does not mean "elimination to extinction"!
- 1835 Please stop killing wolves!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1836 I wholeheartedly support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and also wholeheartedly oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1837 hunting animal for "sports" is cruel and outdated!
- 1838 Wolves are an invaluable part of a healthy ecosystem and are remarkable and beautiful creatures. To allow them to be hunted is not only cruel but also foolish. Please do not add this nightmare to the considerable stresses they already face in terms of survival. Thank you!
- 1839 I oppose hunting wolves under any circumstances. This is an intelligent animal that is danger of extinction in many areas, including Isle Royal. It is unclear to me why they should be hunted or trapped. What are the reasons?
- 1840 There should not be a hunting season for wolves. Period!! This is a decision by an irresponsible legislature who is not following scientific knowledge about the wolf. We are lucky to have these animals in our state and should take better care of them.
- 1841 I absolutely disapprove of the hunting of wolves. They are not a danger! Other methods can be used to deter/keep them from farm/domestic animals and they are NO danger at all to humans.
- 1842 No hunting of wolves.
- 1843 I heartily support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and strongly oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1844 I have written this at least four or five times since the issue of removing the Gray Wolf from endangered status reached the public: Wolves are critical to ecological balance of our entire country. Since populations of deer and other native herbivores are increasing beyond the ability of wild grazing areas to support them, these unfortunate animals are leaving the wild areas in search of food - which brings them into dangerous contact with humans. A fatally injured deer, elk, moose, etc. floundering beside the road where it crashed into a motor vehicle is tragic not only for the innocent animal that was forced by hunger to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, but for the injury - sometimes fatal - to the motorist involved and their passengers. Healthy populations of wolves are critical to the wellbeing of our native herbivore population as well as the safety of our motorists. Going further, if it is still determined that wolves must be hunted (and I strenuously disagree!), the hunting should be done by animal management professionals - not trophy hunters! The taking of the lives of individual wolves must be based on whether or not they are actively trespassing into agricultural or populated areas - not because they are wolves!
- 1845 This state does NOT need to hunt wolves. They are not causing excessive problems, and do not have excessive population.
- 1846 I am opposed to trapping entirely, despite the fact that hunting wolves appears to be difficult. Other animals can fall victim to the traps, and any animal (wolves included) can suffer terribly for way too much time. Knowingly inflicting that kind of death on any living thing is unacceptable.
- 1847 Stop killing and trapping wolves!!!
- 1848 I do not believe in hunting wolves try hunting republicans instead. not serious. I am against any violence against another human being. We need to leave our children a wildlife heritage. not an extinct one
- 1849 I would never subject an animal to the cruelty of trapping. This is a barbaric practice and I am horrified that you would even be considering it.
- 1850 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region. I am opposed to these efforts to reduce the population by hunting and barbaric trapping methods.
- 1851 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1852 Hunting and Trapping are barbaric means of animal torture in our current society. We have no need to hunt or trap a living breathing animal that was meant to be here while over take it's land and living space. I think all of the hunting and trapping measures are wrong and should be voted down. Furthermore, trapping is one of the most cruel and inhumane ways to "hunt" an animal. The animals are left to linger and die a very long, slow and painful death while trying to escape. Many times trying to chew their own limbs off fighting for their freedom. Mothers may still have young pups who are following them and putting the pups at risk while she lingers and dies. I think it would be only fair if the animals could be armed and set traps for the "hunters" so they could feel their pain and be hunted.
- 1853 Just a couple....LIVE AND LET LIVE! STOP PLAYING GOD and LET NATURE TAKE IT's NATURAL COURSE!!!!!!!
- 1854 I do not think it is ethical to trap wolves.
- 1855 STOP the killing of our wild animals.
- 1856 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1857 Predators are important to the food chain. But human predation on wolves turns my stomach. We are dog lovers, lets honor the ancestors.
- 1858 Wolves have just recovered. Please leave them alone. Trapping is primitive and inhumane and causes days of pain and suffering. Other animals will be caught in traps as well
- 1859 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1860 I think there is no need for a wolf hunt
- 1861 Why are you even considering a wolf season so early after it has been taken off of the endangered species list? This is so ridiculous that I don't even know how to respond. NO SEASON!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1862 WHY DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE TO HUNT WOLVES AT ALL?? They are an essential part of the ecosystem and are NOT out of danger. It's not Bambi that is out of control, it is PEOPLE who have invaded and destroyed their habitat and eliminated their predators. It takes a REALLY BIG MAN to pursue and murder creatures that can't defend themselves!
- 1863 Do not proceed with this plan. Wolves are in serious danger across this country. Don't be a part of this miserable plan.
- 1864 This hunting of wolves is horrible!!!
- 1865 I think the minimum wolf target population is too low and should be changed to a higher number. Licenses should only be given to Minnesota residents.
- 1866 Wolves are a natural inhabitant of the state. Nature doesn't need the help of hunters regulating their numbers, nature will regulate their numbers automatically. There should be no hunting season for wolves.
- 1867 NO WOLF SEASON-----WHY WOULD YOU ALLOW DESTRUCTION AND EXTINCTION-(AGAIN)
- 1868 I oppose any sport hunting or trapping of Minnesota's wolves. Allowing this will only reduce their numbers to the point where they will be put back on the endangered species list.
- 1869 I would have thought that we would have learned from the past. There is no reason to hunt wolves. Ban wolf hunting.
- 1870 do not kill the wolf
- 1871 I do not support hunting or trapping of wolves for any length of time.
- 1872 Losing their endangered species status was a monumental mistake. Other than nuisance and protection, there should be no SPORT hunting or trapping.
- 1873 I do not support sport hunting under any circumstances.
- 1874 Please do not allow this atrocity to continue. A decade long stable wolf population meant the measures in place were appropriate given the species and the status of its environment. With hunting and trapping the population will decrease a dramatic percentage, meaning more action will need to take place on behalf of the wolves, when a stable point had been reached.
- 1875 My family has property in zone 1. I strongly object to the use of traps and snares to hunt wolves!
- 1876 I am against trapping- it is cruel. Our wonderful natural resource, the wolf, in a trap. This hunt needs to be done very carefully. Wolf biologists should be heavily consulted. Wolf packs will be very stressed when this occurs. It should only occur in areas where there is livestock depredation problems.
- 1877 No hunting wolves!
- 1878 DO NOT HUNT WOLVES.
- 1879 until a firm # of wolves is established, there should be no hunting trapping is painful and barbaric and should not be allowed at all if people move into a wolf area, they should expect a certain number of losses to natural predators, wolves included
- 1880 Hunting these animals is barbaric and cruel. Would you like to be hunted and shot? Would you like your arms or legs caught in a trap? Would you like to suffer like hunters make these animals suffer? I highly doubt it. Read the short story, "The Most Dangerous Game". Then you may hunt.
- 1881 I don't support the hunting or trapping of Minnesota's wolves.
- 1882 Trapping any animal, including wolf, is cruel and inhumane. The animal is left to die with a leg trap or snare clamped onto its leg digging into its flesh and bone. After struggling to free itself it has to lie writhing in great pain until it succumbs. How is this called sport? My comment is that wolves should be left alone to live and thrive in their natural habitat, regardless of what areas they happen to occupy on a DNR map. Instead of trying to figure how to kill them we should be rewriting the laws with loopholes that as of 2011 allowed wolf hunting and trapping to be legal. Wolves should be returned to endangered species status. Don't hunters already have enough animals to kill legally? If a deer hunter is supposed to kill a deer with a "clean" direct shot, supposedly so the animal dies with minimal pain, why then allow a helpless wolf to spend hours in a leg iron trap or snare awaiting its death in agony? That makes no sense at all. Who are these people who re-wrote the laws concerning wolves in Minnesota in 2011. Do they even understand what trapping is, or was political gain involved?
- 1883 I oppose any efforts to reduce the recovering wolf population in Minnesota.
- 1884 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Wolves are loyal lovers who mate for life, great parents, and are essential to the ecosystem. Seeing them in the wild is one of the joys of life.
- 1885 No to wolf hunting
- 1886 Please do not hunt or trap wolves. It is so very cruel.
- 1887 The wolf hunting season has come about as the result of a political battle within the Federal Government and should never have been proposed. It is an injustice that wolves must pay with their lives for the greed and self-advancement of one or two Senators. Do what's right and cancel this impending hunt.
- 1888 I am a big supporter of wolf recovery efforts in the entire Great Lakes region for biological reasons, not to provide another species that can be hunted and trapped.
- 1889 Stop hunting/killing wolves.
- 1890 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes Region and oppose any efforts to decrease the wolf population via hunting and (ESPECIALLY) trapping.
- 1891 I am in favor of wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and am opposed to any measure or practice which would interfere with this, such as trapping or hunting.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1892 WI has approved some disappointing features to their wolf hunting season. I think they expect if they have gotten it wrong, numbers of wolves in MN will help WI's numbers recover. Both states are wrong to believe that hunting wolves is a means to increase deer herds. Allow these top predators to do their job. I believe both states will find that wolf traps will cause more damage to other species; including man and dogs, and allows for an incredibly inhumane means of killing these animals. Sad commentary for hunters!!
- 1893 don't hunt wolves
- 1894 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with "sport" hunting and trapping (horrific). I am personally disgusted and horrified by this blatant attempt to completely eliminate wolves. Just disgusting and pathetic. Shame on you all.
- 1895 I think this is the poorest excuse for animal rape and murder that a non-functioning DNR could come up with. What ever happened to management. We all know about murder. I understand when killing a troublesome animal is the last resort but this is just bang -a-way-charlie hunting. and we do not remove those animals that are a nuscence
- 1896 I favor eradication of "problem" wolves only. Trapping is extremely cruel, wastefull, shows no respect for the animals or the Creator. I am tired of so-called sport hunters and their blood lust and game departments who cater to their every desire. The wolves belong to all the people of Minn., not just the hunters and the trappers. Leave the animals alone.
- 1897 These hunter's & Trapper's are going to be hunted & trapped into the fire's of hell & God will see to it.
- 1898 i don't approve of ANY hunting of animals. Wolves are beautiful, intelligent and essential for a balanced world. We need them to safely populate the forest world and live a meaningfull life. They must be able to have their families without being killed by human beings (who have no right to destroy them for ANY reason). Vegetables & fruits and grains are all we as humans need to eat to survive. Not animals!
- 1899 There are not too many wolves no season is necessary. There are seven billion humans in the world ,but we don't have room for a few thousand wolves. Rediculous
- 1900 Allow hunting of wolves and they will go right back to being endangered. I own guns. I have friends and family who hunt deer, for food. I don't believe in hunting as a sport.
- 1901 I am against hunting of wolves. I've seen too many hunters become almost maniacal over shooting and chasing wolves down.
- 1902 Do NOT support a wolf season!
- 1903 Wolves are an important part of the delicate balance of nature. Nature is much wiser than humankind. Follow the wisdom of nature. Killing the wolves will cause many more problems.
- 1904 Save the wolves. They balance our ecosystem and certainly DO NOT DESERVE TO BE HUNTED or harmed in any way.
Lindy Michael, Columbus, Ohio
- 1905 Wish that there was no trapping allowed.
- 1906 I was born and raised in MN and spent many summers in northern MN - seeing the wolf population rebound was thrilling for our family and the many scouts that went to summer camp in the Crosslake area. I do not believe that there is a need or a benefit big enough to necessitate a wolf season. I sincerely hope that the DNR does not bow to the hunting interests on this matter. Viewing wildlife brings many visitors to MN.
- 1907 I don't like the killing of any animals by humans. I used to be a hunter, but Gods creations take care of their own way of dieing.
- 1908 Why in the nam of all that is Holy would you not just allow, but encourage the murder of one of God's most beautiful creatures? I'm beyond disguted!
- 1909 I believe that this proposed wolf hunt is inhumane and barbaric. The wolves help keep the herd healthier, and have every right to life as any other species does
- 1910 This is incredibly stupid and not well thought out all. SHAME ON YOU FOR EVEN CONSIDERING A WOLF SEASON! Just another state that can't figure out the wolf at all and assumes kill kill kill is the only policy. How dumb for MN!
- 1911 This is a foolish, unethical and inhumane approach to wildlife management. This survey is inherently biased and has more to do with details of hunting and trapping that public comment. Wolves naturally regulate prey populations. Humans do not need to hunt these endangered species. Idiots will be out there slaughtering wolves- this is not new information. Please stop the hunt.
- 1912 I strongly only support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1913 I really disapprove of any wolf season at all. They shouldn't be hunted by any manner at all. They were here long before we were and I think they should remain. People need to take better care of our earth including all the inhabitants not just humans.
- 1914 A lot of work was done to save the wolf. It's too early to undo that! Thanks for considering my opinion.
- 1915 I think that it is appalling to introduce hunting and trapping of this formerly endangered species.
- 1916 This is one of the most backward, ridiculous, wasteful hunting propositions ever. There is NO REASON for hunting wolves either in Minnesota or anywhere else. You can rest completely assured that any state that allows the hunting of wolves, cougars, bears or any other upper level predators will not be receiving ANY money from me in the form of purchased licenses, and/or, vacation dollars.
- 1917 I support the recovery of wolf populations in the northern Great Lakes and oppose hunting and trapping of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1941 The range of wolves in the wild has been successfully re-established in MN to save the species, not to provide additional sport for hunters. The wolf, indigenous to the U.S. territory and Canada in particular, has been reduced to endangered status until recently due to major habitat loss and hunting and trapping by humans. Similar to the eagle, wolves represent our early relationship with a wild species. Wolves evolved into our modern dogs, beloved companions to most of us. Because wolves need a large range and have family structures based on the survival of the fittest, hunting culls wolves using chance, not natural selection. If the wolf population in MN should at some point become too large for the carrying capacity of its "protected" area (not the case now), there are other more humane and biologically sound options to employ, such as capture and relocation to other formerly wolf-indigenous areas or to sanctuaries or zoos for breeding stock to ensure survival and DNA strength via diversified breeding programs. Finally, the fact that deer season is still needed and thriving in MN means that there are insufficient predators (mainly, wolves) to cull that population naturally, leaving the strongest deer to survive, breed and thrive. Please use good science in making decisions, not political pressure by hunters. Thank you.
- 1942 There should be no hunting or trapping of wolves allowed.
- 1943 We need to limit the hunting availability for wolves. Appreciate them while they still exist!
- 1944 The hunting of wolves upsets the balance of nature, and the coyotes proliferate as a consequence and they prey upon sheep. Also deer herds become too large and unhealthy. Leave the wolves alone!
- 1945 I don't agree with a Wolf season. Wolves have just been removed from the endangered species list. They need time to revive their species before we start killing them for sport again. At least when deer are killed, they're usually eaten.
- 1946 Your state must be desperate for money. This is absolutely wrong and disgusting. It has to stop.
- 1947 I don't support hunting and trapping of wolves. Wolf populations do not require human intervention to remain healthy and stable. Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment.
- 1948 I totally oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves period. There has to be a better way to control this precious resource
- 1949 This is opportunist. If the population is stable, then there's need to thin it. If the population is the same as it was when the wolves were officially endangered, then it seems they are endangered. I believe that the DNR handles natural resources for the sake of hunters, fishers, and corporations, not for the sake of all Minnesotans.
- 1950 Hunting is hideous and un-needed. There are enough animals already slaughtered for food. And hunting as a sport is just another way to show how uncaring and greedy and stupid people are.
- 1951 I am totally against the hunting of wolves there is no season or time when it would be a good idea. It is time for the human race to evolve.
- 1952 KEEP NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF WOLVES.
- 1953 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1954 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 1955 no wolf hunting.
- 1956 I think the number of licenses is too many,(maybe about 500-700) and the limit per hunter should be 1 wolf only.
- 1957 There should be no wolf season period. Or even a deer season. We are being overrun with humans, not animals.
- 1958 OUR WILDLIFE IS ALREADY ENDANGERED - WHY SHOULD WE ALLOW KILLING OF ANY SPECIES? WOLVES ARE BACK FROM THE BRINK, NOW YOU WANT TO TAKE THEM DOWN AGAIN. SHAMEFUL.
- 1959 The massive over population of deer is due in part the the human element interfering with nature. When will stupid humans learn not to mess with nature?! I do not agree with the hunting of wolves under any circumstances. Learning that your state is proposing this has caused me to rethink my trip to the NAPA Auto Parts show in a few weeks. I planned on see the sites in your state, but I think unless the hunt is canceled, I'd rather spend my money elsewhere this summer
- 1960 I do not support any kind of hunting of wolves.
- 1961 If the pop is stable, why kill them? It would be cheaper to pay animal owners cash for killed livestock. STOP killing wolves.
- 1962 There should be no hunting of wolves in this area.
- 1963 we should not be hunting Wolves. They were here long before people were, and should be left alone. they are God's creatures, after all. we do not have the right to decide their fate.
- 1964 Wolf hunted should not be allowed!
- 1965 I find this killing unnecessary and cruel. You will not eat the wolf meat so what type of person kills for 'sport'?
- 1966 Hunting should only be allowed for those animals that people eat. As far as I know, most people do not eat wolf. Wolf hunting should be outlawed. Wolves help maintain the natural order of things.
- 1967 Hunting with firearms is one thing. resulting in a swift death for the wolves. Trapping is cruel -- please do not allow trapping. License firearm hunting only.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 1995 I strongly support increased wolf population in the Great Lakes region. I hope to see them expand to their former ranges throughout the United States. Trapping and snaring are exceptionally cruel and if Minnesota allows these means of "harvesting" any wildlife, I will no longer be vacationing in Minnesota. As for livestock losses to wolves, I would suggest the livestock owners invest in some good shepherd/guard dogs specifically bred to protect their livestock from wolves.
- 1996 It is ridiculous to subject wolves to be hunted at this time.
- 1997 Please, wolves were already wiped out once. Can we please stop already?
- 1998 I do NOT support trapping of any kind. I do NOT support opening a season of any kind on wolves yet. I come from a hunting family, have hunted myself, and support hunting. This is not a good idea YET.
- 1999 This is a travesty. Why would I support the DNR in this state when they give license to hunt the very wildlife I wish for them to protect? My money now goes to environmental groups whose mission is to protect flora and fauna. My aim is to get the license revoked to hunt mourning doves (what a real tragedy this is) and to do the same for wolves. I'm ashamed of our DNR.
- 2000 Leave them alone!
- 2001 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Leg trapping is inhumane. If hunting and trapping are to be allowed, please only allow humane killings. NO leg trapping.
- 2002 My views don't have anything to do with these questions. I am appalled that there is a hunting season, not to mention a trapping season, so soon after the wolf has been delisted as an endangered species. The wolf is a symbol of what makes Minnesota the wonderful and wild environment we love. And all of this happened without any input from the citizens of Minnesota. We are too "hunt crazy" in this state. "kill um" should be our motto.
- 2003 I am horrified beyond belief how your department has sided with the de-listing and waiving of the five year hold. And more disgusting, why is abusive trapping of these magnificent creatures allowed? We all know they are not taking domestic animals to the degree the farmers claim they are. You are supposed to be protecting them, and not being so blood crazy to see them dead. I am becoming more and more ashamed of being a Minnesotan when our natural resource people function at such a low intellectual scale.
- 2004 I do not believe in killing wolves period.
- 2005 Wolves are a vital and NECESSARY part of our countries wild ecosystems; farmers are reimbursed for wolf depredation, however, farmers should take more proactive steps to PROTECT their herds and livestock (i.e. build better/higher fences, keep their livestock inside at night, use dogs, etc.)
- 2006 It shows great success with our endangered species act that the wolves were delisted. There is much education that needs to be done expressing the value these animals play in the natural ecology. They are still seen as unfavorable, evil, and enemies by many. Hunting of wolves should not be done for sport or pleasure. I do not approve of a wolf hunting and trapping season. You do not eat wolf, you may use their pelt, but lives are still wasted. The slides state themselves that the population of wolves has been stable for the past decade. If the population is stable and not exponentially increasing then there is no reason to "contorl" the population through hunting.
- 2007 I think Minnesota needs to start using hard ecological science to manage wolf populations instead of catering to the whims of stupid redneck uneducated hunters so that Minnesota's local government can make money off of the hunting licenses. Using government junk science to manage large predator populations isn't helping our environmental problems at all, and the fact that politicians and hunters who have no biological education whatsoever are the ones making the decisions about wolves makes me sick as an American. I will not be vacationing in Minnesota anytime soon, because I'm not going to finance your backwards local economy.
- 2008 As a general rule, killing or trapping wild animals is NOT sport but a source of food for people who NEED to supplement their diet. Does wolf taste good?
- 2009 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2010 Quota must be kept low so as to not endanger the species. Just control the numbers, if needed.
- 2011 I fully support wolf recovery efforts in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce their population either through hunting or trapping. David Zinder Chicago,IL
- 2012 don't hunt wolves!
- 2013 I am totally against killing of wolves in MN.
- 2014 I am opposed to hunting and trapping of wolves and only support removal of wolves verified as depredating wolves with verification being done by a qualified agency as we have had over the last decades.
- 2015 Why ask the public if it supports a hunting and trapping season on wolves, if you already passed a bill allowing it? I am opposed to all hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 2016 Trapping of wolves is inhumane and should not be allowed.
- 2017 I do not believe there is a need for a wolf hunting season!
- 2018 The five year study period between delisting and beginning a hunting season should be honored.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2019 As a Wisconsin resident, I support wolf growth in the Great Lakes Region. I don't feel that the population of wolves existing in Minnesota and the surrounding states would support hunting and trapping. We would be backpedaling to the times when wolves were close to being extirpated from the Great Lakes Region. I also fear that decreasing the wolf population at this early stage (just a year after being removed from the endangered species listing) would encourage inbreeding, which has shown to increase aggressiveness in offspring. Please consider postponing a wolf season for at least the standard five years as was the practice in years past.
- 2020 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2021 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and OPPOSE any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping
- 2022 I do not feel the wolves should be hunted at all. They should be protected!
- 2023 Leave the wolves alone! I'm sick of people destroying beautiful animals for "sport" and political reasons.
- 2024 Hunting and trapping of wolves should not be allowed at all. It is important to the ecosystem to have large predators such as wolves to keep populations like deer in check naturally. Trapping, in particular, should not be allowed. I'm amazed trapping is even legal. The pain and suffering experienced by the target animals is bad enough-yet so many unintended animals-even pet dogs are injured by traps. It is horrifying that Minnesota even allows traps. No animal should suffer in a trap.
- 2025 Do not allow hunting or trapping wolves.
- 2026 I vehemently oppose any wolf season in Minnesota at all. Wolves are a natural part of the diversity of our environment and no one group owns them, rather ALL the people in Minnesota. Why must the sport hunting lobby be allowed to take these beautiful creatures away from the rest of us?
- 2027 Mn DNR is incorrect in allow a hunt of wolves any type. I am 100% opposed to any trapping or hunting of wolves to solve so called human/wolf problems.
- 2028 Would prefer that wolf season be delayed 5 years as originally planned.
- 2029 THIS SURVEY IS A JOKE. I AM OPPOSED TO ANY HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF WOLVES! THERE WAS ONLY ONE QUESTION THAT ASKED MY POSITION ON HUNTING/TRAPPING WOLVES. ALL OTHER QUESTIONS ASSUMED I WAS A HUNTER AND/OR TRAPPER. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE A BUNCH OF GOOD OLE BOYS WHO PREPARED THIS "SURVEY". THIS "SURVEY" IS NOTHING MORE THAN A ONE SIDED ATTEMPT TO APPEASE HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS. IT IS AN OUTRAGE THE WOLVES WERE DELISTED AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. IT IS MORE OF AN OUTRAGE THAT YOU WOULD EVEN CONSIDER INHUMANE TRAPPING, WHERE AN ANIMAL SUFFERS FOR DAYS, OR CHEWS OFF ITS LEG TO FREE ITSELF. SHAME ON YOU!
- 2030 If you don't eat it, don't kill it.
- 2031 Please do not license hunters to kill wolves. There is no good reason to permit it.
- 2032 Leave the wolves alone!
- 2033 Yes. The program for any form of hunting of wolves should not even exist! Whether shooting with automatic weapons from airplanes, hunting rifles, etc. on the ground, or the setting of traps and snares, it is all most inhumane treatment of one of nature's most intelligent societies of animals besides our own. It is barbaric, violently cruel, and its only motives are based on money, machosim and murderous stupidity!
- 2034 I think what you are proposing is cruel and unnecessary. Trapping is torture. It is a slow and painful way for any living creature to die.
- 2035 There should be NO wolf hunting season. Wolves are keystone predators that have an important function in maintaining the ecosystem in which they reside.
- 2036 I am against the planned wolf hunt, period.
- 2037 Let the wolf return!
- 2038 Prefer non-lethal management methods
- 2039 I don,' t believe in allowing hunting or trapping !
- 2040 Yes, hunting these wolves, an endangered species, or for any reason is "Wrong," and should not be allowed.
- 2041 The hunting of a species that has found not to be increasing at an alarming rate once returned from the brink of extinction is irresponsible at best and short-sighted at worst.
- 2042 I don't agree with the harvest at all
- 2043 We need to take the wolves out of the state control. Every state that has wolves seems determined to exterminate them all.
- 2044 It is my understanding that people in Minnesota have adjusted to the presence of wolves, especially in northern Minnesota. It seems unintelligent to return to the thinking of two hundred years ago.
- 2045 I oppose wolf hunting in any form. I do not believe the current population could sustain a hunt. Wolves have been unjustly demonized for a long time. It needs to stop now.
- 2046 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2047 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce the wolf population through hunting or trapping.
- 2048 It is disgraceful that Minnesota is even considering allowing the trapping or hunting of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2049 I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population through hunting and trapping, and support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region.
- 2050 Trapping is cruel and should not be permitted. Population of wolves will self regulate without hunting. Wolf meat is not a food source, so hunting is for trophy only and should not be permitted.
- 2051 I AM A BOWHUNTER AND AM UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO ANY PERMISSION FOR HUMANS TO KILL WOLVES FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN THE SAME SELF-DEFENSE WHICH ALLOWS US TO KILL HUMANS. Wolves are our fellow top predators and as such they should be taxonomically off-limits. They are NOT fair game! This is the ecological truth! Your allowance of wolf-murder is just a sneaky way to make Wolf a non-factor in the ecosystem. BTW you should use the word "harvest" ONLY for crops which humans planted in farming. We do not "harvest" animals or esp. game. People use "harvest" incorrectly because of the feel-good connotations. Hunters "kill" and "take" game. We "harvest" maize and potatoes and other crops in our backyards and farms.
- 2052 I am against the wolf hunt and especially against wolf trapping. If wolf overpopulation is a concern and hunting is allowed then I would prefer a very short hunt coinciding with deer season and NO trapping- it is cruel.
- 2053 Data from Alaska and Upper Rockies does NOT support hunting wolves until 5 years after being delisted. This has been studied extensively at the national level, and in Alaska, so why ignore the data in favor of the hunters???? I OPPOSE the wolf hunting and trapping.
- 2054 Please don't hunt the wolves. It's cruel and unnecessary.
- 2055 The trapping of any animal should be outlawed. It is barbaric and cruel.
- 2056 HUNTING THESE TOP PREDATORS IS WRONG. TRAPPING THEM IS MORE THAN WRONG; IT IS CRUEL, HORRIBLY SO, AND IMMORAL. HOW IN THE WORLD CAN WE ALLOW PEOPLE IN THE 21ST CENTURY TO USE A METHODOLOGY THAT WAS BARBARIC IN THE 18TH CENTURY? STOP THIS NONSENSE, AND PROTECT WOLVES. STOP SELLING OUT TO THE NRA AND HUNTING LOBBIES; YOUR DUTY IS TO THE WOLVES FIRST.
- 2057 LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE!!! Stop messing with nature! I wish there were wolves down here - the raccoons are overwhelming us.
- 2058 I SUPPORT wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and I OPPOSE any and all efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2059 Personally, I think it's way too soon in the wolves' recovery to even consider a hunting season for them. Although they have no natural enemies, other than humans, their numbers have not been established long enough to allow science to fully understand the full breadth of their recovery, and hunting them now would only damage any ongoing science as to how unstable the species is, how much does it depend on other species i.e., deer, elk, etc. I don't think waiting another year or two to hunt wolves will harm anyone, except for the narrow minded that think wolves are a threat and must be killed. What these people really mean is that the wolves are eating the deer they hunt, and it's cutting into their deer hunting success.
- 2060 Do NOT allow wolf hunting!
- 2061 I do NOT support the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota!
- 2062 STOP HUNTING WOLVES!! MURDERS
- 2063 It is tragic that Minnesota's recovered wolf population will be subject to hunting and trapping. Neither activity is justified and, trapping, in particular will result in horrific cruelty to those wolves and potentially non-target species who fall victim to traps. As a society we need to move away from the utilitarian view of wildlife to a more protectionist perspective emphasizing living with wildlife instead of employing weapons to destroy wildlife for fun or because of perceived conflict. As is the case in Montana, Idaho, Alaska and other places where wolves are hunted/trapped the managing agencies treat the animals as if they are things and not sentient creature who live in complex social groupings. It is the social dynamics of a wolf pack (and the cruelty inherent to hunting and trapping) that is never sufficiently considered by managing agencies. Those agencies only concern themselves with numbers -- how many are there, how many can be killed -- as if wolves are nothing more than an object, a thing, that can be used, abused, broken, killed or otherwise harassed without any concern or consequence. As a wildlife biologist, I find it tragic that wildlife management remains in the dark ages and fails to consider ethics, cruelty, and social dynamics as part of routine management decisions.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2064 The questions in your survey indicate that you plan to go ahead with executing wolves. We are against this and everyone I know is against killing wolves in any manner. They are fresh off the endangered species list and they are sentient creatures that deserve a chance to have a life. There is NO record of a wolf ever killing a human in the US yet they are persecuted. Killing is not a sport, and there is no need to kill them for food with the ample amount of meat in supermarkets that is already dead. If ranchers have an issue with a particular wolf, then all non-lethal means of managing the situation must and should be used. There is no DNA difference between a wolf and a dog, yet there is between a wolf and a fox, and a wolf and a coyote. They are ancestors of dogs. People should not let their dogs run loose if they care about their dogs as any wild animal could harm a dog. MN will make more money off of tourism with people that would like to see a wolf in the wild, and hear one, than it will from selling licenses and executing wolves. Baiting and trapping any animal is barbaric and unethical as the animal will suffer for many hours, if not days, before the trap is checked. We do not support killing of wolves in any way. Please do the right thing and do not pass any laws that allow for hunting and killing of wolves, work with biologists and scientists on what is right for the wolf and for our ecosystems, and develop a state with compassion, acceptance, respect, admiration and tolerance, and not a state that goes nuclear on an animal that typically avoids humans at all costs. Give the wolves a chance to have a life and live in peace.
- 2065 Don't like idea of trapping. People may forget where they put them and anything can get caught in them even children.
- 2066 I think this is absurd and barbaric. I fully support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Wolves are a crucial link in the ecosystem of the region. Killing these animals serves on the ego of the so called hunters, and harms the region's ecosystem.
- 2067 It would seem that if the wolf population is too large to sustain, trained marksmen should handle the removal efforts given the historical exploitation/ recent delisting. Hunting strictly for sport is objectionable to most. The meat and hides should be used.
- 2068 Please do not allow hunting and killing of these animals. Let nature take care of the wolf population as nature always does to every species. We've disturbed their lives enough. Please do not impose this unjust killing on them.
- 2069 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region, and I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2070 Please don't have a wolf hunt- they are nature's balance and they are necessary in the ecosystem
- 2071 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region. I vehemently oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Hunting deer for sport AND food is one thing; there is no 'humane' reason to hunt wolves, other than to kill. It's quite plain and simple. In addition, there is NO way you can really monitor this program. Once you give a hunter the license to KILL, you cannot stop them, and you certainly can't provide them with a notice they will listen to on a specific day. All I picture in this scenario are wolves, sitting in pain, ensnared, bleeding... potentially for days before a trapper gets to them. And then what will the trapper do? What kind of sport is that?! SAVE the WOLVES. Thanks for listening.
- 2072 TRAPPING ANIMALS IS AN INHUMANE PRATICE AND SHOULD BE BANNED.
- 2073 I do not support Minnesota's plan to kill wolves. It is plain and simple trophy hunting. There was much concern about this animal's extinction only a few years ago. It doesn't make sense to eliminate them again. I remain hopeful the state will reconsider this activity. If Minnesota goes forward with this plan, I believe they should not allow trapping. Not only is it a barbaric method to kill animals, it is a hazard to people who may be in the area. I would expect parents of young children to be rightfully concerned.
- 2074 The survey did not apply to those of us against hunting or trapping of wolves, but I wanted you to know I do NOT support either.
- 2075 I do not support hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota as I am fully in support of allowing the wolf population of the Great Lakes to recover.
- 2076 I don't approve of wolf hunting and hate trapping. I had to listen to a trapped animal cry behind my house for hours one night until my neighbor mercifully helped me put it out of it's misery. By the way it was illegal trapping, and when we told the DNR they said there was nothing they could do.
- 2077 I am opposed to reducing the wolf population. They were reintroduced to the natural system after almost being made extinct. This is a valuable predator, not a sport animal. Leave nature alone.
- 2078 Hunting is not good since the population is stable at such a low number of just 3,000 in such a large wilderness area. Overlapping with deer season would be problematic and enforcement of quotas almost impossible. Hunters already in the field hunting deer would just shoot the wolves and leave them lie or hide them until deer season was over or give them to somebody who had a permit. Trapping should not be allowed under any circumstances.
- 2079 we need to share this planet with thh wolves.They are important predators in the food chain which keep the deer populations under control
- 2080 KILLING IS NOT A SPORT, Nor is maming or abusing animals and wolves are not food. I am very much against killing of anything however my husband is a hunter, He only kills what he will eat. since wolves are not food, I feel this is a respectful attitude. Respectful to the animals, the earth and all those that call it home. When we look at what is wrong with our country and why children are killing, it reminds me of this, instead of shaping their minds to repect animals and people, they are told that Killing is a sport.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2081 I think this is a terrible idea and do not support the hunting, trapping, or "harvesting" of wolves in Minnesota. The existing population should be protected. The proposed number of licenses is far too great. If there are 3,000 wolves in Minnesota and 6,000 licenses are granted, potentially the entire wolf population could be wiped out in one season. If wolves are going to be hunted, the number of licenses should be as small as possible, in my opinion not more than 300.
- 2082 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2083 I am adamantly opposed to ANY hunting and trapping of wolves whatsoever. Wolves are necessary to maintain biodiversity across our public lands. There is no good reason to destroy them.
- 2084 No hunting of wolves at all!
- 2085 This is horrendous to kill wolves. Is there not another alternative? I live with coyotes in my area and don't appreciate them; however, I keep my chickens in a safe barn and my miniature horses in a very secured electric fence area. This is truly crazy to kill the wolves when you look at the stats and how many can be officially killed. Pls no killing wolves.
- 2086 We should not have changed the 5 year waiting period on hunting an animal that has only recently been taken off the endangered species list. This hunting does nothing less than erase all the hard work of many people to save a species that is vital to our ecosystem. Idaho's hunt has succeeded in killing off half or more of the wolves recently returned to the wild and, at this rate, all the progress made will soon be lost!!
- 2087 Wolves are the keystone predator in North America. Their continued health and flourishing means that the entire ecosystem they inhabit will flourish. Their numbers have barely recovered. I am completely against hunting and killing wolves.
- 2088 I do NOT support hunting or trapping of wolves by humans at any time. I support wolf recovery and natural selection as a means of balancing the wolf population. We humans encroach on their ability to survive too much as it is. Preserve some wildness in Minnesota!
- 2089 I oppose oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2090 I hope that there will be plenty of attention paid to this process so that a species that we have worked so hard to restore to a manageable population is not hunted to near extinction by those hunters who do not see this as an opportunity to help maintain the natural balance, but rather a trophy hunt to gain wealth and bragging rights.
- 2091 This is utterly vile and I hope that the scum going out to shoot wolves mostly hit each other. They are armed; wolves are not. Leg-hold traps are an abomination and I further hope the hunters step into them, themselves. You are a disgrace to the human race. I hope you get your karma in this lifetime, in full.
- 2092 I don't think they should be hunted at all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2093 stop hunting wolves!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2094 Wolf hunting is wrong and should not be allowed.
- 2095 Do Not Hunt Animals. They have a equal right to live as you do. How would you like if some aliens came & started hunting you.
- 2096 Leave the wolves alone. They have their place in our environment! You would be better served going after the poachers that leave the deer remains in the forest! If the wolf kills it eats everything because it is hungry. It does not leave half a carcass like poachers do.
- 2097 The wolves are here as a part of the eco system and should NOT be hunted.
- 2098 Don't allow wolves to be hunted!
- 2099 I a, opposed to the prospect of a wolf hunting season.
- 2100 I am 100% opposed to hunting of wolves and trapping of any animal what so ever! This is cruel and barbaric practice. Please help and do not believe that this is done for sport!
- 2101 I do not support the hunting or trapping of wolves. They remain a fragile species. Other states that have lifted a ban on destruction of wolf packs have already decimated their population and put them back on the endangered species lists.
- 2102 I do not approve the proposal that allows wolf hunting.
- 2103 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves for sport.
- 2104 Stop killing the wolves. They are a natural predator, which man is not, they are not over killing elk, deer or any other species. The species that is over hunting is MAN. We are not the be all end all in nature. let Nature take its course without interference from MAN!
- 2105 I disagree with the hunting of wolves for sport.
- 2106 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2107 It is wrong to hunt wolves, consider yourself in this position; losing your young family or them trying to survive without you there. Animals experience fear & pain, companionship, like we do. One of God's comandments is: "thou shalt not kill", this applies to animals & humans!
- 2108 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Trapping is CRUEL and INHUMANE.
- 2109 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and absolutely oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2110 Do not hunt the wolves. People moved into their territory not the other way around. They are natural predators and help keep other populations in check. Get rid of wolves and more problems will start.
- 2111 I do not believe any hunting season for wolves serves any positive purpose. There is no sport to it -- hunters use long-range rifles and in most cases the wolves don't even know that the hunter is present. Wolves are struggling every day just to get to tomorrow -- only to have a hunter come by and snuff their life out from 500 yards. This is pure cowardice and should not be promoted or allowed by any government entity which relies on the taxpaying public.
- 2112 N/A
- 2113 I support the wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and especially trapping. Trapping is a barbarous and cruel method of hunting for any animal--not just wolves. The animal ends up suffering for long periods of time before dying.
- 2114 I am AGAINST a hunting season on wolves until there is additional information on the need to control their population. bm
- 2115 Management by killing seems barbaric.
- 2116 I do NOT support the hunting or trapping of wolves, neither does any of my friends or family. I strongly urge DNR to help support the recovery of wolves in Minnesota, not allow hunting or trapping of them.
- 2117 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2118 Wait 5 years!
- 2119 Why not expand the wolves' range?
- 2120 Yust stop kill Wolf...Please
- 2121 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2122 Don't authorize any killing of the wolves.
- 2123 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2124 This is a cruel evil idea.
- 2125 There is no real reason to have a "Wolf Season" at all.
- 2126 It seems to me that the desire to hunt wolves is merely based on revenge. Wolves are not a particular danger to people of livestock and the population is not especially increasing to an undesirable level. Most people neither eat wolf meat nor wear wolf skins so why allow hunting?
- 2127 I absolutely ABHOR the killing of wolves in any form, but MOST ESPECIALLY trapping. I truly believe that all people that want to engage in hunting and trapping should first submit to being hunted and trapped themselves. Only after experiencing the fear, pain & suffering of innocent animals should they be able to make the decision of whether they want to continue the practice themselves.
- 2128 I fully support killing wolves that are responsible for livestock depredations, but no others.
- 2129 Don't hunt the wolves at all.
- 2130 Hunting of Wolves should not be permitted at all.
- 2131 Do not hunt or trap wolves!
- 2132 The gray wolf occupies only a tiny fraction of its historical range in N. America. The fragmented distribution of wolves in N. America places this species under pressures that are not fully appreciated but, if observations about the wolves on Isle Royale are any indication, pose real threats to their long term viability. Wolves present in the Great Lakes Basin are largely emigres from Minnesota. The relatively stable population of wolves there may be a reflection of their redistribution within the region. Therefore, the health of the wolf population in Minnesota may be of considerable importance to the re-introduction of the species to areas south and west of the state. Since a stable social structure is conducive to out-migration, hunting/trapping of wolves in Minnesota is likely to undermine the recovery of this species elsewhere. Given that limited (though still unwise) numbers of wolves are targeted for "harvest", there seems to be little justification for such actions except for human entertainment. To subject an intelligent, social creature like the gray wolf to such treatment is ethically questionable (to be polite) and unjustifiably risky. Public pressure to manage problematic (for humans) interactions with wolves would best be addressed by working with conservation groups to employ known and proven strategies to minimize conflicts and to compensate individuals for economic losses.
- 2133 There's been no evidence presented here that justifies hunting wolves. Your plan does not meet a demonstrated need.
- 2134 There are other ways to control the wolf population besides hunting
- 2135 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2136 HUNTING IS FOR GUTLESS WIMPS
- 2137 what if people have no computers?
- 2138 No wolf hunting season
- 2139 This proposal of hunting wolves is premature.
- 2140 The goal should be to kill as few wolves as possible.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2141 I believe trapping is an unnecessary and inhumane method if hunting as is poisoning, hunting from planes and helicopters, and shooting pups and bitches in their dens. Therefore, I do not support hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota and other areas of the Great Lakes Region.
- 2142 If your wolf population is stable as your own information states, why have a season?
- 2143 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes and firmly oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population by trapping and/or sport hunting.
- 2144 I do not support the hunting/trapping of wolves add a form if population management. Wolves naturally disperse their numbers, and can be relocated to form new packs elsewhere. People cannot be trusted to report every wolf killed, and their are too many accidents/exvuses in all animal deaths in or out of season; excusing an illegal kill, over quota, etc.
- 2145 Opening a recreational hunting and trapping season so soon on this recently endangered species is unnecessary and premature. Recreational hunting and trapping should not be considered until at least five years have passed, as per the original management plan.
- 2146 I would be more inclined to support this if the trapping feature was taken out. Trapping is barbaric, frightening, inhumane and cruel.
- 2147 trapping and snareing is cruel and barbarack and should NOT be used! Wolves were reintroduced to this part of the country to save them from extinction, let nature control the population- leave the wolves alone. Too much HUMAN population is the problem, we keep encroaching on their habitat, they have no choice but to come into ours!
- 2148 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2149 I believe you are being naive and this system will be abused. Wolves are predators and already have a more difficult time breeding, catching prey, and recovering their numbers after a decline. Is there no forethought and wisdom in this? This has been proven time and time again. Hunters will come pell mell to the kill and wolves will be decimated beyond what you expected, this is human nature. You have literally given a license to kill and the wolves will bear the brunt of it.
- 2150 I support the reestablishment of wolf populations throughout the region without any hunting season for at least five years as it was or iginally planned after they were delisted.
- 2151 I believe that permitting hunting of wolves will eventually lead to their being placed back on the endangered species list. It took so many years to stabilize the population. Why kill them for sport at this point?
- 2152 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. If the DNR was truly committed to ensuring the long-term survival of wolves in Minnesota, they would never support such abominations as hunting and trapping wolves. This is not the answer to the issues surrounding conflicts between wolves and humans. The only conflicts I can see between wolves and humans is the habit of humans to try to resolve everything with murder. How unimaginative. How Greedy. How disgusting! I will never support it and neither will my friends and family.
- 2153 Wolves have only recently been taken off the endangered species list. They are still regaining their proper balance in their ecosystem. Let nature take it's course for now. If a particular wolf or wolves are causing a problem, they can be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- 2154 I do not support hunting wolves. I have seen the noble MN hunter in action and feel that they are less then honest when it comes to reporting animals that they have killed. I really had respect for the DNR prior to this single issue. I do not believe a population of 1600 of any species is a viable, healthy population. However since the DNR is a hunting lobby I don't think there is much that a person could do to prevent the hunt.
- 2155 I am completely opposed to both the hunting and trapping of wolves. I can't believe trapping is even allowed.
- 2156 There is no reason to hunt wolves.
- 2157 I do not want to see wolves hunted. Rather, I support wolf recovery efforts in the Great Lakes Region and I do not want to see wolf populations managed through sport and trophy hunting.
- 2158 I do not support the hunting, snaring, or trapping of wolves in any way, shape, or form, whether that is in Minnesota or any other state.
- 2159 First we endanger them and then when they start to come back, we wipe them out! Something wrong with this picture ~
- 2160 LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE
- 2161 Wolf hunting in Minnesota should never be allowed. There is no need for hunting wolves!
- 2162 Wolves should not be hunted...period! These animals were here first and humans need to stop infringing on their territories. If you have problems living where they live then MOVE!!! These animals were nearly hunted to extinction once - you're going to let it happen again? They serve a purpose in a very fragile ecosystem that humans should not be tampering with. It's not as if they are consumed by the hunter as deer are but simply murdered for the sport of killing!
- 2163 Wolves should not be hunted! This is not 1700 or 1800,this is an inhumane idea.Since the wolf population has maintained about the same numbers over the years,let nature regulate rather than interfere.Man will only take the best ,insuring the weakening of the wolf population!PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS UNECESSARY PLAN!
- 2164 I oppose any and all efforts to reduce MN's wolf population.
- 2165 We have no right to kill and hunt wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2166 I agree with The Center for Biological Diversity. Other management methods are preferred rather than hunting and trapping wolves.
- 2167 stop the senseless killing!
- 2168 This survey is purposely slanted towards hunters. Maybe you should have a second survey for the non-hunting general public in order to get a true sense of how Minnesotan's feel about a wolf hunting season. However it is not surprising since it is coming from the Minnesota DNR whose motto seems to be DO NOT RESUSCITATE-any living creature.
- 2169 All living beings are needed threads in the fabric of life, we can't allow it to be torn asunder; protect our wildlife too. reality
- 2170 Trapping is inhumane.
- 2171 I don't believe in the trapping of wolves at all. It's too brutal, inhumane and they always suffer!! If you feel they need to be killed then I feel shooting them is the only humane way.
- 2172 I do not agree with hunting/trapping at all. Especially trapping, which is cruel and inhumane (for wolves or any other animal). People complain there are too many deer, yet you want to destroy their chief predator? Minn., Wis., and several other states are not going about this in a scientific manner. I feel our country is going backwards to allow this. Thank you for listening.
- 2173 Ban it entirely! Let's make the US a humane country!
- 2174 I disagree with eliminating the recommended 5 year waiting period before allowing hunting/trapping of wolves post removal from the endangered species list. No explanation has been given as to why that recommendation has been ignored.
- 2175 Wolves should be the 1st predators to be considered in the culling of deer etc. NOT HUMANS FOR SPORT! Wolves are pack animals with close knit family units. when a hunter takes down a wolf he/she does not know how this wolf being killed will affect the rest of the pack. There is no thought to the environmental impact this represents. Humans are here to be stewards of the earth NOT the virus on the planet using everything up for their own greed. This wolf culling has gotten out of hand and the threat and impact caused by wolves has been overstated TO SAY THE LEAST. Stop letting human greed get in the way of nature.
- 2176 I'm totally against a Wolf Season.
- 2177 I am NOT in favor of hunting and killing wolves in MN for sport!
- 2178 I HATE the whole idea of killing wolves, but I especially ABHOR the permission of traps and snares, which are cruel and violent. No real hunter would use one for a wolf.
- 2179 I feel any hunting of wolves for sport or otherwise is wrong. They should be a protected species anywhere and everywhere. Overpopulation and other threats wolves supposedly pose can be dealt with in other, more humane ways. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2180 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2181 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2182 Please leave the wolfs alone
- 2183 Leave them alone! They belong here, we don't!!!
- 2184 6000 licenses for 3000 wolves? This is political and has nothing to do with a wolf problem. The problem is with people who have irrational fears. There is no science here, only hysteria.
- 2185 I am one of the original, modern environmental/conservation activists for more than 42 years now (since around the first "EARTH DAY," April 22, 1970). I have a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Biology and Environmental Studies from Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Being someone who supports wildlife protection programs based upon "sound science": I SUPPORT GRAY WOLF RECOVERY IN THE "GREAT LAKES REGION," AND OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TO REDUCE MINNESOTA'S GRAY WOLF POPULATION WITH SPORT HUNTING AND TRAPPING! [In July, 1993, my (late) mother, and I were fortunate enough to spot a pair of adult Gray Wolves (male and female) from a shuttlebus trip through Denali National Park ("Interior Alaska"). As an experienced wildlife observer, and avid hiker, and an amateur photographer, I would like to visit the "'wilds' of Minnesota" someday, and have the same (or similar) experience in seeing the Gray Wolf.
- 2186 I do not support wolf hunting or trapping of any sort. We have vacation property in Minnesota and view the wolves as one of the state's great natural resources. In addition Minnesota's wolf management program where the wolves peacefully co-exist with farmers has been a model for other states across the nation Keep a good thing as it is!
- 2187 Animals should not be hunted for sport. If I had my way no one would be allowed to hunt animals at all. This is so inhumane and unnecessary. We needs bills to protect our wildlife and not kill them!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2188 It's premature to pursue a hunting season without the five year consideration period. If the wolf population has remained stable for years, then there is no need to manage wolves with a hunting season. Is there scientific data to support the necessity of any type of wolf management program in the first place? I hope that the DNR isn't caving to the NRA and other hunting groups. Why is it acceptable for the wolf population to be cut in half? It sounds like the current population has established a balance in the ecosystem. I am also concerned that hunting will interfere with pup raising. How will you be able to track and ensure that pups won't become orphaned and starve to death if females are harvested? Trapping is a brutal, unspeakable method of killing any animal. It should be banned completely. Why should an animal suffer the excruciating pain of a leg trap for hours or even days, so someone can make a profit on its fur? Many wolves try to chew their leg off and bleed to death. TRAPPING IS EVIL. It is beyond cruel. IT IS WRONG. Big no to trapping. It is utterly reprehensible.
- 2189 We don't need wolf hunting in Minnesota.
- 2190 I am against hunting wolves as the US just got our wolf population climbing back after we hunted them to extinction for 60 yrs. Now you want to kill them off again? I suppose the buffalo and beaver will be next.
- 2191 not in favor of a wolf season.
- 2192 I believe opening the season on wolves at this time is precipitous and ill advised and characteristic of the recently elected Republican amateurs.
- 2193 Hunting is not a sport. It is a vile act displaying a blatant disrespect for life. Please stop.
- 2194 I feel very strongly that wolve populations DO NOT warrant hunting or trapping at all.
- 2195 You people have got to be kidding me. How can you justify slaughtering that many wolves. I will be sure to never visit or purchase ANYTHING for your state. comments are welcome.
- 2196 I think both idea's are bad, but particularly the trapping. The number of animals injured and killed in traps that were not meant to be trapped is countless. If your calling yourself a hunter than at least put some work into it. I also am a firm believer in you have to eat what you kill. So I hope you all enjoy wolf stew.
- 2197 I do not support the hunting of wolves at all. I believe if hunting is allowed at all, hunters who are rabidly anti-wolf will poach. I also don't think it's a good idea to start killing a species whose survival prospects are not stable.
- 2198 When the wolf population declines drastically due to human intervention, then deer and moose populations explode. This leads to starvation and disease for deer, moose, etc. Wolves are necessary in the circle of life to keep other animal populations healthy.
- 2199 I oppose the hunting. PERIOD.
- 2200 I support wolf recovery, and I oppose the idea that they should be hunted or trapped. Wolves are not a threat to humans in any way, and they can be managed using non-lethal means.
- 2201 i do not hunt for sport nor will i tear down the wall
- 2202 This is not only inhumane, but irresponsible and will contribute to increased disease in deer and destruction of habitat by deer.
- 2203 I think trapping is especially cruel a can't support it. I fully support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region .
- 2204 I do not see a need for trapping and hunting wolves. We should least have the original 5 year moratorium to give the DNR data on the wolf population throughout the state.
- 2205 Don't do it at all!
- 2206 I'm 100% against any wolf hunting season at this time.
- 2207 Hunting wolves should not be allowed at all. As a biologist, I feel that hunting predators like wolves is unethical and not justifiable.
- 2208 I support wolf recovery in the US. Therefore I do not support any attempt to hunt, trap or otherwise reduce the population of wolves in MN.
- 2209 STOP HUNTING WOLFS!!!
- 2210 There should be NO hunting or trapping of wolves. Leave them alone, they are part of the balance of nature. When you remove a species, you upset the entire ecological system. Wolves are unnecessarily discriminated against. Ranchers and farmers are wrong and unjust in their demands. Many times they deliberately bait wolves to gain support for their slaughter. This is wrong.
- 2211 trapping is horrid--such a risk! That trap, we know, gets unintended targets. Humans, children running with parents in the woods--getting back to nature, and our pets...or other protected or unintended species, like Eagles. I am Completely Against any trapping! What a horrid thing! Hunting is different. I am NOT in favor of releasing the wolves to be hunted at all. Go back to the original plan! That is what it was for. No one has laid out a reason why this should be changed? Can you not train the humans?
- 2212 I am 100% opposed to trapping.
- 2213 This is not about hunting, it is about slaughter! Unlike deer or elk, no one eats a wolf. There is no practical purpose to the killing of these magestic animals. As your data indicate, the population is stable without the interference of hunters. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2214 Leave them alone. They are still too close to endangered numbers, sport hunting and trapping are inhumane and cruel, and predators are a vital part of the eco-system. Let them keep the deer population in check naturally instead of deciding how many of each species get to live and die. We should just get out of the way and let them live as they are naturally intended to.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2215 I don't believe any animal should be hunted down for pure sport! This was their land first, and they have more of a right to than humans that have taken over their lands, forcing them to find food and shelter elsewhere! Instead of doing the right thing and helping the wolf, deer, or any other animal population survive by providing the food sources that we have destroyed for these poor animals, we decide it's in our best interest to kill these innocent animals! Shame on us as a species, and Shame on hunters who kill for sport!
- 2216 "Harvesting is hardly a term to use when describing killing wolves. Would you consider the slaughter of your dog a harvest? The western world views dogs and cats as pets; a wolf is obviously a form of dog. Why is mistreatment of dogs pursued criminally when in this case,; killing wolves (dogs) would be encouraged under this bill? I live in Northeast Minnesota, and the hunting season is important economically to the area, as is all tourism. Killing dogs should not be advocated or allowed for some incremental gain in tourism dollars. Lastly, unless the traps kill the wolf immediately, they are too inhumane to speak of. And, if they do kill immediately, what is the effect on small children? Please do not pass this bill. Please. Thank you,
- 2217 I believe this is a ridiculous attempt to gain income through licensing and hunting. The wolves are not a problem. Hunting and trapping of wolves is not properly monitored and I am against this hunting trapping season. No hunting or trapping of wolves. Thank you. I have not answered questions regarding the lengths of openings, as I do not agree with this method of wolf control.
- 2218 If the wolf population is 3,000 and the target number is 400, you are significantly depleting the gene pool. It is also a huge waste of money after the millions of dollars spent reintroducing wolves under the ESA to begin killing them when the numbers do not support the need for the season.
- 2219 NO HUNTING NO TRAPPING!!!
- 2220 I do not support the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota.
- 2221 I believe we should not hunt these beautiful creatures but allow nature to control the population.
- 2222 The WOLF is an American Icon, a National Treasure and a part of our Heritage. It is a shame to allow any hunting of these wild and majestic animals. Why does everything have to be killed off, killed into extinction; only to survive in books and zoos? PLEASE in good faith and humane conscience reinstate protection for the WOLF. Thank you. WZ
- 2223 Trapping of wolves should be against the law. It is inhumane.
- 2224 Hunting wolves is wrong and should not take place. It is not safe for the well-being of the wolf population--they should not have been taken off the endangered list--and it is not safe for the environment, either.
- 2225 I think hunting wolves is within the parameters proposed. I oppose trapping wolves and other animals -- it's not humane.
- 2226 I do not support a wolf hunting season of any length in Minnesota. Instead I support the recovery of a healthy population of wolves throughout the appropriate range in the Great Lakes Region. The recovery of wolves would do much to control both the deer population, as well as the population of coyotes. Moreover, the few views I have been privileged to have of wild wolves have been among the highlights of my life as one who loves nature.
- 2227 This survey is slanted toward favoring a wolf season. I oppose sport hunting and trapping of wolves. The wolf population in the Great Lakes region should be allowed to continue its recovery. It was a sad day when the wolves were delisted from their Endangered Species protection, allowing their numbers to once again be decimated.
- 2228 I reject the hunting of wolves.
- 2229 The 5 year waiting period after the wolf was removed from the list was there for a good reason. I believe no hunting or trapping should be permitted until we see the affects of removing them from the list. Does your quota include the wolves taken illegally? Does it include wolves taken "legally" by landowners? Not including these numbers skew the appearance of the wolves' population numbers.
- 2230 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2231 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2232 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2233 Hunting wolves is completely wrong. Just because they were taken off the endangered species list recently doesn't mean that they won't go back to being on it after a few hunting seasons.
- 2234 First of all, I feel trapping should be illegal under any circumstance. It is inhumane, and no animal should have to die a slow, excruciatingly painful death. Second, the hunters have plenty of animals they can kill, and the wolves pose no threat to their abundance. The wolf is a close relative to the domesticated dog, and they play, feel pain and fear like our pet dogs. How is it okay to kill them just because we don't feel they are as valuable to us personally? I find the whole thing repulsive. We are still a very barbaric society.
- 2235 I am against the hunting of wolves.
- 2236 This country has worked long and hard to reestablish the wolf populaton from extinction. You are destroying that very effort.
- 2237 I am opposed to the killing of wolves ... they are needed to help balance the web of life that exists on our planet. I am disappointed about these situation ... there needs to be more thought put into decisions such as this.
- 2238 PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HUNTING ON WOLVES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2239 I am totally opposed to the hunting or trapping of wolves. If killing them solely for their fur or for sport, these actions should be banned.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2240 There should be NO hunting of wolves!
- 2241 "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the manner in which its animals are treated." - M. Gandhi
Please do not allow wolf hunting.
- 2242 Wolves are vital to a healthy ecosystem in northern Minnesota and they have provided added interest to the area for visitors. My family and I specifically travel to the Ely area each summer and we have spotted a wolf in the wild once. What a thrill! I am not anti - hunting: my husband is a hunter. However, we do not believe in the hunting for sport of predators. We do not care for trapping either. We have concerns regarding the reasoning behind the hunting of wolves in Minnesota and therefore we are opposed to it.
- 2243 There were no options in several questions to state that hunting of these wolves should not be supported and trapping should be totally banned. There is no evidence presented there have been efforts made to ban the cruel and painful trapping of this animal, nor were there any comments made in the beginning that supported this campaign with scientific documentation of the need to reduce, forcibly, the number of wolves in this environment.
- 2244 Wolf trapping is an awful thing. It should never be done.
- 2245 Let the wolves hunt humans. They are more important to the natural order than we are. Shame on you.
- 2246 I have a great problem with a wolf season. Don't understand the need to kill anything.
- 2247 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2248 Why hunt them at all? They're not a food source (normally), and I haven't read about any mass slaughters of family pets or livestock.
- 2249 If the dnr won't protect wildlife, there is no need for the dnr. I cannot remember a time when I heard about your organization doing anything useful for wildlife. It's disappointing and shameful.
- 2250 Under no circumstances should wolves be "harvested" (what an awful word to use). They should be left alone and NO HUNTING or HARVESTING should be allowed!!!!!!
- 2251 I don't condone sport hunting of any animal and believe we should preserve our wildlife heritage not threaten it, especially by allowing the hunting of wolves across any boundaries or limited to any time frame.
- 2252 Although wolves have been taken off the endangered list, they should not be hunted or trapped. Wolves can help regulate the deer population and generally add to the beauty and diversity of our environment. While I generally believe no animal should be hunted and killed just for the fun of it, this is especially true for wolves given the historic presence on the endangered list. Please reconsider allowing wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota!
- 2253 I don't agree with hunting of them.
- 2254 Please have a heart for the wolves. Please stop hunting and trapping them and other animals.
- 2255 I support the wolf recovery program, hunting and trapping just for sport is sickening. Wolves keep the deer population down.
- 2256 "Sport" hunting of wolves, recently removed from the endangered species list is inappropriate. This is not a sport and Minnesotans should be above that!
- 2257 Hunting is not a satisfactory form of wolf management. I oppose hunting, and object even more strongly to trapping, which is indiscriminate in the condition, age, and gender of the wolf.
- 2258 Please stop hunting the wolves.
- 2259 I think allowing hunting of wolves this point is a bad idea. I live in Wisconsin, and one of the reasons I love visiting northern Minnesota is the opportunity to hear, and sometimes see wolves. Unfortunately these opportunities are too rare because the wolf population is still very low relative to historic levels. Allowing a sports hunt at this time is a bad ecological decision, and it also makes it less likely that I will visit and spend money in Minnesota in the future.
- 2260 I think hunting and trapping wolves is very wrong! Go to the Hibbing, mn Animal Shelter and see the dog that got left in someones trap that chewed it's leg off, the rules are not being followed by the trappers. People are going to just go hunting just so they can kill a wolf, there are not enough of you to patrol the woods. We are just going to have more gun happy hunters out there hunting an animal that should NOT be hunted. There is a man in, mn that throws his dead livestock over the fence and when the wolves come in to eat he gets mad, this man has no idea how to farm and you are not checking into his complaints. There is also a man down the scenic hwy that puts buckets of antifreeze out for the wolves and I know you know about this but nothing ever happens. This whole wolf hunt is wrong and should not happen we need the wolves to maintain the wilderness they are more afraid of us than we are of them "thank god"!!!
- 2261 Wolves need to recover, not be exploited by so called sportsman and in need of federal protection once again. Trapping is a whole other matter - disgusting, cruel and brutal and should be banned all together.
- 2262 The wolf population is finally making a comeback after years of reckless killing. Do not begin the killing again. All predators are a necessary part of our eco system. Humans must learn to live with all creatures and end this attitude of feeling they must control everything. It usually makes things worse.
- 2263 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2264 Haven't we moved beyond killing animals for "sport?"

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2265 These animals are too maligned and the "sport" hunting industry is taking over public hunting - they are instituting and promoting cruel and non-traditional hunting methods and targeting many species that are NON-game. Minnesota is catering to them and should not be. I don't support it. These animals were nearly killed to extinction and have not reached numbers to justify the excessive kill you are authorizing. This survey is not about public comment. This survey is FOR HUNTERS. Shame on you Minnesota for this false exercise in collecting public comment. SHAME.
- 2266 I understand the concerns regarding the wolf population and I highly disagree with the need to hunt them I would be more comfortable with this action if trapping was NOT an option. Traps do not discriminate which animal is snares! Traps do not know "hunting seasons" and animals who are snared in traps die a long and painful death. They die of starvation or of thirst. Animals will often chew off their own leg to get away. I do not oppose hunting with firearms or bow and arrow, but trapping is very inhumane and I plead with the DNR to remove this from it's acceptable form of animal hunting. Thank you for your time.
- 2267 I am completely opposed to the hunting and trapping of wolves. They are vulnerable. Trapping is also particularly cruel.
- 2268 It is very frustrating that there is not a waiting period as originally planned between the delisting of the wolf and implementation of a hunting season. This represents poor decision-making by legislators who have been bought out by special-interest groups and are insensitive to the greater interests of the public -- including those who have fought hard to defend the Department of Natural Resources. Allowing the trapping of wolves is cruel and unnecessary... there is no decency in killing animals this way and it severely tarnishes the respect I've had for the Minnesota DNR for so many years.
- 2269 Do you have any idea how cruel and inhumane leg traps are? Not only will wolves get caught in the traps, but other animals as well. These animals often struggle for days to get free before dying of exhaustion. As for problems with wolves, farmers can buy guardian animals to protect their flock. There are plenty of dogs that will keep a flock safe at a much lower cost to the hunter than the loss they take or the inhumanity of a hunting season. There is no reason to hunt wolves. Let nature take its course and deal with any overpopulation. Nature has done it for millions of years and we should not be interfering in what happens with something that will just be to satisfy a testosterone issue for the "me-big-hunter-weekend-warrior-macho-man" type. They want to trap something? Let them trap each other.
- 2270 I am totally against the hunting and trapping of these animals. They are an integral part of the ecosystem and should be left alone.
- 2271 I think it'd be wise to see how the wolf hunting and trapping season went in neighboring Wisconsin before implementing it in Minnesota. There are other ways to manage wolf populations besides hunting and trapping, should the population become bothersome.
- 2272 I do not support or condone hunting or trapping wolves at all in the Great Lakes region. We have a huge deer population that needs to be kept down and wolves are the perfect answer to that. I believe in leaving the wolves alone.
- 2273 Wolves are extremely important to the ecosystem. Trapping wolves is incredibly cruel. The solution to wolves eating cattle is a state insurance fund, not killing the wolves.
- 2274 I AM FULLY OPPOSED TO THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF WOLVES.
- 2275 I support the wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population through sport hunting and trapping. I especially oppose trapping, which is an inhumane and cruel method that should be outlawed. No animal should be left to suffer in a leg hold trap. These majestic animals deserve better.
- 2276 I am NOT in favour of allowing wolf hunting AT ALL. Wolves are crucial to natural balance of wildlife, as other creatures are. When population of ANY wildlife is low, it should receive endangered-species protection.
- 2277 No hunting/trapping
- 2278 do not allow any hunting
- 2279 Why does anyone feel a need to hunt, or especially trap, wolves? I don't understand the "sport" of hunting, period. Taking the life of a magnificent animal, no matter what it is, is no sport, and certainly not sporting ("fair and generous in one's behavior or treatment of others, esp. in a game or contest." - Webster's) when guns, traps and humans are involved. If you HAVE to allow anything, then make it only a BOW season!
- 2280 Hunters should only be allowed to hunt and trap what they can consume. Why start hunting and trapping wolves now. It's not necessary or needed! Is Minnesota going to become another Idaho!
- 2281 I FEEL THAT IF YOU WANT TO REGULATE ANY ANIMAL POPULATION WHAT IS WRONG WITH STERILIZING SOME OF THE FEMALES?
- 2282 Hunting/trapping the wolves is morally wrong!!! They have resided in your State, for many years.. Quite successfully..... Will they be able to understand why they are now being killed!!! No.. Trapping is extremely cruel..Please stop this hunt!! They need to be placed back under the protection!!
- 2283 I oppose the hunting of wolves by any method but particularly offensive to me is the trapping of any animal. If hunting is to occur it should be by gun or bow!
- 2284 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2285 I do not believe that hunting or trapping wolves is a good idea. They are a top predator with a long history of bad press and publicity. Wolves should never, ever be hunted or trapped. We have already unbalanced our ecosystem so badly that very few top predators remain and in many places wolves are still threatened. Minnesota needs its wolf population and I do not agree that just because a population of a species is stable, that should open it to hunting. I do not oppose hunting, by the way. My family has always hunted. I grew up on venison and eating rabbit with buckshot in it. But we hunt for food, not sport. Wolf hunting is ONLY for sport as I don't see those that would choose to hunt wolf actually eating the meat that comes from the wolf. In addition, wolves have so much to teach us. I thought we were past the days of this kind of "sport". We are a civilized society and civilized societies do not hunt top predators just because they can. It perpetuates a dangerous and ill conceived precedence. Wolves are wild animals, top predators and extinct in many places. They are intelligent, family oriented packs and the best thing that any state with a wolf population can do for them is to support them. They may no longer be considered endangered or threatened in Minnesota, but by allowing this, it perpetuates the thought process that wolves should be hunted elsewhere, in places where their numbers and gene pool ARE threatened. I urge everyone involved with this to reconsider. The stronger the top predators in the food chain are, the stronger the ecosystem. Please, do not make hunting wolves, for whatever reason and for however long, legal.
- 2286 Men should quit interfering with the natural course of nature.
- 2287 I do not think we should be hunting and killing wolves.
- 2288 PLEASE, PLEASE cancel this poorly thought out plan. I was part of a very dedicated group who worked so hard to see Minnesota's wolf population restored and it is just heartbreaking to see our efforts thrown away.
- 2289 Killing and trapping wolves is unnecessary and brutal. Would you okay killing and trapping your children? No! Stop this insanity!
- 2290 I am adamantly opposed to any shortsighted wolf hunting season.
- 2291 Like the loon, the timber wolf is a part of Minnesota's rich and wonderful commitment to wilderness--life outside the reach of man. As Sigurd Olson stated many years ago: "The singing wilderness has to do with The calling of the loons, northern lights, and the great silences of a land lying north west of Lake Superior. It is concerned with the simple joys, the timelessness and perspective found in a way of life that is close to the past. I have heard the singing in many places, but I seem to hear it best in the wilderness lake country of the Quetico-Superior, where travel is still by pack and canoe over the ancient trails of the Indians and the Voyageurs."
- 2292 I see no reason whatsoever to hunt and kill wolves. You don't eat them..the lame excuse for deer hunters so, it is only a lust to kill something that motivates! How sick is this. Wolves are in short supply and do cull the deer population. Just leave them alone!
- 2293 No Wolf Hunt
- 2294 Trapping is inhumane and hunting or trapping wolves shortly after being dislisted from the Endangered Species Act is simply irresponsible. Our ecosystems need to be left intact and they will manage themselves.
- 2295 I do not support hunting wolves.
- 2296 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Hunting and trapping should not occur yet, the 5 year waiting period should not be bypassed.
- 2297 No to wolf hunting!! Do we have to kill everything and ruin their habitat until there are no animals left? And to continue to have a moose season is horrendous....an animal who is not thriving and we allow a hunt? Really? And shooting a bear who wanders in to Tower...not even trying to tranquilize it and moving it? What is going on over at the DNR these days? Deal with problem animals...don't just kill them all!
- 2298 Minnesota's wolf population must be allowed to recover. NO hunting or trapping should be allowed.
- 2299 I do not support a season for hunting or trapping wolves.
- 2300 I oppose ANY wolf hunting and/or trapping.
- 2301 My family owns property in Northern Minnesota. We find it a travesty that you would hunt and trap wolves. It's a bad idea.
- 2302 Killing animals is not a sport. I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2303 I oppose hunting wolves. Home owners and farmers should be able to shoot at wolves on their properties, but there should be no hunting season for them. Killing off an alpha male or female could disrupt a pack and cause even more trouble for people.
- 2304 There should be NO season for hunting or trapping of wolves.
- 2305 I am totally against the hunting and especially TRAPPING wolves.
- 2306 I do not support the hunting or trapping of wolves. certainly not trapping which can snare many other species.
- 2307 I do not support the needless killing of the wolves. Shame on the Minnesota hunters, you do not eat them, therefore you should not kill them.
- 2308 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2309 hunting wolves should not be allowed
- 2310 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and strongly oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population and the hunting and trapping of wolves for sport.
- 2311 I do not support hunting or trapping of wolves - but then again I do not hunt and kill anything.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2312 I am not in favor of any wolf hunting anywhere, Leave the wolves alone.
- 2313 I do not see the value of a wolf hunting season at this time.
- 2314 Trapping is not hunting, trapping should be baned.
- 2315 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2316 At least you are not Wisconsin
- 2317 I oppose any wolf hunting or trapping under the present circumstances. The presence of wolves in Minnesota greatly enhances the state's desirability as a recreation destination, and improves the wellbeing of wolf prey species. Furthermore, since the wolf population is currently stable, there is reason to believe that wolf hunting and/or trapping will be detrimental to the species longterm stability. The current decline in the wolf population of Isle Royale indicates that wolf packs are affected by the environment in complex ways. I hope the DNR will reconsider this proposal.
- 2318 I OPPOSE ANY trapping or hunting of wolves. Healthy wolf populations indicate a healthy ecosystem. Please do not have any kind of "wolf season." PLEASE!
- 2319 I support WOLF RECOVERY in the Great Lakes region and OPPOSE all and any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2320 NO WOLF KILLING !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2321 don't have a wolf season
- 2322 PLEASE, NO WOLF HUNTING OR TRAPPING!!!!
- 2323 Why does Minnesota need a wolf hunting and trapping season with only 3000 wolves in the whole state?
- 2324 I am completely opposed to any hunting or trapping of wolves. Period!!!!
- 2325 Trapping and snaring are the most inhumane and barbaric ways to kill an animal and any state continuing to allow this and calling it sport is promoting an inhumane society. The wolves need to be left alone and not managed, like Idaho where half the wolf population has been killed off in just a couple months. How about managing ourselves and teaching compassion and coexistence?
- 2326 The use of leg traps should be banned for being cruel and a danger to other animals, including humans. Wolves should not be hunted for sport.
- 2327 There are so many misspellings in this survey I fear for my OWN life now knowing you people are in charge of allowing people firearms.
- 2328 I do not support this.
- 2329 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota because the decision was based on politics, not on scientific research. The DNR needs to gather more information. If the wolf population is stable without hunting, then hunting will disrupt a natural stability which is never a good idea. I particularly oppose trapping wolves in Minnesota because it is inhumane, cruel and barbaric. It poses a grave threat to dogs and other pets.
- 2330 Wolves are a critical component of the predator-prey ecosystem. It seems important to allow them to thin deer, rabbits, etc. that cause damage to crops and gardens. Wolves provide a stable habitat, which that discourages overpopulation, due to lack of predators. If wolves were "meant" to be here, then it is erroneous reasoning and sheer hubris to believe we know better by destroying a link in the chain of life.
- 2331 I have been following the wolf issue in MN since 1973. Have camped on Isle Royale in the mid 70's and former member of the Friends of the Boundary Waters. Even though living in OH, the rebound of the wolf population in MN is important to all. We have come so far. Who is this hunting season really serving and for what reason?
- 2332 I feel the trapping of any animal is inhumane. The animal is trapped, fearful and in immense pain. With no hope of getting loose the animal SLOWLY dies. How can anyone with a conscience inflict this much pain and suffering on a defenseless animal all for the sake of a trophy? I believe that if the population is out of control there are way more humane choices. I.E relocating them, or even just shooting them can lead to a quicker death than trapping.
- 2333 do not want this to happen
- 2334 I am opposed to a season on wolves.
- 2335 Killing wolves is wrong, unethical, and a terrible idea. Stop making Minnesota look like a bunch of uneducated rednecks to the rest of the country. Wolves were here long before we were, and even the Native Americans respected them.
- 2336 Stop trying to kill everything.
- 2337 I think the options mentioned for letting hunters/trappers know the wolf quota has been reached are ineffectual.
- 2338 Hunting wolves is ecological insanity.
- 2339 I think the trapping and hunting of wolves is WRONG! We are going backwards in time and resulting in cruel and unusual hunting tactics, when we have proven to be such a civilized society. The DNR and the regulators on this subject need to improve their ability to think outside the box and start protecting our environment and our wildlife, by not having to result in inhumane hunting strategies.
- 2340 Don't kill the Wolves!
- 2341 I think that trapping of wolves is cruel, unnecessary, and uncivilized. It is a painful ordeal that humans should not impose on any animal. Although I believe that some culling of wolves may be warranted, I am completely opposed to the horrible business of trapping. I think that anybody who advocates trapping should stick their hand or foot in a trap to see how it feels first and then see if they would like to do that to fellow creatures. What's wrong with people anyway?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2342 I do not support a wolf hunting season of any kind.
- 2343 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2344 Hunting wolves for sport is disgusting and unnecessary. I am COMPLETELY opposed to this and am greatly disappointed in the State of Minnesota for allowing such a monstrous thing to occur in the Fall! As long as this occurs I will not buy any products made in Minnesota nor contribute any tourism money towards the state of Minnesota.
- 2345 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Additionally, I strongly believe trapping should not be allowed under any circumstances. The suffering inflicted on animals caught in traps is tremendous, and far worse than that caused by a gunshot, which at least assures a quick death. For wolves are destroying livestock, I recommend the state set up an insurance fund to compensate ranchers rather than shooting wolves. Wolves are part of a healthy ecosystem, and we must assure their continued recovery.
- 2346 no
- 2347 I am NOT in favor of a wolf hunting season at all.
- 2348 I oppose messing with Nature and by that I mean that I oppose hunting for entertainment rather than survival or self-protection.
- 2349 I think at the minimum the 5 year delisted waiting period should be re-activated. If the wolf population and territory has been stable for nearly a decade, why is there a need or desire for change? These are family animals, and if one member is lost, the entire pack (family) is affected. It would be more understandable to have an individual wolf that is a threat removed legally, but not to open a hunting season on a stable and innocent population. How does opening a season help anyone or any species?
- 2350 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2351 Species is no more a reason to exploit than is race, sex or sexual orientation. I therefore ask our elected officials to categorically oppose discrimination and exploitation based on species. Instead animals deserve to live free of human exploitation particularly when it is completely unnecessary to harm or kill them. In the case of hunting, there is absolutely no necessity to kill animals and therefore no legitimate moral defense to hunt and kill any wildlife or any other animal for that matter.
- 2352 If the wolf population in Minnesota is stable, why interfere with that by introducing hunting and trapping?
- 2353 I don't agree with the killing of any animal and think hunting should be outlawed!!!
- 2354 Do NOT shoot, trap or do any harm to the wolves. There are other ways to control the population.
- 2355 I do not believe in trapping. It is a horrid and cruel means of killing. If you wouldn't want it done to your own dog, then don't let it be done to wolves. It's sickening.
- 2356 Wolves are not eaten. They are merely killed for sport, which is barbaric. I have seen pictures of some of the kills in Idaho, which were available on the internet. It's killing for enjoyment and serves no other purpose. Are their numbers going to increase all of a sudden for some unknown reason making them a threat to us? No. Leave the wolves alone.
- 2357 I still don't understand the need/argument for needing to hunt wolves. Wolves are predators. They help regulate our deer population. I'm not able to find any scientific evidence of why a wolf hunt and trapping should be justified. I'm not anti-hunting. But this is crazy and inhumane.
- 2358 Taking wolves off the endangered species list needs to be revisited. It is far too early to resort hunting and/or trapping as viable form of wolfe management.
- 2359 Wolf populations are only beginning to recover and should not be hunted. Predators are essential parts of healthy ecosystems.
- 2360 I've seen the TV ads for Howling For Wolves, and to me, hunting wolves after we Americans have worked so hard to save them, would make us more savage than wolves could ever be.
- 2361 SHAME ON YOU!!!! THIS IS DISGUSTING THAT YOU ARE ALLOWING POOR WOLVES TO BE HUNTED!!!
- 2362 I am so disgusted that this is going to happen. I will never support the killing of wolves. They are absolutely essential to the balance of the land. They are not nearly enough of them in existence and now you want them killed! Look at what is happening in the Rockies, half of the population decimated in one "hunting" season. And you want to allow trapping! Just imagine if your dog had it's leg trapped and it slowly and painfully dies. This is WRONG!
- 2363 Minnesota is a disgrace to the nation for instituting an open season on wolves. We are barbaric enough as it is, but to open hunting rights for social animals with very modest populations -- all of which serve several ecological mandates, reflects the ignorance and selfishness of our hunting population -- our DNR and legislature.
- 2364 I don't support killing animals for sport and I certainly am against trapping. It is totally inhumane and should be illegal. Wolves (and deer) have as much right to life as any other species. Just leave them alone. Nature does just fine without our intervention.
- 2365 I find it sad that Minnesota is taking this route and the government took the wolves off the endangered species protection. Please reconsider what you are doing.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2366 I do not support the killing of our indigenous wolves. I know you probably wouldn't understand this, but they are living, sentient beings. They were here long before we people ever reached these shores. They owe us nothing, they aren't beholden to humans. It's against nature and morality to kill our American wolves for any reason that you can conceive of. Anything perception you have for needing to cull their numbers is a human problem, created by humans. The wolves have nothing in it. Think of something else. Fix the human problem.
- 2367 I support limited harvesting by the most humane methods possible. Leg-hold traps do not meet this standard.
- 2368 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2369 Absolutely NO hunting or trapping should be allowed!!!!
- 2370 This is really sad. Karma
- 2371 I feel the hunting and trapping of a species that has already been on the brink of extinction in Minnesota is thick-headed and disgusting. There are plenty of modern technologies that can help to control the wolf population (birth control for one) that could be employed in place of this neanderthal response to the presence of a majestic animal that many worked for so long to remove from the endangered species list. Trapping any animal is inhumane and unethical. Shooting them for sport is barely better. Shame on you for considering these options.
- 2372 We have spent a lot of money to bring the Wolf back from Extinction, now we want to hunt them, they are a part of our ecosystem, a predator that needs to be able to coexist with deer and other ungulates to balance out each other, and restore nature as it was intended. The balance is still out of kilter, as deer cause more harm destroying crops. This will only get worse by hunting Wolf's, especially since hunting is going down.
- 2373 Is the meat of the wolf tasty?
- 2374 This survey is a joke. It is obvious that the concerns and opinions of those of us who oppose the wolf hunt will not be considered in the upcoming wolf murder season.
- 2375 Hunting is not a tool to control populations. If you want to control the population you have to control the reproduction cycle. As biologists you know this to be true of all living species. It's disappointing when biologists fail to act in a truthful manner.
- 2376 I do not believe in hunting and trapping animals just taken off the endangered list. Trapping is inhumane at best, and should not be allowed at all.
- 2377 Enormous effort and compromise was put into the original law, with a five-year moratorium on before a hunting season. Due to parvo-virus and other factors, the population of wolves in Minnesota has not increased. So why is a hunting season even being considered? I am also 100% against trapping of wolves - it is plain and simple cruelty, and there is absolutely no justification for humans to stoop this low, torturing animals for their own glory. I am not an Animal Rights person - just a person who believes that human morality should be above this cruel practice.
- 2378 Are you just going to let the population of the wolves drop to the point where they need to be protected? Wolves play a valuable role in the entire food chain natural system ... please don't intrude upon this more than absolutely necessary.
- 2379 Don't approve of hunting wolves at all!
- 2380 Hunting and trapping wolves seems completely unnecessary.
- 2381 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose ANY efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping
- 2382 I know that deer are your cash cow but I prefer wolves as predatory neighbors instead of the half-drunken yahoo deer hunters that hunt at my neighbor's farm.
- 2383 I am strongly opposed to allowing any form of wolf trapping or hunting.
- 2384 Killing wolves isn't the responsible way to manage them.
- 2385 Please don't allow the hunting, trapping and snaring of wolves!!!
- 2386 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. The wolf population is stable - leave it alone,
- 2387 I am concerned about the recovery and long-term survival of wolves in Minnesota and therefore I don't think that hunting them is compatible with their recovery and with a sustainable future for these beautiful creatures.
- 2388 I support Wolf Recovery in the Great Lakes region and I oppose any efforts against that, including reducing Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Wolves are a major predator in the ecosystem. Decrease their numbers, there will be problems with deer and other prey animals not to mention the negative effects on the environment due to increased prey.
- 2389 I totally support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2390 Please do not approve a hunting season for wolves.
- 2391 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping, especially trapping. I could be convinced to support hunting for purposes of eventually controlling the population but trapping is a cruel, prolonged death.
- 2392 I support wolf recovery in MN and I oppose all hunting and trapping of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2393 I strongly oppose the plan for a 2012 wolf hunting season. After decades of hard work to restore this population, it seems terribly premature to start killing the animals for sport. At the very least, I urge you to re-consider the 5-year waiting period that was originally part of plan when wolves were de-listed. I understand that hunting is an important part of MN culture, but there's no reason to make a rash decision and start hunting before we know how this population will manage without the legal protections of the Endangered Species Act. Let's give our wildlife a chance.
- 2394 I am against the hunting of these beautiful creatures, and all of God's beloved creations.
2395 There is no 'Don't agree' option for most of the questions.
2396 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped. They are a vital part of the health of the area and so should be left alone
2397 Killing wolves is bad enough but trapping them is horrible. I'd say inhumane, but since humans are so cruel, inhumane means nothing. Plus what about all the other animals who could be potentially trapped? Who cares about them?
- 2398 No wolf hunting period!
2399 I am totally opposed to wolf hunting of any kind or duration. Despite the fact that wolves been removed from the Endangered Species List, it can hardly be said that they have recovered when they number only some 3000 in a population that has remained stable over the years.
2400 This is such a stupid idea. The legislators who passed this should be replaced.
2401 I strongly object to wolf hunting and trapping--from an environmental and moral standpoint. There are better, proven ways of resolving conflicts between wolves and humans through managed programs. Minnesota is beautiful because it is largely unspoiled--but removing wolves from this natural environment--one of their few remaining habitats in the U.S., diminishes my opinion and desire to travel to Minnesota--one of my favorite trips being to the Boundary Waters.
- 2402 Until wolves become so numerous in Minnesota that they endanger people, why not encourage hunting with CAMERAS. Hunters could have an unlimited "catch" and leave the wolves for others to "shoot."
2403 There is no good reason for wolves to be hunted at all. If the population has been stable for a decade and the numbers are not huge then why kill any? This appears to be just for ego driven sport without respect to the wolf species. Once again greed is taking precedence.
2404 The presentation does not mention the benefits (if any) of allowing wolf hunting. Why harvest any wolves?
2405 I am totally against hunting or trapping of wolves. The population is stable as indicated in your report. Trapping is inhumane and should not be allowed at all. The wolves are needed to thin out the deer population. Let them do their job and leave them alone.
2406 I left several questions blank because they don't apply to me. I oppose hunting and trapping wolves. I believe there's no need for artificial management. Natural processes are all that's needed to have a healthy and stable wolf population.
- 2407 Trapping of wolves is inhumane and should not be allowed. Please do not allow trapping.
2408 I know that depredated wolves need to be controlled or removed from the population, but I believe hunting/trapping wolves is a return to a regressive form of wildlife management for this predator. With the current deer overpopulation, what we need are MORE wolves, not fewer.
2409 NO HUNTING OF WOLVES. KILLING ANIMALS SHOULDN'T BE A SPORT. WHY DON'T YOU TRY SWIMMING OR GOLFING LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE.
2410 I am totally against this entire plan. This survey is biased in favor of those who support the plan and provides no appropriate answer choices to the contrary. The plan is rushed, incomplete, poorly organized and unnecessary. I oppose it 100%.
- 2411 The wolves will never make it back to sustainability if you start hunting them immediately. They need a few more years to attain sustainability. They will not over populate. Mother Nature and scared humans will see to that.
2412 I am strongly opposed to hunting or trapping of wolves.
2413 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Hunting and trapping for sport is sickening and anyone who participates in this kind of cruelty should be put up for sport hunting and trapping themselves. Seems only fitting. Let these wolves live their lives without human interference.
2414 I feel that hunting should always be for animals that you intend to eat, not for any other reason. Since we do not eat wolves, there is no need or reason to hunt or trap them unless the population gets so large that it causes problems for the survival of the wolves (such as what can happen with the deer population).
2415 I support wolf recovery and oppose sport hunting and trapping.
2416 NO WOLF HUNTING!
2417 I do not believe in hunting or trapping wolves in any case. They do not pose a threat to humans and should be allowed to thrive in the wild, limited only by natural conditions. They have as much right to live as humans.
2418 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2419 wolves should not be hunter - ever - for any reason. humans are no more important than wolves are any other being in the circle of life. it's barbaric, archaic and wrong. animals are not to 'harvested'. if people are willing to purchase a license they should also be willing to donate that extra income to the preservation of the natural resources we have in the designated areas. wolves are not eaten - it's a sick spectator sport - for the thrill of a kill? to kill for the sake of taking a life for pleasure is disturbingly unstable and - again - sick. what kind of society supports canned hunts, hunts for fun - hunting for anything other than a source of dead animal food? it's wrong and should not be permitted - regardless of revenue.
- 2420 Please don't allow the sport hunting of wolves.
- 2421 I support wolf Recovery in the Great Lakes region. I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2422 This should not be allowed!!! This is disgusting that the wolves are being hunted like this.
- 2423 I really think it is way to early to begin hunting wolves anywhere. Wolves are critical for healthy populations of all wild species and are required to have a healthy ecosystem for humans to live in. There's absolutely no reason to follow our success with reintroduction of wolves with their hunting.
- 2424 I am opposed to the hunting of the wolves in the Great Lakes Region. It is not a wise environmental policy. I would not participate in such an activity.
- 2425 Trapping is an absolutely barbaric practice. Any plans to incorporate trapping should be shelved immediately and is hardly a sport. I can guarantee that I will not visit your state should the trapping of wolves become legal.
- 2426 enough wolves are killed illegally every year and everyone knows it, including the DNR. Trapping is beyond cruel, it's just outright inhumane. I do hunt pheasants, so i'm not a total anti hunting person. But trapping is crazy and allowing hunting just means it's open season on wolves, which cannot be controlled by any state agency. The DNR loves to kill wildlife and I'm sick and tired of it being an answer to all the issues. This survey is also a joke as, the DNR has no intention of listening to anyone. Why do you waste the time, money and effort for a survey you'll ignore?? Gee whiz i can't wait to hear the results of this survey....i can tell what you'll say already.
- 2427 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Sincerely, Margaret Dunn
- 2428 Trapping wolves is not a good way to control the population. It is INHUMANE to the wolves.
- 2429 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2430 Please stop this brutality toward wolves...I mean please, Snares? How would you like to be caught in a snare? Or hunted and killed when you have a family relying on you? This is monstrous...I vote no hunting, trapping or killing of wolves!!!!!! Very close relative of man's best friend arn't they!!!!!!
- 2431 I vehemently oppose opening hunting for wolves in Minnesota. Once wolves were protected under the Endangered Species Act, it took 40 years for them to recover from endangered status during pre-ESA protection. Now that they have recovered and have fit into the balance of nature by preying on white-tailed deer and elk, it is foolishness to once again try to exterminate them. The white-tailed deer population in Minnesota is at 1 million + animals. Already, the hunting season for deer only takes 192,000 (2011 figures). Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem to hold down the number of deer, preventing spread of disease such as chronic wasting disease and an over-population size of deer that spill into residential areas, consuming people's plantings, causing car-deer collisions. Wolves help maintain a healthy deer population rather than the opposite. Wolves were de-listed from the ESA protection in January 2012 and there was supposed to be a 5 year waiting period to ensure that the population had indeed recovered. The Minnesota legislature immediately removed that protective waiting period and is rushing now to open a hunting season by offering 6000 licenses to hunt wolves. Although the harvest quota is set at 400 animals, 6000 people hunting wolves will likely kill many more. Can the wolf population survive this slaughter? How long will it take until wolves are once again endangered in Minnesota?
- 2432 Trapping should be eliminated from the hunting options. Trapping is indiscriminate and often impacts other species including humans, hunters, and companion animals.
- 2433 I am opposed to wolf hunting.
- 2434 I do not believe wolves should be hunted or trapped. Period.
- 2435 Unfortunately, there are those that will hunt/trap and not report, simply because they don't like wolves. This could greatly skew the counts. It seems to me a poor decision by the legislature to rescind the 5-year de-listing wait period. To properly balance natural interactions, DNR should recommend reinstating the 5-year wait period.
- 2436 Wolves have been too close to the brink for too long, in Minnesota as well as other states and Canada. Why are is the DNR supporting the legislature in driving them to extinction?
- 2437 DO NOT HARVEST WOLVES!
- 2438 Wolf hunting and trapping should not be allowed period! But if I HAD to chose, I would think hunting would be more fair and humane than trapping. Trapping only lets inhumane killing by starving, pain, and bleeding to death. Often trappers forget sites and leave traps unattended for months, which would be too difficult to in-force and monitor
- 2439 Hunting wolves is wrong. You people should be ashamed of yourselves. God help you
- 2440 Hunt humans not wolfs! Our population has exploded with no end in sight...we need to limit our population before there is nothing left! You people sicken me!
- 2441 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2442 I support the recovery of the wold population in the Great Lakes region. I stronly oppose any wolf hunting or trapping in the state of Minnesota in order to "control" the wolf population.
- 2443 I do not support any wolves being taken. This is ridiculous....You were supposed to wait 5 years and are not doing it and then in 1 year you want to kill all the wolves to get them down to the target population. What's going to happen next year? You going to authorize another 600 wolves to be killed. This is totally unnecessary and is only going to benefit a few people while the rest of the public who want wolves lose out. There should be absolutely no hunting of wolves that are just living naturally and are not causing economic harm - even then there are non-kill solutions.
- 2444 This hunt is not right. This is to satisfy and very select few people that refuse to listen to any reason or evidence showing that only 8% of wolves are responsible for livestock deaths. Plus, the ranchers are reimbursed for the losses. This hunt is brutal and unnecessary.
- 2445 To allow trapping and snaring is the most cruel way to kill an animal, not to mention all the animals who inadvertently get caught & die in these traps. It should be outlawed nationwide!
- 2446 I am against hunting/trapping the wolves.
- 2447 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Killing any animal for sport is cruel and barbaric. Wolves are a family breed. How would you feel if someone was out to kill you and your family? Please don't sport hunt or trap!
- 2448 No hunting or trapping of wolves should be allowed.
- 2449 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2450 DON'T HUNT THE WOLVES!
- 2451 I have one hunting friend who hunts deer, never wolves. Like myself, he respects & even loves wolves.
- 2452 NO huntin or trapping of these precious animals PERIOD; they should be protected at all costs!!!!
- 2453 please do not hunt or trap wolves. there is no scientific basis for "thinning the herds", and it appears that hunters have lobbied the government in order to remove their major competitor for deer. trapping is especially inhumane and cruel, and it causes a suffering that no creature should ever have to endure. please reconsider this hunt.
- 2454 No to Wolf Hunting!
- 2455 In reviewing the information provided via the slide presentation, I can see no credible proof that wolves are a problem in Minnesota. I do see a financial profit that is motivating this hunt. Unfortunately, this is short-sighted as humans once again kill natural predators and set up a cycle of unintended consequences in nature. Most abhorrent is the allowing of trapping. This is one of the cruelest and inhumane methods that can be used in "hunting". I can't imagine the pain and suffering an animal must endure while steel claws are locked into their appendages or neck. Other animals are also caught in these traps, including pets. I guess I expected Minnesota to be a more progressive and humane state. I am disappointed that it is not. Please re-think the desire to kill these animals.
- 2456 I do not support ANY hunting or trapping of wolves. They should be on th endangered species list and should be allowed to take their place in a healthy ecosystem.
- 2457 I do not support any hunting of wolves.
- 2458 I do not believe that wolves should be hunted at all in Minnesota
- 2459 Why, in the name of God, should we even be considering a wolf season? The idea of "sport hunting" is abhorrent. The fact that we once nearly decimated our nation's wolf population should give us pause. With all that we know about our natural world and its functions-why are we even considering messing (up) with it again? Such arrogance, that we think we know better than God how to "manage" His creation--we were asked to be stewards not controllers. To my shame, I am a former hunter--my only excuse was youth and ignorance--I can no longer condone the concept. So, for me, any "Wolf Season" is not necessary!
- 2460 When wolves are hunted or trapped the success rate of maintaining acceptable levels of population is a failure. Trapping is inhumane and should not be allowed. unting of wolves should not be allowed.
- 2461 This is disgusting. At least don't allow trapping. This is just barbaric. There has to be a more humane way to control the wolf population.
- 2462 If wolves were just taken off the endangered spcies list this year, it seem to me that killing any of them in the near future would mean they would need to be put back on the endangered species list.
- 2463 The hunting and trapping of wolves is WRONG!!!
- 2464 There is no guarantee that killed wolves will be reported; therefore, the numbers could be much higher than the DNR anticipates.
- 2465 I am against trapping beautiful wild animals for fun and "sport". I am against killing wolves for fun and "sport". Where I live in Britt, MN, some folks from the city move out here in the woods, then complain about and want to kill wolves, bear and other creatures that may want to kill their pets and children. There is more of a danger of having pets and children killed living in a city! Thanks.
- 2466 Do not hunt or trap at all! Trapping is wrong. What is this the 1700's?
- 2467 I oppose the reckless hunting of wild animals as a sport. Animals hunt for food, but most people hunt to kill. This is wrong.
- 2468 I am a hunter but hunting and trapping wolves is just wrong - shame on you
- 2469 While I am not opposed to hunting or trapping wolves for population or nuisance control in the state, this season seems to be set up simply as a sport hunt and not any kind of targeted science-based approach to controlling population and depredation. I do not support the hunt in current form.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2470 If it's for conservation, why torture the wolves as has been shown. They haven't done anything other than what's natural to live. This seems to be pure human hatred.
- 2471 I do not approve of a wolf hunting season. It would be dangerous to the long-term stability of the wolf population, and could in fact lead to the complete depopulation of wolves in the state. There is no safe way to execute the plan.
- 2472 Wolves should not be hunted! Most definitely, they should not be trapped. This is cruel and unnecessary.
- 2473 I do not support hunting wolves for sport in MN, and encourage the DNR to re-implement the 5-year monitoring period before wolf hunting could be considered. Wolves are very important to the ecosystem of the Great Lakes region, and a hunting season would allow those that express a baseless fear of wolves to shoot and trap them without regard for the health of the ecosystem.
- 2474 Stop all hnting
- 2475 I support wolf recovery and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population. This plan to reduce the wolf population is terrible for the environment as a whole.
- 2476 I don't believe in hunting wolves period. People don't eat them like they do deer. It is senseless, painful(using traps) killings. Why can't people and animal coexist on this great planet that belongs to both of us. Thanks for letting me take the survey.
Mary K. Jackson
- 2477 I am not in favor of hunting the wolves, but especially the further South you go in the state. I think if you have to hunt them restrict it to further North Range. Keep the season to one time per year and as short of time as possible. I am also espccially not in favor of trapping. I prefer a quick death of gun vs slow painful death of trap. So please limit the number of trappers to much smaller than to hunters!
- 2478 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Delia George
- 2479 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2480 A stable population is not one needing hunting to manage it. if there starts to be an increase THEN open up hunting.
- 2481 What exactly is this survey trying to determine? One question is all that is needed: Do you oppose the hunting and trapping of endangered species for sport? If the answer is YES, then all you have to do is VOTE OUT the current crop of state's rights, anti-regulation (they'd hunt mice with handguns!), anti-federal law REPUBLICANS who have taken over so many of our state houses. There should be NO COMPROMISE (and no compromising surveys taken on this atavistic legislation! Your survey is tainted. NO to qustion #1 should be all that is necessary.
- 2482 The State of MN should reconsider hunting season for wolves. This should not happen.
- 2483 Wolves are a natural part of the ecosystem that keep the deer, elk and other ruminant populations in check. I don't think that we need a hunting season for either the deer or the wolves. It is also repugnant that hunters pollute the earth with their lead bullets. Let it be known that I am not a vegan or vegetarian, I just don't believe that hunting is the best way. Let nature take its course and get out of the way!
- 2484 Do not allow any wolf hunting.
- 2485 This is CRUEL and WRONGjust for sport, OR for any reason. How do you live knowing you are killing INNOCENT animals. Shame on you!!!
- 2486 WOLVES SHOULD BE CONTROLLED ONLY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE DEPREDATIONS ARE A PROBLEM. ALMOST EVERY OTHER COUNTRY HAS BANNED TRAPPING WHICH IS ARCHAIC AND INHUMANE -- WE SHOULD BE BEYOND KILLING ANIMALS IN THIS WAY. WHILE I MIGHT SUPPORT A LIMITED GUN SEASON I AM TOTALLY, VEHEMENTLY AGAINST TRAPPING.
- 2487 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2488 Don't kill wolves!
- 2489 I completely oppose wolf hunting and trapping.
- 2490 I am opposed to hunting a species that has been decimated and is now very useful in controlling the deer population. Despite all your precautions, what will happen is the usual human stupidity and cruelty toward top predators such as wolves, and we will see another crash of the population for no reason.
- 2491 There are times when killing is necessary. But is it good to take life, any life, for entertainment?
- 2492 I oppose wolf hunting and trapping for sport entirely.
- 2493 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2494 this hunt is too soon - wolves need a few more years of protection.
- 2495 Why are you killing wolves? Humans are taking their land not the other way around. These animals have no place left to go and gunning them down is not the answer; no matter how blood thirsty or full of ego you are.
- 2496 I disagree with trapping or killing wolves.
- 2497 This is a horrible idea, please protect the wolf populations of Minnesota. Thank you!
- 2498 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2499 After all of the work we put into bringing these beautiful animals back from the brink, you should be ashamed that you are going to send them to slaughter.
- 2500 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2501 I do not support wolf hunting at all. The numbers are low enough that, although they have been delisted, hunting or trapping will negatively impact the total population and its management of prey species. This is unnecessary and should not be permitted. Thank you for allowing public comments.
- 2502 I do not support wolf hunting in Minnesota. The DNR acknowledges that 1. wolf populations are stable and are NOT increasing, and 2. There is no known maximum population goal for Minnesota. Stable populations imply a steady state system in which wolf populations are already in-check with the natural system. Allowing a hunting season would only serve to lower populations in Minnesota. DNR has not established a maximum population goal. Without proper study of what represents a maximum population goal (population limits that both serve the health of wolves, and that ensure wolf encroachment will not inhibit people's activities) it is not appropriate to assign harvest quotas. The DNR must clearly establish: 1. why a hunting season is warranted given the steady state of wolf populations in Minnesota and 2. what population management goals are, and an assessment of the likely impacts to wolf populations might be. Until the DNR can answer these questions, I feel a hunting season is inappropriate
- 2503 I oppose the hunting of wolves. I am especially opposed to the torture, called trapping, of any wildlife.
- 2504 I did not answer the yes/no questions pertaining to the actual hunting provisions because I am adamantly against wolf hunting/trapping. I think it is a crime to hunt any animal that is not meant for sustenance. The trapping is extremely inhumane and shows a blatant disregard of any compassion.
- 2505 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped. Period. Let them be left alone.
- 2506 I do not in any way support hunting or trapping wolves.
- 2507 Trapping and snaring should be banned altogether. Because it is a barbaric cruel thing, and animals not covered by licenses fall prey. and all animals, in season or not must suffer until they die. HORRIBLE
- 2508 I think this is a hideous idea. Wolves just began their comeback and people want to slaughter them. I doubt there have been very many cases where they have killed livestock and the livestock will be killed anyway for carnivorous human consumption. The whole issue is money and GREED. I'll bet its is a republican idea to kill the wolves. Live and let live.
- 2509 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Trapping is an INHUMANE and BARBARIC method of killing an animal. Period. If you are going to allow hunting, PLEASE remove trapping from the options. Please imagine yourself with a body part caught in a trap for hours, days on end. Please put yourself in that scenario and tell me that this is a respectable method to kill an animal? How can this even be considered? Have some honor, and kindly remove this option from the table.
- 2510 NO WOLF HUNT! IT's disgusting!!!
- 2511 I am one hundred percent behind wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and totally oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves. It is a cruel and inhumane activity.
- 2512 Hunting for sport is inhumane.
- 2513 It seems very early to be allowing hunting and trapping of wolves when their endangered species status was only lifted a few months ago. The information given about wolves in Minnesota states that the population has been stable for a decade with no significant changes in numbers of wolves which makes me think that there is no need to manage their population through hunting.
- 2514 Do not take wolves off the protected list.
- 2515 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2516 Nobody should be hunting Wolves! Why do you have to kill every living thing on this planet! I am disgusted by this whole plan. Nature works things out better than humans. You just make everything worse!
- 2517 Protect the wolves, do not allow them to be hunted.
- 2518 Trapping should not be permitted! It is extremely cruel and barbaric. It is also extremely dangerous to other wildlife and to humans. I am not against hunting when the game is use for food but I know of no one eating wolf meat. If the wolf population needs thinning (there is no sound scientific data in any western state that it does) then it should be carried out by professionals, the officers of the forestry department.
- 2519 The whole wolf killing season is SICK. God help us and the beautiful wolves.
- 2520 Another needless hunting season, leave the wolves alone
- 2521 killing is not the answer to all your problems. Better management & more options would be a more intelligent choice than outright killing everything you dont agree with & upsetting the delicate balance of nature. Wolves are part of the eco system -- removing them in such a brutal manner solves nothing but creates more problems due to the imbalance. Step back & look at the whole picture
- 2522 If a season is inevitable for wolf population control, I would support hunting. I would never support trapping because it is INHUMANE and INDISCRIMINATE. So ANYTHING could end up in the trap, not just wolves. It's a HORRIBLE death. Shooting is the best method for population control.
- 2523 I'm a fierce adversary of wolf trapping and hunting!!
- 2524 It has taken years to build up the wolf population to the current level. Hunting and trapping will only damage the incredible efforts made to support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region. I oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2525 It is outrageous to have a wolf hunt in Minnesota! Please cancel this barbaric proposal.
- 2526 Wolf populations are just not reaching healthy numbers. This is NOT the time to start allowing hunting of them.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2527 I absolutely oppose trapping of any kind. It is inhumane to cause that kind of suffering.
- 2528 I DO NOT want to see wolves hunted or trapped in Minnesota! I am tired of hearing about too many deer when wolves are the natural predators and would help with controlling the deer populations. Leave the wolves alone!!!
- 2529 Really bad idea.
- 2530 wolf killers suck, it's all about \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. SHAME ON YOU ALL
- 2531 stop killing the wolves entirely
- 2532 I do not feel that hunting or trapping of wolves should be allowed in Mn. whether they have been delisted from Endanger Species list or not. Wolves should be allowed the protections that have been allowed previously and should be respected as a species--not just be allowed to be hunted as has been done in other states such as Idaho. We do not need to start this practice in Mn. It is cruel and not just for the wolves.
- 2533 I'm requesting a moratorium on the proposed wolf-hunting season in Minnesota. Just because Minnesota can have a wolf-hunting season doesn't mean that Minnesota has to have one.
- 2534 Why don't you let the wolves cull your deer population? I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2535 Hunting and trapping wolves is a wildly ignorant idea. Only podunk redneck morons hunt for sport. No one feeds their families with wolf meats or puts clothes on their backsides with wolf fur. There is no rational reason to be hunting this species; the only motivation to hunt wolves is to stroke the tiny little egos of overgrown man-children that can't dream up anything more entertaining to do for the weekend. All you have to do is look at the map to see how precious little territory we humans actually allow for wolf populations to survive to see that no hunting or trapping of any sort is called for. Allowing for this kind of nonsense makes the entire state of Minnesota look like a pack of raging rednecks incapable of reading books or educating themselves. My single voice may not count for much over here in Illinois, but I'll be sure to avoid spending any time in your state until the lot of you can get your damn facts straight.
- 2536 Do not hunt wolves, period!
- 2537 I do NOT support the trapping and/or killing of wolves in Minnesota (or anywhere else for that matter - I was born and raised in the north woods of Wisconsin, so this is not an alien cause to me). I DO support, however, wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region, and oppose ANY efforts to kill off MN's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. This is unnecessary and harmful in more than one way.
- 2538 Deer populations are out of control because of the reduced number of large predators (besides man). Please help maintain a healthy natural balance by allowing the wolf population to continue to recover.
- 2539 I do not support the hunting or trapping of wolves for sport.
- 2540 Wolves should not be killed for the fun of killing things. Period.
- 2541 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce the population by hunting and trapping.
- 2542 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region, but I oppose any efforts to reduce our wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2543 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Trapping is unbelievably cruel, and should never be allowed! EVER! FOR ANY ANIMAL! Thank you!
- 2544 You try to make this sound so rational, but it is only cruel.
- 2545 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. To play with the numbers of wolves in this manner is extremely irresponsible and doesn't represent the best interest of Minnesota's citizens.
- 2546 I strongly support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and vehemently oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2547 We payed a lot of money to bring wolves back from the brink, how can the state justify killing the wolves we payed to repopulate? That really doesn't make any sense to me or anyone in my family. Wolves play an important part in keeping other native species in their best shape by removing the weak, we need them in our state alive, not as a wall-hanging.
- 2548 I support the efforts towards wolf recovery in the Great lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2549 Hunting wolves is simply indefensible. Instead, this crucial predator's numbers need to be restored and their position in the ecosystem should be strengthened.
- 2550 yes, this is misguided -- the population has been stable and is an environmentally sound way of managing resources in your area. This is not necessary - trapping and killing of the population is not called for.
- 2551 I don't think trapping/baiting should be allowed. Or if trapping is allowed there should be specific regulations as to how a wolf can be baited...
- 2552 Yeah, trapping? This is so cruel as to be absurd. Don't you ever stop being the self-centered humans who think you own the planet? You don't own the wolves, you don't own the planet. In fact, see all of these natural disasters going on in the world? It's Mother Nature kicking us out!

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- 2553 Because we have proven that wolves are keystone to an ecosystem, I believe we should not hunt and trap them so easily, but this could be a great case study for the state. Lowering wolf population will definitely increase coyote population. Coyote ranges nearer to people and towns and pose more of a threat to young people and pets than wolves which are extremely elusive. Lowering the wolf population will not increase herding animals like elk, which has been proven in Alaska and Canada. If the seasons takes place, I would hope the DNR would be following population shifts for all animals affected such as deer, elk, coyote, ground rodents to find what is good and bad from this change in the ecosystem. I'm sure the state will determine that the wolf is indeed a keystone animal for cold climate ecosystems. Thank you for your time.
- 2554 No wolf hunting please!
- 2555 the entire hunting business is CRIMINAL... those who purport that they are helping the Creator handle population are pathetic... they do this for THEIR EGO aggrandizement... WHAT YOU SOW YOU SHALL REAP. God bless this incredible planet, and hunt down the hunters.
- 2556 I support the Wolf Recovery and strongly oppose any efforts to reduce populations.
- 2557 I don't believe we should "harvest" too many wolves. They have made our deer herds healthier and keep down other small game. Wolves play an intricate role in nature.
- 2558 I do not favor either hunting or trapping of wolves. Wolves will not bother human populations, and are part of the "food chain" of our natural world.
- 2559 I don't believe we need to control the wolf population at this time. I also believe this law is to satisfy hunters and the decision is strictly political. Bullets and now trapping? How barbaric and inhumane! I'm ashamed of our lawmakers.
- 2560 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2561 You people are sick.
- 2562 Please do not allow hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota!
- 2563 This is horrible!! The trapping of wolves is even more disgusting!! I hope that every person who is out hunting wolves and trapping them becomes victim of another hunter!!
- 2564 I believe there are better ways than hunting and trapping to manage the wolf population, should that even be necessary.
- 2565 Shooting wolves for immediate death is one thing, but trapping is just completely inhumane. Would you want your leg or arm caught in a trap and you had to chew it off? I think not. BAN TRAPPING.
- 2566 Leave the wolves alone. Just because people need another animal to kill and torture, why is your state agreeing to this?
- 2567 I am completely opposed to this hunting program and prefer to see wolves be allowed to fully recover in the Great Lakes region.
- 2568 I don't think they should be hunted at all. Humans have taken over and pushed animals to the brink. And then we go out and hunt them again. When will it ever stop? It won't. I understand disease reason, but not for sport, not for fun or trophies, that is just wrong. Trapping is cruel and inhumane, and should not be considered at all.
- 2569 Completely oppose trapping of ANY animals as too many innocents are harmed in the process. It is a cruel barbaric practice. DO NOT support the hunting of wolves for any reason!!!
- 2570 I do not support any harvesting of wolves, anywhere.
- 2571 none
- 2572 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2573 Trapping is not sport.
- 2574 Sport hunting is purposeless and cruel. It also makes people stupid similar to watching screens all day. Wolves were once eliminated from the US due to similar practices. Please do not undo the work done to bring these magnificent animals back.
- 2575 Plan does not account for structure of packs, changing population due to disease, specifically mange, in packs. Additionally, trapping is an inhumane process and should not be condoned. How do you expect to keep other animals, including hunting dogs, out of traps?
- 2576 Leave the wolves alone, they are an important part of the environment and don't deserve to be trapped or shot. Ban trapping anything.
- 2577 There should not be wolf hunting at all, any season or anywhere. Wolves, as apex predators, are limited in number and population surveys always vastly inflate the true population. Hunters have no regard for how killing an individual wolf may affect its pack and the survival of that year's pups. By hunting game, humans already reduce wolf populations by competing with them for food and compromising their territory.
- 2578 You people are murderers and you need to stop this barbaric behavior!!
- 2579 I don't Approve of the Traps and Snares That is Cruel
- 2580 My name is and I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2581 I wouldn't even apply I DO NOT believe in killing wolves they have every right to live as we do. They are gods creatures also.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2582 MURDER is MURDER. Cease & desist with Any MURDER of ANY wildlife. God's creatures have more "right" to be on this planet than do its INhumane mortals. All creatures beg: Where's the Hunting season on Hunters? If the situation was reversed, Animals of all species would KILL EVERYone holding guns.
- 2583 I have never even seen a wolf. We have spent millions of dollars bringing them back from the verge of extinction. I oppose killing them now.
- 2584 It's time that we move past "sport" hunting. While there may be legitimate situations where there is a biological basis for hunting, this certainly isn't one. And, many of the situations that do seem to call for hunting as a means of population control are due to loss of predators as much as anything. For what it is worth, the dollars that I spend in Minnesota, mostly in BWCA, may well go elsewhere should wolves be hunted.
- 2585 Wolves shouldn't be hunted at all. They are noble and beautiful creatures and shouldn't be touched by human hands.
- 2586 wolf hunting will NOT solve the issue of problem wolves. Wolf hunting will kill pet dogs, probably get hunters injured, and it makes the state MN look BARBARIC to the rest of the country.
- 2587 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2588 Hello, Trapping should be not be allowed for wolves as it is cruel and inhumane. It is a cruel and will also catch other animals. If you are going to allow hunting, then there should be sport. There should be chance for the human or animal to succeed. I would rather see no hunting of the wolves but if you are going to allow then just do not allow trapping. Wolves help keep the deer populations down by culling the weak and sick animals. First we need to protect the wolves now we want to kill the wolves. In the next 5 years will they protected again because 400 animals over 5 years adds up. Nature has a way of managing itself but we just can't seem to keep our hands out of things.
- 2589 I think the wolves should be allotted more time before we sign their death warrants. I think that trapping should only be reserved for wolves that are preying on livestock. I am ok with hunting them as they are wicked smart and will not be an easy hunt. Trapping on the other hand is cruel and inhumane and should not be a method of population control.
- 2590 Even though the wolf is no longer on the endangered species list, it should not be hunted. We've spent years trying to get the numbers up only to kill them and bring the numbers back down. It makes no sense.
- 2591 Don't hunt wolves. They belong here!
- 2592 i think this is a huge mistake. not only are you risking the balance again of mother nature and the natural predator versus prey balance, but this is also opening up more risk for human and pets being killed by traps and bullets!!
- 2593 I do not support efforts to reduce Minnesota's wold population by hunting and especially not trapping.
- 2594 Really. We worked so hard to bring em back. And now you wanna kill all our hard work. If the wolves are such a problem, why cant you dart them to sleep and simply move them to a safer place for both human and wolf. They are spiritual animal to us humans, but who cares for that. You all would be mad and extrememly upset if anyones pet was trapped or shot, but these wolves are just natures pet. They do what they have to to survive, just as we do. And if u catch a mother of cubs you just sentenced those pups to death. How rude. We have enough seasons for our hunters to play with, keep our wolves safe!
- 2595 This is completely ridiculous... a wolf hunting season. Apparently comments from Anishinaabe have been ignored. These animals should not be hunted now or ever. They are an important part of the food chain as predators killing the weaker animals (we only take the best) and also an animal that we do not consume. Please reconsider this wolf hunt. They are important!!!!
- 2596 I SUPPORT WOLF RECOVERY IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION AND OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TO REDUCE MINNESOTA'S WOLF POPULATION WITH HUNTING AND TRAPPING!!!! THESE ANIMALS ARE VITAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO DISPOSE OF THESE CREATURES (ESPECIALLY BY TRAPPING THEM) IS BARBARIC. MINNESOTA --- YOU ARE KILLERS JUST AS THOSE THAT NEARLY WIPED OUT THE BISON! GIVEN THE CHANCE - THE WOLF WILL BE KILLED AND POACHED BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE. YOUR TRULY A SAD PEOPLE!
- 2597 MUST EVERYTHING THAT GETS IN THE WAY OF WHAT WE CONSIDER OUR GIVEN RIGHTS BE KILLED? I'M SO SICK OF ANIMALS BEING DESTROYED BECAUSE THEY ARE ENCROACHING ON OUR LAND. WE HAVE TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM THEM AND GIVE NOTHING BUT DESTRUCTION FOR WOLVES.
- 2598 The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its environment and its animals are treated. We must respect all living beings and treat them all humanely and with compassion. Please stop this inhumane treatment of these intelligent sentient beings. The least I can do is speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.
- 2599 I think you are making a huge mistake by killing our wolfs. Please do not allow this to happen.
- 2600 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2601 Let the wolves recover.
- 2602 Why do we have to hunt wolves? Aren't there enough animals being hunted?
- 2603 Please don't let this happen. It took a long time and a lot of money to re-establish wolves. Now you are proposing hunting them? makes no sense.
- 2604 THIS IS A TERRIBLE IDEA! WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? LEAVE THE WOLVES IN PEACE!!!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2605 If you give people the opportunity to destroy wolves they will. There is no way to regulate how many will really be destroyed.
- 2606 The wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem in this area; in any area. I am guessing that educated people are making these crucial decisions about wolves, therefore, as an educated person, I SUPPORT the wolf recovery act in the Great Lakes region and I DO NOT SUPPORT Minnesota's efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population through sport hunting or barbaric trapping methods.
- 2607 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose sport hunting and trapping in Minnesota
- 2608 I vehemently support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Humans must respect the life forms that were here long before we were and quit rationalizing their way into how many lifeforms can be reduced by statistically warped numbers. The big 'what if' is: "What if wolves were to determine how many humans were to survive in a specified area?" Humanity often likes to think it is above animal life when in fact it is 100% part of the animal life here on Earth. If that fact were not distorted by individuals hell bent on getting their egoistic quota, most animal life might have a fair chance at surviving with a sustainable population. Guess what animal is over-running this planet without a nanosecond's thought about the consequences? Of course Homo sapiens is... and is a manner so selfish and self-centered that it violates morality or ethics at a very base level. Basically, the wolves deserve to survive without interference from humanoids.
- 2609 Put the wolf back on the endangered list.
- 2610 I live on the sucker river in St Louis County. The land has been damaged significantly because of over population of deer. Trees cannot grow. We fence areas and then trees grow. This year the deer were not so bad and we occasionally see a wolf. Thanks goodness! The balance is coming back. Please consider this wolf season again. We have too many deer and not enough wolves to control them. Don't have a wolf season. Your survey is difficult to answer. I don't want any season. Most questions didn't have a response I really believed in, but I was still required to answer.
- 2611 I think wolves should not be allowed to be hunted and it is sickening if it is allowed.
- 2612 Yes. Animals are not crops to be "harvested." You're talking about torturing and slaughtering innocent, sentient beings: Be truthful.
- 2613 stop the wolf hunting ... killing is NOT a sport
- 2614 It's already been stated that the wolf population has been stable. There is no reason to allow wolf hunting and trapping (and trapping is simply barbaric and inhumane and shouldn't be allowed for any animal. PERIOD. This isn't even an animal prized for its meat, so the purpose would be for fur (barbaric and unnecessary) and trophy killing (barbaric and inhumane).
- 2615 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. For question number 2, there was not an answer that I agreed with.
- 2616 I do not favor hunting wolves in the great lakes region.
- 2617 Leave the wolves alone...you won't prove your manhood by killing animals!!!!!!!
- 2618 I do not advocate this at any time for any length! I am anti-hunting.
- 2619 I am against the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 2620 I do not support hunting wolves at all. Their numbers are not sufficient to ensure a healthy population with a broad genetic base. They do not reduce deer numbers enough to deny human hunters enough to go after either. If anything, they make the deer population healthier and ensure human hunters have a more satisfying chase. Isn't that part of the hunting allure, the chase?
- 2621 Trapping is cruel. The animals are exposed to hours of torture where the only relief is when the hunter comes and finally kills them.
- 2622 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2623 Absolutely no hunting on wolves till fully established. You are jumping into this too soon to have an open hunt on wolves. They are not established fully in the United States. It will only cause confusion on hunting rules regarding wolves who are in my opinion still endangered.
- 2624 I don't support wolf hunting at all! In fact, I am a strong supporter of wolf recovery programs. Hope this doesn't go through!
- 2625 Are you people kidding? it so much work to put the "chain" back and now you want to destroy it? nature is a chain and there are REASONS for each animal get a clue!
- 2626 This is totally wrong! They should not be hunted, they are not a food source so no one will be going hungry, they should NOT BE HUNTED!!!!!!!
- 2627 Wolves are crucial for keeping the balance of nature intact. Please protect these majestic and noble creatures
- 2628 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 2629 Can they suffer? Then don't hunt them!
- 2630 wolf hunting for sport is awful, trapping is cruel and I can't believe you would condone the practice. This is 2012, grow a conscience
- 2631 There should be NO hunting or trapping season for wolves. DNR should take its obligation to protect wildlife seriously instead of succumbing to the demands of a few.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2632 I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 2633 I am against killing wolves--especially trapping them. Minnesota is also not respecting the Chippewa Indian Tribe in their reasons to protect the wolves.
- 2634 As a PhD student in Environmental Studies and Animal Studies, I strongly oppose the hunting or trapping of wolves. The wolf is still a recovering species and should not be hunted or trapped. Wolves are essential to healthy ecosystems; hunting or trapping wolves is unnecessary and unethical.
- 2635 It is a very bad idea to allow wolf hunting. This will disrupt the natural ecosystem.
- 2636 I am not for any hunting, period.
- 2637 Do not hunt or trap these wonderful creatures.
- 2638 I believe the wolf hunting season should wait the original 5 years before being reinstated. A thorough study and evaluation of the populations could then be done before preemptively jumping into a wolf season immediately after being delisted.
- 2639 Wolves hunting should not be a sport. Hunters have enough things to kill for their personal satisfaction.
- 2640 There is no need to hunt wolves. Hunting should only be done as a needed food source and in most places we all can get to the grocery store.
- 2641 There should be NO HUNTING of Wolves!!
- 2642 As wolves have just been removed from the endangered species list, opening wolf packs to hunting is premature and dangerous to the longevity of those packs and the species. The species and the public would be better served by tabling this proposal altogether until a time that it is undisputed that wolf packs have grown in size to the point that they are threatening people or entering (sub)urban environments.
- 2643 NO HUNTING AT ALL!!!!
- 2644 Do not support wolf hunting!!
- 2645 Hunting of wolves is an absurd outdated practice, what are we living in the 1800's we can deal with these problems without hunting! I am a multi animal hunter, deer,turkeys grouse etc, but do not believe it is in the best interest of our ecology that we hunt species we do not eat. If we cat eat it we should not hunt it, its that simple!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2646 Shame on you. Your department is to protect animals - not open season on them!
- 2647 I understand animal management, and beleive that if you only alow one season gun only, the animal will have a oportunity to survive. They are very smart and I do not beleive that you will loose a lot during the gun hunt.
- 2648 There was good reason for the original pain to wait 5 years. I do not think the change was made based on science but rather on politics.
- 2649 I oppose the hunting of wolves.
- 2650 It was unfortunate that I couldn't answer most of the survey since it didn't allow a voice for those who are opposed. I am opposed.
- 2651 The cruelty we humans exhibit toward the animals with whom we share this Earth deteriorates the life quality for all of us, humans and animals alike. It's only our ego that places us above animals and ego undoes us all.
- 2652 I think the history of human "management" of and our interference with the planet's complex, highly integrated web of life speaks succinctly and clearly for itself. The hubris of continuing to pretend that somehow we can best nature itself at balancing the complicated ebb and flow of life on Earth is the central problem underlying all this pathetic tinkering with hunting seasons, "resource management", and similar misguided efforts. You might be able to convince yourselves of the efficacy of your work through some form of comforting self delusion, but that will never change the fact that we ourselves are the form of life on this planet that most needs to be managed - for the sake of the very survival of all other species with whom we share this home. Thanks for reading this, if anyone bothers to do so. I wish it mattered, but I'm not that naive. I'm just grateful that I won't live long enough to see the continuing, developing horrors of this arrogant "dominion-over-the-earth" campaign that will be witnessed by my grandchildren and the generations that succeed them. We should all be very ashamed for failing them.
- 2653 I did not answer many of these questions because there was no good answer, only very biased based questions. I find the killing of such a beautiful and majestic animal as the wolf is, to be cruel and heartless! I cannot imagine how anyone with a soul could find any happiness in the killing of such a intelligent creature! I say NO WAY to ANY kind of proposal that would take the lives of even one of these beautiful animals.
- 2654 protect the wolfs in humane way thank you
- 2655 Trapping of wolves is an inhumane barbaric practice. Who in the world voted for this? Suggest considering using llamas and/or guard dogs where there are concerns with livestock predation.
- 2656 I can't believe we're just going to go out and kill these animals. LET THEM BE!!!
- 2657 Please reinstate the 'Five Year Waiting' period to allow the state to conduct a scientific population assessment. Responsible, data-driven plans could then be developed to determine the future of the Great Lakes Wolf population in Minnesota.
- 2658 It is too early for a wolf hunt. We are undoing all the work that we put in to get wolf numbers up. There is no real reason for a wolf hunt in the first place. Farm incidents should be dealt with on a case-to-case basis. These hunts will destroy the wolf population.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2659 I completely 100% OPPOSE the hunting and trapping of wolves. I am sick to death of people sport killing natural predators. Without these predators to maintain other population levels nature becomes out of balance. It is we who invaded their space, not the other way around. They are beautiful NATURAL predators, please allow nature to balance itself, why do humans feel the need to constantly interfere in the natural progression of life by making it their sport to hunt and kill our wildlife?? Please STOP this and know that there are SO many of us that OPPOSE the hunting and trapping of our Minnesota Wolves. My representatives in the legislature will feel my position, I plan to let them know using my voice and my vote!
- 2660 The state worked so hard to get the wolf population back now they want to start killing them off already I think that is very wrong, and I lost respect for Minnesota's DNR.
- 2661 I agree with the Audubon Society position that wolf hunting should not occur at least until 5 years have passed after delisting. This is a rushed hunt, to appease special interest groups that represent only a small minority of Minnesotans. There is no pressing reason to initiate a hunt this year, and the legislature did not require it. The majority of Minnesotans do not favor a wolf hunt at this time. I am one of them. I believe with a 5 year wait we can look for and find better, innovative ways to manage the wolf population that address both the cost and the necessity of managing some problem wolves. Just because a minority are drooling at the thought of seeing wolf blood on the snow (and they are drooling), does not mean that we should have a hunt this year. While a wolf hunting season CAN be managed scientifically, there is no scientific reason TO hunt wolves and there are excellent scientific/ ecological reasons not to. Although wolf scientists like Dave Mech have expressed favorable opinions of a hunt, Dave Mech only gets one vote in this state like everyone else. The question of whether to have a wolf hunt is not at its core a scientific question, it is a social question. Having a hunt now only caters to those who have a hatred for wolves; those with legitimate concerns can be addressed under the current management regime. It has worked for years and can continue to work. Wolf trapping should not be allowed except by trained depredation professionals and researchers. I have trapped wolves for research and believe it is a valid tool for those purposes. But I've also seen firsthand the injuries traps can cause, even when precautions are taken, so this does not make traps a humane method of take. Additionally, they pose more of a threat to dogs and children than the wolves do. My own dogs have been injured by smaller predator leghold traps twice, and I still have the puncture scars in my arm from when I released one and was bitten. I can and do keep my dogs safe from wolves but I can't protect them from hidden traps. Wolf trapping should not be allowed on public lands except for professional research purposes and by depredation professionals! Trapping is a return to the Dark Ages for wolves in Minnesota. Again, a 5 year wait is the prudent course of action so that ALL Minnesotans wishes can be taken into account, not just a small minority's.
- 2662 This is a very one-sided survey. The Legislators first should have enacted more supportive measures to protect domestic animals and not acted so quickly to kill wolves, especially with such low maintenance numbers.
- 2663 It is far too early for a wolf season. The DNR should stick to the original 5-year plan and then conduct a study as to whether a wolf season is in Minnesota's best interests.
- 2664 I feel that the number of wolves to be killed each year is far too high to maintain a stable population. Also, the Mn DNR's track record at "managing" wild life does not inspire a lot of confidence for the long term survival of the wolves.
- 2665 Hunting is not needed to control the numbers; the billions-years old system of letting predators exist without the flawed intervention of human management works fine on its own. Establishing a hunting season on wolves in Minnesota in less than a year after being removed from the endangered species list places a vulnerable population of only an estimated 3,000 wolves at very high risk. The five year time allotment for studying the effects of a wolf hunt should be reinstated providing a much more thoughtful and deliberate assessment period. Anything less is reckless and places the wolf in jeopardy again. If left alone, animal populations regulate their own numbers. Management of wolves is unnecessary at this time in Minnesota given the estimated numbers, and unlikely to even be enforceable given the proposed plan that allows for the public on their own initiative to report any wolf captures. This plan is clearly a rush to create a governmental revenue stream by establishing another licensing system, something I would imagine a majority of the public does not support.
- 2666 Hunting wolves is simply wrong and cruel. It should be abolished altogether rather than encouraged in a wolf hunting season.
- 2667 I believe that this wolf season should be extremely limited time-wise, and even more so permit-wise. Implementing a wolf-hunting season so soon after declaring wolves no longer endangered is a huge risk of putting the population right back on the endangered species list. Also, there are more consequences to the environment than simply the species' population. Low wolf populations can have a massive effect on all other animals that their existence interacts with. I won't go into detail in the message, because I have to hope that those conducting this survey are already quite familiar with the effects to the environment as a whole that this hunting season may impose.
- 2668 Hunting wolves should be illegal.
- 2669 Wolves should never have been delisted. You should have kept the waiting time period before hunting started. Any trapping is barbaric and cruel. Men are simply chomping at the bit to start shooting these majestic animals. If you think they will play by the rules, you are kidding yourself. In my opinion, wolf management should be 'managing problem wolves'. Wolves that continually prey on livestock should be put down, but the methods of killing wolves all across the US make me sick. Shooting from the sky, trapping, poisoning and maiming are simply UNACCEPTABLE.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2670 I believe that this was a poorly made decision. With numbers stable for the past decade and new measures available to increase harmony between humans, animals and wolves I do not see the need for a hunting season.
- 2671 Wolves should not be killed for any reason. They were here before humans, white men, farmers, mining, logging, shopping centers and housing developments invaded their territory. The problem is not too many wolves (or bears). There should be a moratorium on any future development that encroaches on wildlife habitat. The problem is too many people. It's the human population that should be controlled.
- 2672 Don't do it - I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves
- 2673 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season. I've been alive for over 35 years. Do you know how many wolves I've seen in the wild? None. Zero. This will do nothing more than increase cases of revenge killing. Also, the DNR's plan is poorly put together and extremely short-sighted. Even my friends who hunt say they wouldn't hunt a wolf. After all, they're not going to eat it.
- 2674 It sure would be nice if we had a Dept of Natural Resources that lived up to it's name. Instead we have a Dept of Shoot Anything That Moves. It sure would be nice if we had people working in the DNR who cared about our state and it's natural resources and wildlife, instead of a DNR that is only concerned with keeping hunters and fishing people happy, giving them every little thing that they want while ignoring the rest of the state citizens who do believe in preserving and protecting our resources and wildlife. Wolves are family oriented pack animals that mate for life and stay together for life. To hunt these intelligent creatures down and trap them is beyond comprehension for most decent people. Not our DNR though; hunt, shoot, kill, trap, torture - that's what the MN DNR is all about. A bear in the suburbs, shoot it. Hawks protecting their nests, shoot them. A moose wandering around White Bear, shoot it. Fawns frolicking in a yard, shoot them both. Other states seem able to deal humanely with these animals in similar incidents without killing the animal involved. Not our DNR - shoot first and take no questions later. Cowards, imo. And no, I am not anti hunting; love venison, fish and most wild game. I am anti stupid-hunting, and hunting wolves is stupid-hunting. Trapping wolves goes beyond stupid to just plain cruel. Sure wish every pro-trapping person could go through that experience once, just so they could know what the animals go through. You think trappers really check their lines every day? Please. Those animals go through pain, misery and terror, sometimes for days before the big brave trapper comes along to beat them to death. To promote, and encourage such behavior is abominable to intelligent and evolved people. But I guess the bloodlust of the slower, less evolved people must be satisfied. At the expense of the animals; always at the expense of the animals. DNR can't even control or monitor all of the law breakers and poachers the way it is. You think you will be on top of making sure all wolves are taken legally? Something tells me there won't even be much effort anyway; sure don't want to piss off some hunter by making them act ethically and legally. Sure wish we had a decent DNR dept filled with decent, evolved and intelligent employees. And nice try trying to blame this on the Legislature; as if the DNR, filled with it's blood thirsty management, didn't back this all the way and do everything they could to legalize the torture and killing of our wolves. Ya'll don't fool anyone.
- 2675 No Wolf hunting or trapping should be allowed!
- 2676 I do not support wolf hunting AT ALL, signed Minnesota resident,
- 2677 I oppose this! What happened to the 5 year waiting period? This just doesn't seem right... I also think it would be cruel to trap ANY animal...
- 2678 This survey does not address the concerns of citizens who oppose the wolf hunt. I agree with working to resolve conflicts with citizens who sustain losses to livestock from wolves. I am opposed to hunting wolves for trophy or pelts. Generally I am not opposed to hunting seasons for animals that can be and are eaten, but that will not be the case with wolves and therefore I feel the hunt is unethical. And if I am in the minority and wolves will be hunted, I strongly urge the agencies responsible for the well-being of wolves to delay the hunting season until there is more scientific data to support the numbers of wolves that will be taken. They literally did just get removed from the endangered species list and a poorly planned and managed hunt, along with all the other challenges faced by wildlife - diminished and fragmented habitat, poaching, lack of prey animals, etc - will threaten a tenuous population. If the hunt goes ahead, I would like to see a provision that all hunters be required to provide an email or mobile phone number where they can receive the closure information in a timely manner. No excuses.
- 2679 I think hunting wolves is absolutely absurd and shameful. What real purpose is their to hunting these amazing creatures. I can see that the only true reason would be for sport, and that is truly sickening. Hunters have deer, duck, grouse, rabbits, squirrels, bears (sickening and completely unnecessary) and of course trappers have all sorts of creatures they can kill. Why does the wolf need to be trapped and hunted too.
- 2680 I am opposed to this hunt. The DNR is caving in to specious reasoning, false science, and the desire to hunt an animal that has only just been brought back from the brink. I am deeply dismayed by this decision and urge the DNR to re-think the policy. Please review the assessment that lead to your decision, and cancel this hunt.
- 2681 Why? I don't like biased surveys to start with. I do not believe that baiting or trapping is a hunting skill. I do not believe that we protected wolves as an endangered species to gain enough population in order to kill them to make money for the D.N.R. purses. We have reimbursed farmers for documented wolf kills, how much did this cost the gov? we have wolves in the nordeast, but we do have less of a coyote scourge because of them. I say if it is a done deal, then give the wolf a slight chance by having firearms only!(without the use of dogs)

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2682 Publicity for this short public comment period has been sorely lacking. The survey is skewed to those planning to hunt or trap wolves. Why was this legislation rushed through, quickly and quietly? What happened to the 5 year waiting period? I have recently written letters to the editor of several newspapers in hopes they will publicize the comment period, which I only found out about after calling DNR headquarters a few days ago as I'd been wondering when the comment period would begin. Regardless of our attitudes toward wolves, we can all agree that there is no point in causing them excess pain and suffering. This is what traps do. My dog was caught in the typical type of leg/foothold trap so I am quite familiar with how they painfully clamp the animal. A trapper is only required to check traps once in 24 hours. Trapping needs to be eliminated as a method of taking wolves. It is brutal and inhumane. It has no place in a DNR management plan, an organization that is supposed to respect and care about our state's wildlife. Further, to tout the wolf's pelt as prime fur is to fly in the face of a growing trend that is turning away from the wearing of furs. I am respectfully requesting that trapping be removed as a method of taking wolves. It is the right thing to do, and long overdue. Sincerely,
- 2683 I don't understand how the DNR advocates for
- 2684 I do not wish to see a wolf hunting season in MN. at ANY TIME, and believe that the entire legislative process was flawed in regard to this cause
- 2685 NO HUNTING OF WOLVES,,, MINNESOTA DNR ONE OF THE WORST I'VE EVER HAD TO DEAL WITH. EGOTISICAL STUB ATTITUDES..
- 2686 We just got the wolves back. The complaints are from negligent pet owners and farmers. Farmers are compensated for their loss yet pay not predator loss insurance. Wolves do not attack just to attack, this is a known fact. Deer loss complaints from wolves is a mute argument. The loss of deer due to car hits is 10 times higher then that of wolf kills.
- 2687 While I believe that wolves need to be managed, I'm not convinced we are at the point of over population/nuisance. But since others believe otherwise, I think any hunting should be limited to (1) firearms and archery only (no trapping), (2) limited in time to no more than nine days (even if the quota is not met), and (3), no hunting from the air. Should the population of wolves become so high that other game species is being decimated or the wolves themselves are in danger of a serious population crash, then additional time & increase in quota could be considered.
- 2688 I don't understand why we reintroduce wolves to Mn then shoot them because they may be causing problems. Farmers can use dogs/llamas which have been proven effective. Also, livestock compensation is an option. We already give out subsidies to farmers, we might as well pay them for this, too. I am opposed to any trapping and/or shooting of wolves. They mate for life. How is that going to work if one mate dies. I can't figure you people out. First you want something and then you say it's a problem. This makes me very angry!
- 2689 Until you have a goal of the hunt, I don't think this should continue. If the numbers haven't changed, why authorize a hunt - why don't you just leave things alone.
- 2690 I stongly oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. It is unnecessary and management of irresponsible persons whom just want to kill is not possible.
- 2691 I'm convinced that this DNR decision is deeply flawed. We've literally just brought our wolf population back from the brink of extinction, so we immediately want to open a wolf hunting season? For what? We're overrun with deer (a wolf's favorite prey) in Minnesota, so much so that thousands starve during the winter. I suspect that there are a handful of Northern Minnesota farmers and trappers who are pushing a wolf hunting season - why should a handful of people make statewide policy?
- 2692 I can not believe that Mn. is allowing hunting/trapping as soon as a species is taken off the endangered list. It is best to stick with the 5 year plan, rather than rush to implement a public take which is not necessary to control or manage wolf populations which have remained stable over the past ten years. State Representative David Dill and State Representative Tom Anzels state "that there is an overpopulation of wolves in Northern Minnesota, that wolves are not just killing deer, especially the young, they are eating livestock, guard animals, and domestic pets," ...I have not been able to find the data backing up their statement but would be interested in knowing their source. I have seen the "guard animals and domestic pets" that run free causing predatory damage that then is blamed on the wolf. I am not opposed to hunting in general, but I opposed to a wolf hunt/trapping season I will be applying for a permit and willingly pay the fee simply to remove one wolf hunter from the number allowed. "If" I as a tax payer had a vote on this matter it would be NO hunting and I am completely opposed to trapping !!! Thank you for your time and allowing comments.
- 2693 Wolves are important part of the ecosystem and they contribute to control other species. "Control" the wolf population would influence in a negative way the balance they create.
- 2694 I am against having a wolf hunting season in Minnesota.
- 2695 It is a grievous
- 2696 I strongly oppose any hunting and trapping of wolves.They should have never been removed from Federal protection to begin with!
- 2697 We do not need to add a wolf season in Minnesota. It is completely unnecessary. Although I hunt, I only believe in hunting for subsistence. To kill such a noble beast for sport leaves me with only disgust for the Minnesota DNR. It does not seem to be what our state's priority should be. If put to a vote by the citizens of out state it is hard to believe that the hunt would ever been authorized. Please reconsider.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2698 5 year wait should have been honored! Trapping is cruel and inhumane. Much potential for other animals to be caught in traps. If there is a "problem" wolf, the farmer should be allowed to work with the DNR to resolve the issue - in no other cases should wolves be allowed to be hunted & killed!
- 2699 Although significant progress has been made, the wolf still occupies just a small portion of its historic habitat. Moreover, the available data regarding the current size, health, and stability of Minnesota's wolf population is extremely limited. For these reasons, Minnesota's existing wolf management plan included a requirement that no public hunt be implemented for at least five years after delisting. I opposed the Legislature's decision to repeal this statutory requirement, and ask that the Department honor the original intent of the management plan by delaying implementation of a public hunt for five years. I am also deeply concerned about the process the DNR has put forward to solicit public input. The Survey is disingenuous and slanted. The online Survey is biased towards the hunt, and can not be considered an official public comment process. This is the first time the wolf, an important Minnesota wildlife species, will be managed by the state and we should have a meaningful public process for citizen input, as well as a thorough and comprehensive review for a state management program. This Survey is disrespectful to the citizens of Minnesota, and disrespectful to the wolf.
- 2700 I think allowing hunting wolves is a poor way to control the population, but even more so do I hate the trapping. Wolves are smart, wary creatures, but ANYTHING can be caught in a trap. It seems like a really cheap, pathetic way to 'hunt' an animal. I think Minnesota needs to get its act together and find a new way of making money (hint; Schools are wasting it) instead of sacrificing one of our state's symbols for some extra cash. Shame on our legislature.
- 2701 I am against hunting this magnificent animal.
- 2702 This was not really a survey allowing full comment on the wolf season. The introductory information was all pro wolf hunting. It did not provide any logical information about the target population or quotas: why set a target corresponding to the population 20 years ago, shortly after protection was initiated?; and why hunt to reduce wolf numbers if the population has been steady for a decade? The survey did not allow input about reasons for not supporting wolf hunting at this time, or for more severe restrictions on wolf hunting than proposed, or how to decide whether wolf hunting should be curtailed. It didn't ask about how to decide upon the objectives of the hunt, or about how reasonable scientifically determined quotas would be set now and in the future, or about penalties for not following wolf hunting regulations (which I think should be extremely severe for an animal recently taken off the endangered species list). It also did not allow explicit input about shooting versus trapping wolves. From my perspective the implementation of a wolf hunting season was prematurely rammed down the throats of Minnesotans (and the DNR) without adequate public and scientific input.
- 2703 More information on health and stability of the wolf population is needed prior to implementation of a wolf hunting season. The removal of the 5 year waiting period by the state legislature without public input or expert testimony is a mistake.
- 2704 What's the point of this survey? All questions are related to those who support hunting wolves. I do not support wolf hunting at all.
- 2705 Since this is not a true public forum for comment, the title should be changed to hunter and trapper comments. Understanding that the DNR function is to ensure the best possible management of our resources and their commitment to sustaining it, there are far too many variables and too much misplaced trust in this "plan". Why risk reversing all the work others have done to protect the species when it was on the brink of extinction? "Incremental Approach" means nothing more than opening up hunting and trapping with the only defined objective thus far being a "goal" to maintain a minimum winter population of 1,600 wolves believed necessary to their continued survival. Was any reason given for the MN legislature removing the five year waiting period for developing a wolf season? It is difficult to believe question #8 even exists! It should be conditional!! This plan could only be successful if hunters and trappers are compliant, there are no unexpected technical problems and all data is collected and published instantly. The questions are manipulatively worded to indicate support of the hunting / trapping season and serve as propaganda. Reading this almost sounded like a joke; but it's not too funny, it's insulting and scary. Not only is it difficult to expect this to work, it is difficult to expect it could do anything but fail. It is a recipe for disaster for the wolf. And on the note of suffering; I would love to see anyone in support of trapping accidently step into this inhumane torture devise and suffer slowly to fully experience what they are so quick to dismiss!
- 2706 Although I am a hunter I do not know why we need to have another animal being hunted in Minnesota. The presentation says there are not too many wolves in the state, so why start hunting them? There are a lot of deer in the state and from what I understand not enough hunters. So, why add another species to the hunted? Just so someone can add another type of pelt to their collection?
- 2707 it is not time to open this season. your survey presupposes you are going forward. i am firmly opposed.
- 2708 Creating a wolf hunting season is wrong. Wolves are critical to the balance of nature and were hunted almost to extinction in the past. Please reconsider implementing a wolf hunting season in Minnesota!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2709 I do not agree with any hunting or trapping season on wolves. I would agree with professional hunters managing the population of wolves. I believe that letting just anyone have a hunting permit to kill wolves would do more harm than good. I know many hunters that just use the season as a reason to drink and kill anything they can. I believe this in the end will cost the state more money as we will have to manage these hunters and eventually spend more money to bring the wolf back from extinction once again. I also do not agree with any type of trapping as it is the most inhumane treatment of animals and the most inhumane way for an animal to die. I have personal experience with my domestic cat getting trapped in a muskrat trap. I can only imagine all the animals that will die this gruesome death. Animals deserve more respect and are not just here for our destruction.
- 2710 I think that hunting wolves is totally unnecessary and unsupportable under current circumstances. It is almost certain that domestic dogs will also be killed during this process and the hunter will be excused because s/he was hunting wolves. In addition to firearms hunting of them, trapping wolves is the most cruel and despicable way possible to kill them. The animal is kept in excruciating pain until it either a) frees itself, b) dies or c) is killed by a hunter or another predator. There is no way to keep other animals out of these traps so there will certainly be other animals - including domestic dogs - which fall victim to them. There is no public need that is being served by hunting wolves - the season has been created so that "hunters" can go out and legally kill something. There is no "sport" in this whatsoever. It is so wrong it just makes me sick.
- 2711 I am opposed to having a wolf hunting season--especially with such a large quota number. Deer number management is something I can understand. This is what is needed for our wolf population at this time. I am especially opposed to trapping wolves due to the suffering it would cause. There is no "sport" in this!! Reconsider what is needed for management of wolves and humans cooperative needs in what areas of our state. It might be that a smaller area and a smaller amount of wolves to be "harvested" are needed. I can not determine if there has been a thorough study of the situation.
- 2712 This is so disgusting, to open hunting and TRAPPING?!!!! of wolves. Your "survey" is disgusting and disingenuous at best, and you are not fooling us into believing you good ole boys will consider anyone but a hunter's opinion (or fat rancher who doesn't know how to keep a clean ranch). You are doing this state and all wildlife a great disservice.
- 2713 I do not support a 2012 Wolf Season and feel that the possibility should be postponed at least until the initial 5 year waiting period that was proposed (after the species was removed from the endangered list) before any further decisions be made.
- 2714 how did you decide on 600 being the harvest number? This would being the population down by 1/5. It is very unlikely the population would be able to replenish its self in one year.
- 2715 It's disappointing to see the state immediately hunt wolves despite promises to not to. Killing native predators does little to forward conservation, and while targeted killing of wolves to reduce conflict may be appropriate in some cases, sport hunts and trapping are likely to create more problems than they solve. Traps should be marked to avoid taking pets.
- 2716 Having a wolf season is WRONG! It does not matter what you set the quota at or how long you set the season. Human beings still fear the wolf and there has not been enough education to counter that fear. There was a reason that there was a 5 year limit set before hunting was supposed to be allowed. The wolf should be respected and allowed to prosper before human beings go in and start hunting them. I find it incredible that our Minnesota legislatures feel they can just change the rules set by those who have worked so hard to bring these animals back from the endangered list.
- 2717 Please do not open hunting for wolves. It is too soon.
- 2718 Bad survey. Assumes hunting is OK. Against wolf hunting until further evaluation & stability assured.
- 2719 please no trapping of wolves
- 2720 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season. The wolf population has been stable for 10-years, there is no reason to impliment change. I appreciate your consideration of my comments. Trapping is inhumane - I speak from experience.
- 2721 No inhumane wolf season at all. Kill,kill any thing to make some money.
- 2722 This whole process is skewed, and most of the survey questions apply only to those who support the hunt. My opinion is that this seems like a typical government-run operation. Spend time, money, and resources to restore the population, and then allow the wolves to be hunted. Makes no sense. Left alone, Nature pretty much takes care of itself. It's when humans try to improve a situation that things get totally screwed up.
- 2723 I understand the wolf hunt. Do not allow trapping. Many unintentional takes (including pets) will occur.
- 2724 Please NO trapping of wolves, Period.
- 2725 I am totally opposed to hunting wolves. This hunt was rushed through without adequate study. There are other animals to hunt that also serve the purpose of providing meat to eat (e.g., deer). Killing wolves for "sport" alone is not defensible. The wolves have barely been allowed to recover some of their numbers. I believe the population should be tracked for a longer period, and a continued protection of this species should continue. Thank you.
- 2726 This is NOT a survey. Are you kidding? Who in the hell is running this clown act? Bakk? Dill?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2727 I am completely opposed to opening a wolf hunting season for ANY reason at this time. They have just been taken off the Endangered Species list, and have not been shown to be any sort of appreciable threat to either livestock or the state deer population (which is high anyway, and leads to winter kill and conflicts with humans in populated areas, chiefly deer depredations in gardens). Your plans both for notifying hunters/trappers is weak and relies on self-reporting *especially* for trappers. Whether they have to turn in wolves taken after the end date is irrelevant -- the animals will still be *dead*. And death by trapping is a long, painful, unnecessary death. Please respect these animals that have had a long time in recovering their population, and retain the five year moratorium on hunting/trapping. And please, review the wolf population at that time before any hunting season is opened. Thank you for your consideration.
- 2728 I do not believe the wolf hunt is necessary.
2729 Please wait
- 2730 Hunting wolves is not the same as hunting deer. It's inhumane to go out and just kill an animal. No one eats a wolf! This is their territory too and I am ashamed of Minnesota for it adds to misconceived notion that wolves are evil.
- 2731 I oppose the wolf hunt. I favor compensating for livestock loss due to wolves. Thank you.
- 2732 I absolutely do not support the slaughter of our wolves. We have no right to kill these animals any more than we have the right to kill another human being. Not to mention the breach of morals in the face of "Minnesota nice". The population of these animals is fragile and we shouldn't tamper with such delicate numbers. I will be protesting in front of the capital about this come August. It's murder. Thank you and have a nice day.
- 2733 What a barbaric race we humans still are to bring the wolf population back from near extinction only to then hunt them for sport.
- 2734 I think the gray wolf should stay on the endangered spec. list
- 2735 Disapprove very strongly with the decision to allow wolves to be hunted after only recently being taken off the endangered list. If hunting of wolves is permitted, I believe that trapping should be abolished totally as it is too cruel a means of culling off wolves.
- 2736 I cannot answer most of the questions because I will not kill a wolf. Why do you want to hunt them? What kind of people get a thrill out of killing just for the sake of killing? Isn't that what some serial killers have said motivates them?
- 2737 This hunt is a total waste of state and federal resources. It is simply for entertainment at the expense of wilderness and wildlife enthusiasts. The only reason MN can afford it is the counting of the wolves will be done by the feds. We can have a much better tourist image based on being the only lower 48 state with an ecologically active wolf population. You do not need to do this and you know it.
- 2738 I know there should be some controlled trapping of the wolves, but what I am concerned about is these hunters who already kill wolves illegally during deer season. If you give them the go ahead how many will they kill legally besides the illegal ones they are already taking? There are plenty of them out there doing this and if most hunters feel this way maybe they should not get any type of hunting licenses at all.
- 2739 Trapping is cruel. It should be outlawed. Wolves should not be hunted. Minnesota is turning into the damned wild wild west with our wildlife. You should consider the non-sports person's right to their heritage.
- 2740 I am not in support of a wolf hunting season, because I feel it is too soon after delisting and is very premature without additional data on our wolf population. I see no reason to rush this decision, especially when it concerns one of many wildlife populations that are under constant threat by climate change and human encroachment on their habitat.
- 2741 I cannot even find words to explain how adamantly opposed I am to wolf hunting and trapping in MN. I think this wolf season is just to placate the squeaky wheels--it's all political. One of the main reasons I live in this state is because of the woods and wildlife. Wolf hunting is plain stupid. You can't eat them and wolf rugs are ridiculous. It makes me feel ill, and when I leave this state I will mention this wolf hunting bill as one of the reasons I have moved. We're here to protect them, not kill them. I feel fortunate whenever I see any wildlife out in the woods. I think hunters will not follow the rules of the wolf hunt. Most people I know who are for this bill are disrespectful and piggish when it comes to hunting, and they do not follow any 'rules' about hunting. The information said that wolves reproduce rapidly, but it didn't mention how many die naturally every year--they need to be protected. Wolves are an essential part of what Minnesota is. In killing them, we are killing our state's spirit. I am completely, utterly, totally against the wolf hunting bill.
- 2742 I am EXTREMELY OPPOSED to ANY legalized hunting, and especially to any trapping, of wolves. I firmly believe it is too soon to reduce the population of wolves in Minnesota and I am very concerned about the impact hunting and trapping will have. Additionally, this survey is very biased in favor of hunting, and I believe it is an unfair survey to have offered for "public opinion." Please do not allow wolf hunting or trapping.
- 2743 STOP THIS UNNECESSARY ACTION AND ALLOW THE WOLF TO BE. WE WILL UNDO ALL THE WORK OF THE PAST JUST SO SOME PEOPLE CAN GET THE THRILL OF SHOOTING A WOLF. AT LEAST PEOPLE EAT DEER.
- 2744 I DO NOT SUPPORT THE MURDER OF WOLVES!!!!
- 2745 Killing innocent wolves is wrong and I'm highly against at form of slaughtering them.
- 2746 There are much better, scientifically proven methods to control this vulnerable wolf population that do not include hunting. Please follow the state guidelines, these legislative changes are not good. NO HUNTING OF THE WOLF!
- 2747 I am against hunting and trapping of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2748 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves of any kind. Trapping is inhumane and a barbaric way of killing any animal. We have very little problem in the state of MN with our wolf population and to go back to destroying them because we are embarking on their territory makes not sense. As we take away more of the wolves natural habitat we expect them to adapt. No, we should adapt. Leave the wolves alone. They are part of our natural heritage, an American symbol.
- 2749 As surveys go, this one is very poorly designed. It is clearly prejudiced toward the hunters and trappers, not the average citizen. The trapping should never be allowed, as a trap cannot what animal it catches, and that animal may very well not be a wolf. They are also cruel and disgusting forms of torture. You are the DNR, Department of Natural Resources. To take pride in your jobs, you should not be willing to sign on to a program like this one. The second hunt will be closed the day following when the target harvest quota is reached - may result in an actual wolf harvest that may be more or less than 400. Well, I can't see it would be *fewer*. That seems designed to have more than 400 killed.
- 2750 I do NOT condone the hunting of wolfs.
- 2751 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2752 I don't believe in having the wolf hunt whatsoever!
- 2753 If you people used this survey to decide whether or not to have a wolf hunt then you are insanely biased. Seriously? This is a joke. Maybe a survey that is less about my nonexistant hunting plans and really about peoples opinions about hunting wolves would have been more helpful. You should be ashamed of yourselves. How could you her any accurate information on anything other than what some fools consider "too late" and "too long". Ridiculous
- 2754 There is no need to declare "open season" on wolves. Stop the hunt!
- 2755 Trapping is inhumane and should not be allowed! Hunting season should be established AFTER it is established there is a problem with the number of wolves there are in an area. This survey is biased to hunting and trapping!!
- 2756 I do NOT support the hunting or trapping of wolves in any manner or respect WHATSOEVER at any time. They are important to the ecosystem.....we NEED them!
- 2757 This is a travesty and a complete violation of the original plan to allow wolves to stabalize for at least 5 years after removal from Federal protection. It speaks loudly and poorly of the intelligence of the Minnesota DNR that they would allow the hunting of these animals immediately after Federal protections have been removed. This approach demonstrates the Minnesota DNR's lack of appreciation for and inability to manage one of the state's most iconic wild animal species and I have no doubt the Federal government will once again need to step in and protect these animals in the future. To put it plainly, this is a bad idea and Minnesota DNR should be ashamed of themselves.
- 2758 I am against wolf hunting.
- 2759 I feel that it is far too early after the wolves' delisting for there to be a wolf hunting season in Minnesota. If hunting is to be allowed, the quota should be kept very minimal (say, 200 or less, rather than 400) and it should be kept to one season only, to coincide with the deer firearms season. Thank you for considering my comments.
- 2760 This is a biased survey. It was obviously written for those supporting the hunting of wolves. As a government agency it is your duty to collect comment from ALL of the public. Results from this survey should not be used.
- 2761 I think is terrible that now Wolfs can be hunted!!
- 2762 This survey is out of line. I am adamantly opposed to any hunting or trapping of wolves. The DNR has no right to do such a thing and remember the organization are all people elected. HUNTERS ARE SICK WHEN ALL THEY WANT TO DO IS HURT AND KILL THESE ANIMALS. HUNTERS SHOULD BE HUNTED AND SEE HOW THEY LIKE IT.
- 2763 please don't do this - we do not need to harvest the wolves!!!!
- 2764 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 2765 I am opposed to the wolf hunt and feel strongly that is the wrong thing to do to our wolf population.
- 2766 I do not support ANY wolf hunting. They aren't food,
- 2767 It's outrageous to hunt a predator so vital to the prey species' health and survival. The utterly ignorant policies that have ballooned whitetail deer populations and spread disease to the moose population, pursued so more people can get their deer, have also caused disease among deer and a destructive trend among their favored native plant species. In other words, they're eating up all the important plants. I don't care if ANYONE gets a deer, if we would just have a sensible, comprehensive management policy that took into consideration ALL the consequences of deer and predator population management. This proposed wolf hunt is the height of ignorance and hubris.
- 2768 It is unwise to intentionally harm God's creations.
- 2769 Trapping should be illegal. There is no valid reason to kill these beautiful animals; they were here first, and they are essential to the ecosystems they occupy. We did not work to restore them from the endangered species list just so people could get their kicks out of killing them.
- 2770 The wolf should never have been de-listed in MN. I am very disappointed.
- 2771 There is absolutely no need to hunt wolves. It's barbaric.
- 2772 I am not convinced a hunting/trapping season is warranted at this time.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2773 I and my family, some of whom are hunters, STRONGLY disapprove of any sort of wolf hunt in Minnesota. The statistics show that the predation-compensation program is adequate, and that the primary predators of livestock are not wolves, but feral dog packs and coyotes. I find no logical reason for Minnesota to launch a hunt, and am ashamed of MN leadership, both in the Capitol and especially in the DNR, for knuckling under to a small group of wealthy, stubborn and vocal special interest groups. The wolf is a natural resource, agriculture needs to provide adequate supervision and shelter to their livestock to prevent predation, and hunters who long to bag a wolf just need to get over it. There are so many of us, and so many other creatures to hunt, and so few wolves nationwide, I strongly believe that we need to take pride in our state's successful wolf recovery program, and leave the wolves in peace. Please reconsider this travesty of a hunt.
- 2774 I am opposed to hunting the wolves, so I do think more studies need to be done. If we have open hunting for several years are we going to be back to having them endangered again? I have lived most of my life in Itasca county, I know what one bad winter can do to all the wild life. If the population of the wolves drops, will the hunting stop?
- 2775 This "survey" is biased. I don't want to see the wolf hunted, but many of the questions don't allow for that opinion. Do it right or don't do it at all. Thank you.
- 2776 The hunting and trapping of wolves is a disgrace to Minnesotans and hunters everywhere. These are mammals who live in packs, their packs will be torn apart by these primitive despicable hunting rituals. The MN DNR can make money other ways besides killing the wolves. It is cruel to do this to our wolf brothers from which came our greatest inter-species relationship: our dogs. I will do everything in my power to stop this thoughtless and cruel process.
- 2777 Please do not kill our wolves. Let them live and thrive as they should.
- 2778 The dnr and lawmakers are in my mind the biggest bunch of dipshits I have seen in a state. You do not care about public concerns, this survey is the worst I have ever seen. You need to wait the five years that was in place before the uneducated brainless lawmakers stuck the dumbass noses in this matter. This needs to be controled by the dnr and wolf managment personal. Having a wolf season during the firearm deer season is just reckless. shame on all of you. I am not against a wolf season, I will probably try hunting them but a later season in january would be more appropriate. Thanks for letting me comment but I know this will not do any good because all of you are about the money and dont give a shit about wildlife..... good luck to you!
- 2779 The five year waiting period was a reasonable plan. If the wolf population has remained stable for the last decade why would we begin slaughtering wolves now? Wolves are obviously capable of controlling their own numbers wihout the intervention of man. Trapping is barbaric and a danger to all of us who spend time in the north woods. After all the time and effort that has gone into reeducating the public about wolves and reestablishing the nearly extinct population, this return to killing wolves seems incredibly stupid and shortsighted.
- 2780 I come from a family of hunters and I am sickened by what our State is planning on doing to our wolf population. I am appalled that our State government is even considering a hunting season on an animal that has just been released from the Endangered Species protection. I know that farmers are yelping about some livestock that may get killed or has already been killed, however, there is a reason for those deaths, and as caretakers of the Earth, it is our responsibility to extend that care to all creatures, which should include our wolves. Cattle do not need protection from hunters, trappers and poachers, our wolves do! Opening a hunting season on our wolves after just being taken off of the Endangered Species list is like having a hunting season on our eagles, Manatees or any other endanged species. I think that it is about time that our lawmakers get their heads out of their bums and out of the lobbyests' pockets and do what is RIGHT for a change, instead of what will make them popular. I have followed the plight of the wolves since 1968 when this same issue came up, and as a teenager back then; I was as appalled and sickened then as I am now, with what our government is planning on doing. We need our wolves so that they can help maintain healthy deer herds and to kull the sick and weak from other herds of wildlife. Wolves play an intricate part in our eco-system and government needs to learn how to keep their grubby fingers out of regulating nature. It has never worked in the past; I do not understand why you think that you can play God, yet again. If you want to help our eco-system and our Earth, rescind the hunting season on our wolves. It is time that we allow nature to monitor itself without our interference all of the time. As a taxpayer of this State, I demand that the hunting season on wolves be rescinded.
- 2781 I don not support wolf hunting/trapping.
- 2782 Do not want a Wolf Killing Season at all. A homeowners dog such as a Mastiff, Shephard, Etc. could be mistaken for a Wolf & killed. Not a smart idea. Stop the needless, & senseless Killing of our Wolves.
- 2783 I think a license should cost about \$10,000 for a short season, so the state will have some money to actually "manage" the wolf population once all the wolf-haters have had their shot at killing a wolf on the first few days of season, because wolves are "no longer protected by Federal Law." That is what I am hearing hunters say now.
- 2784 Please leave this sacred animal alone. My husband and I were driving along highway 61 near Lutsen a few years ago and happend to see a wolf walking along the road. It was one of the most mystical moments that we will never forget. I want my daughter to have a chance to experience that someday.
- 2785 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2786 Yes, the wolves were just taken off the endangered species list so this seems too early to begin hunting them and this entire idea has been unfairly presented.
- 2787 It is a mistake to hunt and trap wolves,since they are not overpopulating.They still need protection since they were removed from the Endangered Species List for political reasons rather than scientific reasons.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2788 Wolves are a very important part of the ecosystem in northern Minnesota. This ecosystem is out of balance with way to many deer that are over browsing the forest under story and preventing many important tree species from regenerating such as oak, white pine, and white cedar. These tree species are becoming endangered! The inflated deer herd is also spreading ticks that threaten human health and infecting moose with brain worm. There are only 3,000 wolves why are we proposing reducing their numbers? Deer hunters seem to be in charge of managing the deer herd. This should not be based on politics but on science. Land owners and farmers who have conflicts with wolves killing livestock, pets, etc. could be issued permits to shoot wolves on their property only. This should not be about deer hunters "not seeing enough deer" and letting them shoot wolves while deer hunting (some of them are doing that already). Wolves are of great benefit to the forest and the deer hunters are not. If we do not allow wolves to do their job of harvesting the sick (think CWD!) and weak no one will ... hunters mostly want to shoot the healthy large bucks, which has no impact on the population. Wisconsin has already lost control of its deer herd ... Minnesota will be next. Why weaken one of the best management tools there is? Are not federal trappers already removing problem wolves? Could not the state continue this program using deer hunting license money?
- 2789 Killing wolves is a step in the wrong direction. We continually hear about deer overpopulation. Wolves are the natural balance to overpopulation. It's like men cannot stand to have anything around that they cannot kill. Trapping is barbaric! I am opposed to his hunt by the DNR. Always will be!
- 2790 I don't support a wolf hunting season.
- 2791 The DNR and its senior management should be completely reconstructed (i.e., fired) since it does not by any stretch of the imagination represent the 2.5 million Minnesotans who do not believe in hunting or trapping of wildlife in Minnesota. These 2.5+ million Minnesotans' taxes pay the salaries of and yet are not represented by the DNR. Indeed, senior management has scoffed and laughed at non-trappers and non-hunters (worse, sneered at) therefore, this survey is ridiculous and will have absolutely no affect on the wolf slaughter taking place in November.
- 2792 No wolf hunting. Control the population through more effective methods.
- 2793 Down with wolf hunting!!!!
- 2794 As a Minnesotan, I am very disappointed that DNR resources will be spent to sponsor hunting and trapping for recreational killing of wolves. That money would be better spent on educational and management programs that teach people to respect the place of wolves and other wild animals in our state, as an important part of the ecosystem.
- 2795 A wolf hunt is not necessary or justified. Moreover, the five year waiting period that was originally part of the proposed bill to allow for a comprehensive study was dropped from the Legislation. The legislated killing of wolves in Minnesota, without adequate study to justify such a hunt is a very bad legislation and a sad, sad day for Minnesota and its wolves.
- 2796 I do not approve of hunting wolves. They operate in a close knit family unit. They are not eaten by humans. There has been no documented case of a wolf killing a human in N. America.
- 2797 this survey didn't ask me why I don't support wolf hunting? There must be another place to publish my views?? Trapping? Really? What century are we in?
- 2798 No Wolf Hunt for Minnesota. Just delisted!! Wait at least the 5 yr.
- 2799 trapping is inhumane and puts domestic animals and smaller non-wolf canids at great risk for injury and mortality. please do not allow trapping at least!!!!
- 2800 As much as I question hunting animals NOT used for food, I feel hunting is relatively humane, and as such, I can accept it as a viable means of dealing with overpopulation; however, trapping bothers me in that it is not selective (anything can be caught in a trap...including people) and it is significantly more inhumane, considering how long a trapped animal can wait 'til it is found and dealt with. Thank you.
- 2801 Wolves are again being falsely demonized as they were when their populations were nearly wiped out. There is so much hype & propaganda out there against wolves it is ridiculous. Trapping is cruel & should not be allowed. Wolves were just delisted, why the big rush to hunt before a complete plan is set. Where is the science?
- 2802 I oppose any hunting of wolves in MN. If there is an issue with the taking of livestock or other by wolves, that should be dealt with on individual basis by State employees.
- 2803 Don't believe you have the right to hunt wolves at all. You have slaughtered enough already. They create a balance upon the land that you are wreaking havoc on. And trapping???? You know very well that not only do wolves get caught in these traps...ALL animals are potential victims. We have been watching you, all over the world this has gained worldwide attention. What you do next....will have a great impact on how the world will view you and your state.
- 2804 If there is trapping, all traps should be checked daily. Any longer than this could result in unnecessary extended periods of pain and suffering by animals trapped. There is no excuse for this.
- 2805 I don't believe we should use traps to hunt any animal. They are cruel and dangerous.
- 2806 I would like to know who proposed this legislative action? It seems very irresponsible to take wolves off the endangered species list and immediately have a hunting/trapping season. Wolves are not killed for their meat, and is not the same as killing deer for venison. I cannot believe that you are going to allow trapping, what kind of sport is that? I truly believe that wolves can manage themselves just fine without our interference. It is just such a waste of such a beautiful wild animal.
- 2807 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2808 I see no reason at all to have a season on wolf. I am a deer hunter and grouse and fisherman. I think there is plenty of deer for them and us. Their population has stabilized naturally. Leave them alone!
- 2809 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting or trapping season. This new hunting and trapping season in MN is a national embarrassment. Ever hear of ecological balance? The wolf population has been in a reasonable balance for the last decade. The policy of the DNR and state government should be based on sound science, not a pro-hunting agenda. Does this state have to promote the killing of just about everything (from Mourning Doves to Wolves)? Worse than hunting, it is unconscionable that the state/DNR is going to allow the barbaric practice of trapping on this highly intelligent and social animal. As a highly educated person, this feels like we stepped back into the 1950s.
- 2810 I believe the public's wishes in the matter of "harvesting" wolves is being ignored by the state government. Ranchers who wish to use public land for their own purposes want all wolves dead. There are other ways to discourage wolves from preying on domestic animals. In Africa, large herding dogs have been used very successfully to keep tigers from preying on local livestock. Trapping is brutal, cruel, and should be outlawed. I am no bleeding heart, but to subject intelligent family oriented animals to this practice is deplorable. I am very tempted to join PETA because of this. Shame on Minnesota legislators.
- 2811 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2812 It is inconceivable that the state of MN would allow the barbaric act of trapping any animal, especially the Wolf. Anyone wishing to bait and trap Wolves, or any animal, should first be required to insert their foot into the trap they intend to use for the unnecessary Slaughter of animals. These animals have more right to be on this earth than humans, they where here first. They only kill what they need to eat unlike humans. Humans are the ones that need population control not Wolves.
- 2813 I resent this survey that is clearly biased towards those in favor of this wolf hunting that breaks the wolf management plan, is not based on science and is only for the purpose of trophy hunting. It is outrageous that there are plans to allow trapping that is inhumane and will cause great pain and suffering for these animals. Wolves operate in complex social systems and hunting could make them more of a problem for ranchers as it will disrupt their pack and could leave adolescent wolves hungry and more likely to take livestock. I am so saddened by this. One of the reasons I loved Minnesota and decided there was enough wilderness here for me was the presence of wolves that were being protected and valued. please stand up for science.
- 2814 Leave the wolves alone...
- 2815 I strongly oppose to the wolf hunt, they just came off the endangered species list. This is incredibly unethical not to mention hands down mean!!!!
- 2816 I totally oppose the wolf hunt in Minnesota. Between just the natural obstacles facing the wolves (pup mortality etc.), illegal poaching, SSS (Shoot-Shovel-Shut Up), the DNR and the US Fish & Wildlife Service removing "problem wolves", I don't feel that there is a need for a hunt. Besides it's so totally unfair for the wolves (they certainly don't have all the tools that humans have to kill), and trapping is extremely cruel (not to mention all the other animals that are killed in these traps). We've taken the wolves territory and their food source - what are they supposed to do? To quote the naturalist, Ernest Thompson Seton, after he killed Lobo: "Ever since Lobo, my sincerest wish has been to impress upon people that each of our native wild creatures is in itself a precious heritage that we have not right to destroy or put beyond the reach of our children" Having a wolf hunt would be a crime against nature. We need to respect them and learn to live with them. Seem's funny that 3,000 wolves in Minnesota is too much, but yet we can put 60,000 to 70,000 people into a sports facility for an event. By having a wolf hunt - we will just be repeating the persecution and slaughter that was perpetuated on this beautiful creature in the past.
- 2817 Please do not allow trapping or hunting of wolves. Wolves are a very important part of the ecosystem and they need our help. Trapping especially is cruel. Please do not vote to allow the killing of wolves.
- 2818 Don't believe they should be hunted ... and never, never, never with a trap
- 2819 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2820 STOP KILLING MORE WOLF IN MN!!!!!!!!!!!!!! STOP THE TRAPPING AND HUNTING OF WOLVES IN MN
- 2821 I do not support the killing of wolves in Minnesota. It is a bad idea. They keep the deer and general ecology healthy.
- 2822 I DO NOT SUPPORT THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF WOVES. DO WHAT YOU CAN TO STOP IT!
- 2823 I do not support the hunting of wolves in any way! I DO NOT SUPPORT THE HUNTING OF WOLVES IN ANY WAY!
- 2824 There is no reason for a wolf hunt. Wolves regulate themselves and farm predation should be dealt with on a small scale. No wolf counts have been taken since 2008, so claims that the hunt is needed because of wolf overpopulation are completely false. Hunting wolves as soon as their listing has been deregulated is a waste of all of the effort/money that was used to increase their numbers. Additionally, the wording of the first question is misleading. Although certain people may support the hunt in the future, they may not support it so ridiculously soon after the delisting of wolves. There is no option for this opinion (yes, doesn't cover it). Also, it is ridiculous that the only public comment is online. Not everyone that wishes to comment on these hunts has computer access.
- 2825 Trapping is inhumane and should be eliminated in all circumstances. Hunting in small numbers may be acceptable to control population and predation only after other alternatives have been explored.
- 2826 I think this is absolutely absurd! To take any animal off endangered list and begin to hunt immediately- I cant believe this idea is even entertained! Stop this before it is too late!
- 2827 I oppose wolf hunting and the removal of wolves from the endangered and protected species list. We need to learn to coexist rather than destroy wolves for the species plays a vital role in the ecosystem.
- 2828 I am totally opposed to a wolf hunting season. It is most unfortunate that the MN DNR is even entertaining the idea.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2829 Murder of wolves is NOT needed.
- 2830 I think this hunting/trapping idea is barbaric!
- 2831 If the wolf population has remained "stable" for the past ten years, and hasn't grown. Then why are we hunting them if not for sport? Seems a bit ridiculous that they are allowed to be hunted immediately after taken off the endangered species list.
- 2832 Do NOT do this! Look dont kill the wolves there is no reason. And i have facts to back it up! Okay research panic breeding. 1. When a wolf in the pack is killed the pack begins to mate and they can DOUBLE the amount of wolves in the pack! You arent helping at all. 2. You say wolves are causing problems with people? Um no the only way a wolf will attack/bother a human is if they threaten them or attack them. PLEASE i beg you! Please do not allow this. Your not even helping towards your goal your doing the opposite. Why does there have to be "Wolf Management" cant you just let god be god? Besides ive never seen "Human Management" and we have way to many humans. Well if you completely disregared this... Well have fun being god.
- 2833 This survey is totally skewed for the hunter and trapper. No creature should be subjected to a steel leg-hold trap, conibear, or snare. None of this is spelled out, but I believe Minnesota should follow the lead of other state and nations that have outlawed their use. Why is the answer to every problem a dispensing of death, often the cruelest form of death. We remain a barbaric population and I oppose the DNR's solutions, especially since the make up of the DNR is almostly totally composed of hunters and trappers. You don't give enough voice to the gentler voices of this state. You run a monopoly on the creatures that belong to no one, but who, in a sense, belong to us all. You, however, do not allow all of us to have a voice, except after the fact, such as in this survey, which I think is hokum.
- 2834 I am completely disgusted and utterly disappointed with the DNR and those who backed a wolf kill in Minnesota. Deplorable. Despicable.
- 2835 I strongly oppose the hunting of wolves.
- 2836 There should not be a "wolf season" at all. But assuming there's no stopping it, be wary of illegal activities, which are more than likely bound to happen, as some people seem to have a kind of vendetta against wolves, for whatever reason. Don't allow extra wolves to be lost by such ignorant people.
- 2837 I appose hunting or trapping wolfs.
- 2838 Yes, I am not a hunter. I am very much against hunting and trapping wolves. Trapping is a horrendous practice that causes other animals to be trapped as well. Hunters are negligent in checking traps and the animals suffer for days...starving, hurt, in pain and vulnerable. There are non lethal means of predation control. Ranchers should practice safe, non lethal methods of keeping their herds protected. The ratio of wolves to head of cattle or sheep is disproportionate with the wolf harvest quotas. Wolves do NOT cause that much economic loss to ranchers. This is just an excuse to sell hunting licenses and bring in revenue from big game hunters that would love to kill a wolf. Stop spreading bias against wolves. Defend them!
- 2839 Why are we hunting and trapping this species? Science? No! Monied interests? YES! What other species is immediately hunted when it comes off the Endangered Species List? This is nothing more than the wishes of the well monied hunting/farming/ranching organizations. No science here. Hard to believe it is 2012 and the wolf is still 'managed' by interests and not science.
- 2840 The DNR should try to reduce the wolf hunting/trapping seasons conflict with grouse hunting and protect hunting dogs from accidental shooting or trapping. While the grouse season is fairly long, a number of factors reduce the effective length of the grouse season. The first few week of the season are usually too warm with too much foliage and then firearms and muzzleloading deer seasons effectively eliminate much of November and December from safe grouse hunting. Now with the additional wolf hunting seasons, even more of the grouse season becomes unsafe for grouse hunting. Having the wolf season only concurrent with existing firearms and muzzleloading deer seasons and/or having it after grouse season closes would not additionally reduce the amount of safe grouse hunting and is my preferred season option.
- 2841 I do not support wolf trapping or hunting of any kind under any circumstances, any time.
- 2842 The fact that there is a proposed 'wolf hunt ' at all sickens me. What is the point? The wolves are not the problem. It is the people. When is taking away our resources enough? Let's do like China, and have population control. That way urban sprawl won't have to happen and the wolves can live at peace in their own environment. The wolf is not invading our space. It is the humans that have decided to live in the woods.
- 2843 Let our successful saving of the wolves stand. We do not have too many and they really have much to teach us. Hunting them would be a big mistake .
- 2844 I DO NOT SUPPORT THE WOLF HUNT!!!!
- 2845 I don't want to know that any Wolves have been killed. This is completely unnecessary, and just a pathetic 'sport' for inadequate 'men'. The Wolves are an essential part of the eco-system and furthermore they bring in \$\$\$\$ to local communities in the form of eco-tourism. Pretty please get civilised Minnesota, or you will not be seeing any of my money.
- 2846 Killing wolves is insane. We work for years to bring them back to a healthy level, then decide we have to blow them away again. WHY? To keep deer hunters happy??? LEAVE THEM ALONE!!!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2847 Cutting the wolf population in half makes zero sense to me. I am appalled at the decision to shoot wolves let alone trap them—how barbaric and just plain stupid for a human to fool with the balance of nature. I am a backpacker and wonder through the woods quite a bit. What if a human steps into a wolf trap? What if the deer population exceeds to a new high by your decision to eliminate wolves? What do you think happens to the terrain where there is an abundance of deer? The DNR seems to be run by idiots who know nothing about the environment and the laws of nature, but just treat your position as any other job. I can tell by the unknowledgeable people you are hiring to work the state parks. They are clueless about nature and the trail system around the parks they work at. Again, I am really disappointed you allowed to this new law to shoot and trap wolves and shame on Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken as well.
- 2848 This is not an unbiased, neutral survey as there is no opportunity for me to respond to questions 2,5,6,7, or 8 as I'm not in favor of allowing the hunting of native wolves. This is a biased and defective survey as it does not allow those opposed to the hunting of native wolves to respond to a majority of these multiple choice survey questions. This inadequate and poorly designed questionnaire should not be used in any decision-making process.
- 2849 Do not permit wolf hunting.
- 2850 How will you enforce the closing of hunting wolves? Manpower to enforce seems to be an expensive way so I am guessing more wolves will be hunted than you anticipate. How will you compensate for this in subsequent years??
- 2851 better population studies need to be done before a hunt, Trapping is inhumane and should be not allowed.
- 2852 It seems that there are more benefits to having the wolves present in our environs than there are disadvantages.
- 2853 This Survey does not allow for choices of "NO" so the questions are poised for a definite outcome.
- 2854 Why have no other alternatives been explored, aside from killing wolves? Can wolves be caught and transported to other areas where there is more territory or fewer wolves? Why does the DNR call this "harvesting"? That makes it sound benign, like harvesting crops. Why not call it what it is: killing wolves? I especially oppose the trapping of wolves, which is cruel. What ethical considerations have you considered that are based on the life of the wolf and the wolf packs? Shouldn't those ethical considerations take precedence over the fear and disgust of a those people who want wolves killed? They have no ethical grounding for killing wolves. Why should you listen to arguments that are not ethical. There is more of an ethical argument for not killing and trapping wolves. Another solution should be pursued that preserves the lives of wolves, like removing them to other locations. Cost should not outweigh the ethical consideration of the animal's right to live. Thank you for considering my comments.
- 2855 It is too soon for the state of MN to allow hunting of wolves when they have been on the endangered list for so many years.
- 2856 How you can even contemplate trapping/hunting of wolves in your state beyond me. Why is this even being considered? Is there no responsibility on behalf of the rancher to protect their herd with shelter/herding dogs? No, instead we bait and indiscriminately kill because that is an easier, quicker and most importantly, cheaper solution! Always comes down to the almighty dollar with humans and the ego of the hunter for a trophy and 'sport' (I use the term quite loosely). That trapping is even allowed in this day and age is a travesty! Can one truly even contemplate the agonizing pain and fear an animal endures in a trap? Do we need to prove the prowess of the human hunter with traps and guns? To what end, for a pelt or trophy...It truly is a disgrace!
- 2857 I am opposed to removing the 5 year waiting period before hunting and trapping began and I am dissatisfied in the process for input that was used.
- 2858 I support immediate cessation of hunting and/or trapping wolves.
- 2859 wolf hunting, poaching etc should completely stop. let our wolves run free and leave them alone.
- 2860 I am totally against the hunting and trapping of this beautiful, intelligent animal. What about the suffering the wolf goes through when trapped? What about the family of the killed wolf. As a taxpayer I do not support this in any way.
- 2861 I do not support hunting or trapping wolves.
- 2862 "Wolf season" should not occur at all. Based on all of the information I've read, we're dealing with a population which only just this year was taken off the threatened and endangered species list-- meaning it is obviously a species which has struggled in the past (largely due to human intervention to begin with). To reactivate and promote that intervention once again is inane. Also, mentioned in an informative survey, wolf population has remained steady the past decade. Meaning it hasn't increased further. Therefore it is not at risk of overpopulating. By allowing them to be slaughtered by hunters and trappers it's clear the population of wolves in Minnesota will only decrease and likely become at risk once again. A large part of this whole concept relies alarmingly heavily on hunters and trappers consistently reporting the number of wolves they have butchered. The odds of this happening, I imagine, are not that great-- which will further put the wolf population at risk of becoming threatened once again since proper record of their population will be incredibly difficult and inaccurate. There is no legitimate reason for wolves to be allowed as hunting game, besides promoting the skewed views of wolf-haters by granting them legal right to attack wolves freely during open season.
- 2863 Hunting wolves when they have finally become safely established in America is unnecessary and will decrease populations again. And allowing trapping is extremely backwards and cruel; surely by now we're civilized enough not to trap animals. In addition, other animals will undoubtedly be trapped and terribly wounded or killed. Many people LIKE to see wolves and celebrate their existence; hunting and trapping wolves might satisfy some hunters who want to kill a "savage wolf" but will harm our state's reputation, which has always been one of protecting and celebrating its environment and animals.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2864 Are hunters going to eat the wolf meat? Or are people just looking for something to shoot? I used to feel some pride in telling people that I'm from Minnesota, the state that supports their wolf population.. Now that "pride" is gone due to the state taking backward steps.. I just do not understand why people feel the need to kill something that they fear and don't understand.. I suppose that is the "human" way.. But eventually we might actually learn from this mistake....again.
- 2865 I don't support hunting wolves in any circumstances and so did not answer those questions where options were given for hunting them. We should accommodate natural controls of wolf populations according to the size of habitat. We've already brought wolves almost to extinction once; what will be accomplished by killing them off again except to appease some people's need to control nature and take trophies to prove their power and superiority over other living things.
- 2866 I think you should wait and really look at your numbers over a five year term before jumping the gun.
- 2867 This survey is flawed. Do not allow hunting of wolves. Please keep protecting them.
- 2868 I own 83 acres of recreational woods 15 miles north of Two Harbors. We have an abundance of wildlife, including two wolf packs in our area. I do not fear the wolves that frequent our land, but I am nervous about the possibility of attack when I walk my Lab and my Chessie on leashes late at night or early morning. I always wear bear spray and a .45 caliber revolver when walking the dogs. I do not have any interest in killing a wolf, but I do understand that a human and two big dogs might be mistaken for a rival pack. My sister-in-law and one of my former students have both needed to fire guns in the air to drive off wolf packs that surrounded them. It does not appear that the proposed wolf hunting format gives me any legal protection, in the event that I feel compelled to shoot a wolf that is chewing on me. It especially does not address the issue of needing to shoot at a wolf to protect pets or livestock during the closed season.
- 2869 These animals were protected for a reason. TOO MANY KILLED!! What kind of logic regulates the thought that "Well, now that the wolves are not endangered anymore, let's start up hunting them again so they can be endangered once again!" What is wrong with you all? Wolves, whales, dolphins, tigers, elephants, gorillas, turtles, rhinos, leopards, pandas..... all hunted, killed for profit, killed for sport, killed for money, killed for greed. NO! I do not support wolf hunts in MN or anywhere else. We take away their habitat and then kill them because they get in OUR way? How about relocation instead of killing them. TRAPPING??? Are you kidding me? Senseless torture, pain, suffering, fear should never, ever be allowed. It sickens me and I can't even believe this topic is up for debate. If man has "his" way, there will be nothing left on 4 legs. Go to Europe. Take a look at what is left of their wild animals... boars. NO birds, no squirrels, no deer. These animals are not food, We do not need for wolf skins for clothing. Man needs to step it up a notch and come up with solutions to preserve animals, protect animals... and don't say KILLING THEM is going to preserve them. Insane.
- 2870 Wolves are too magnificent to hunt for any reason. They are one of our last ties to the Wild.
- 2871 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season
- 2872 As a Cook County property owner and a dog owner, I strongly oppose your licensing some drunk fool to shoot at what he thinks is a wolf or to set traps designed to torture canids. If particular wolves are a problem for persons using appropriate care, then use an educated professional to control them. Otherwise, let the wolves control the deer and leave them alone. Thank you.
- 2873 I do not support a wolf hunt season in Minnesota. I think it is a mistake to hunt this population that was recently endangered. This troubles me greatly. I do not support the method of trapping either if a season is allowed.
- 2874 Please do not trap or hunt wolves. It is too soon to make this choice. There is a lot of hysteria and misinformation about wolves. Leave them alone!
- 2875 We are very disappointed in the miss handling of MN wildlife! The Department of Natural Resources has failed and sold out our wildlife to the highest bidders. SHAME ON YOU. Wolves would not be a nuisance if they had enough of their natural prey to eat. Since you have seen fit to destroy the deer herd, what is left for them? Just another Government agency gone sour!
- 2876 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2877 I do not plan to hunt wolves. I live in northeastern MN and can accept killing of problem wolves but don't understand why someone would want to hunt wolves that are not causing problems. Trapping should never be allowed as it is cruel and any animal, wild or domestic, is at risk with traps.
- 2878 Open season on an extremely recently thriving animal is irresponsible, and unnecessary. Please reconsider this plan.
- 2879 No.
- 2880 No, No, No, No WOLF hunting period!
- 2881 A five year moratorium is needed (as in the original plan) for further studies etc. Why the big rush?? I am not for a hunting or trapping season at all.
- 2882 Please conserve our wildlife. It is priceless. Thank you.
- 2883 I think this is giving a license to perverted people who like to kill animals. I think it is abominable that the legislature is allowing this. I consider people who want to hunt and trap wolves to be evil.
- 2884 I oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves
- 2885 I am not in favor of a trapping season. I believe that is a slow and painful death for any animal. I do realize the population needs to be in control but by somewhat humane measures,
- 2886 No hunting or trapping should be allowed!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2887 Please do not allow wolf hunting in Minnesota. It's imperative to the wolf population that hunting is not allowed.
- 2888 I think it's insane to allow a hunting season (of any duration) for wolves in Minnesota. Period. If hunting were allowed, I don't see how hunting (particularly in deeply forested areas of our state) could possibly be regulated. I agree that live trapping would yield the most wolves, but this would encourage poaching. Will all the cuts in state spending, I don't imagine Minnesota has enough DNR officers to enforce the hunting regulations. This is a bad idea for many reasons.
- 2889 I am vehemently opposed to the use of traps and snares to catch wolves, or any wild animal, for that matter. These are cruel and inhumane methods of killing, which allow the animal too much suffering. Therefore, I only support the hunting of wolves. Thank you.
- 2890 DO NOT hunt, trap or kill wolves. You cannot approve of an eradication of a species because they simply do not fit into your plan to occupy their territories. That is and has been their home long before it was anyone else's.
- 2891 I am outraged that this Wolf Hunt has been approved. I am also appalled that the trapping will be allowed. What a cruel and painful death that would be. Please reconsider your plans and put a stop to the needless slaughter of these beautiful animals God has created. They have every right to be here, just as you and I do. I am disgusted at the way humans are continuing to take over and drive the animals from their rightful homes. More and more each day we are expanding and taking what little nature has left. This survey is very limited in its questions, essentially making it very unfair. Please give the people a more thorough survey and the wolves the chance to live in peace. Thank you. Melissa Peterson Spring Lake Park MN
- 2892 It is ridiculous to have a wolf season to start with.
- 2893 The season needs to be revisited with the legislature at next session to have this cancelled for the next season.
- 2894 I am against the hunting and trapping of wolves in general. If they were not on the endangered species list, they will be in the next five years. We need to protect our wildlife.
- 2895 I am concerned for the safety of family dogs getting in a wolf trap. Can there be a regulation that no trapping be allowed within 2 miles of any homes? People need to be able to exercise their dogs without having to worry about traps being set on the road that they live on.
- 2896 Wolf hunting is not necessary at this time in MN
- 2897 We need to share our habitats WITH the wolves, not just kill them off because we can't be smart about taking care of our properties.
- 2898 I oppose the wolf hunt season and do not agree with this legislation that was passed.
- 2899 Wait the 5 years before allowing hunting of wolves.
- 2900 I am opposed to wolf hunting. It took a long time and money to bring them back to just harvest them once they recovered. It isn't even an edible hunt. It just encourages the same way of thinking poachers of exotic and endangered species around the world utilize, hunting for personal gain and/or pleasure.
- 2901 Abandoning the Wolf management planned that was passed into law in 2001 and removing the originally proposed five year moratorium after delisting the wolf is unacceptable. Immediate wolf hunting and trapping was not what Minnesota promised when it pushed for the removal of Endangered Species Act protections from its wolf population. Additionally, the promised commitment to "full public comment" is not being honored by a process that limits participants to only an online survey process with a restricted set of questions. It seems clear from this, that limited public input is the goal, not offering a true opportunity for full public participation.
- 2902 Trapping should not be an option at all, if wolves are allowed to be killed, it should be the most humane way possible, which would exclude trapping.
- 2903 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2904 I think this is truly disgusting that we are not at least taking the five year waiting period to hunt wolves. Deer are already a huge problem; reducing the wolf population will only make deer a bigger problem. I really wish that wolf hunting would be reconsidered.
- 2905 I am against wolf hunting at all, because predators exist for much needed reasons! We have too many deer, so the math does not add up when you say there are too many wolves. With or without a hunt season, it is high time to end the barbaric practice of trapping!!!! It is a grotesque and horrific way for any animal to die, totally inhumane, and trappers have no control over what ends up in that trap. I have heard of everything from dogs to eagles as among the many of non targeted species being caught in traps.
- 2906 The development of an open hunting and trapping season on wolves in MN in the same year that they were removed from the Endangered Species List is nothing short of assinine! I hope it fails on a spectacular level.
- 2907 I believe that we should consider alternatives to killing the wolf population. It didn't seem to work the first time. I'd like Minnesota to be a state that lives up to our motto of supporting wildlife. I'm surprised at what the DNR advocates and what they do. They seem to be different ideas. Thank you -
- 2908 This wolf hunt is the most asinine thing I've ever heard of after them being on the endangered list for so long. What are we going to do - bounce them on and off like yoyos? I support NO wolf hunting at all!
- 2909 I am shocked MN said OK to this as soon as it was presented, you have no idea how evil people will be because you put this law in so quickly. It makes me scared to death, and I can't imagine seeing a beautiful wolf on someone's car roof or in the back of a truck. It makes me sick.
- 2910 I think it is wrong open the hunting of wolves before allowing the 5 yr period after delisting. Your information in this survey seems skewed towards allowing hunting and is hard to read (it goes too fast forcing the reader to continually click back to read the information.) I am disappointed in the dnr and our state legislators.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2931 There is no need for a hunting/trapping season on wolves.
- 2932 I totally disagree with any wolf hunting and particularly the trapping. Please reconsider this Wolf hunting trapping season.
- 2933 I feel the DNR and the state of MN should have waited the original 5 years before opening a hunting/trapping season. If the population has remained stable for the last 10 years what is the need to rush into a hunting season? Does the allotted 400 wolves take into account the approx 50+ wolves that have already been killed as nuisance wolves this year or the wolves that are taken illegally? It seems that the voice of a few who have the most money always speak the loudest when things like this (hunting season) get rushed into...
- 2934 I do not support wolf hunting, particularly not wolf trapping.
- 2935 Email availability at home at 10 PM doesn't exist in many parts of the hunting range. I have to go to town to check email at the muni bar. that doesn't work.
- 2936 I am unable to answer several of your questions, I don't think there should be any season on them. When this was allowed, it so happened they almost killed them totally off. Wolves participate in the keeping the animal population on track, i am unable to come up with the correct word there, but they keep animal life balanced. You open it up, people are not going to care if they are winners of your lottery. Your final result will be the threat of wolves becoming extinct yet once again. the insanity of your plan is doing the same thing over and over again and getting the same result!.
- 2937 ON ONE HAND YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE INCREASING POPULATION OF DEER IN THE STATE AND ONE THE OTHER HAND YOU ARE ALL ABOUT THE KILLING OF THE DEERS NATURAL PREDATOR, OUR WOLVES. ONE WOULD BEGIN TO THINK THAT THE REASON THE WOLF WAS RE-INTRODUCED TO THE AREA IS SIMPLY THAT YOU WANTED ANOTHER TARGET. PATHETIC.
- 2938 I think hunting wolves is a terrible idea. They are beautiful animals and should not be killed for sport. They are apart of Minnesota's history and should be preserved.
- 2939 I totally oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota!!
- 2940 If the wolf population has been stable over the past several years, why do you think that hunting wolves now will not cause ill-effects on their numbers? Wolves clean up the ill, elderly and unable of other species - the animals that most hunters WONT 'harvest'. There are more than enough deer to go around to the wolves and Minnesota hunters. I am 100% AGAINST a wolf hunt.
- 2941 this is ludicris, what's next eagles? or perhaps trumpeter swans?
- 2942 I think it is wrong to take the wolves off the endangered species list and hunt them right away. So they go right from endangered to being hunted, in most cases just for sport and to stop them competing for deer. It is not like anyone will eat them. So wrong.
- 2943 I am against hunting or trapping wolves in Minnesota. I do not believe the DNR has the manpower capacity to enforce the hunting/trapping plan you have in place and that this will lead to disaster for the wolf population in Minnesota.
- 2944 stop wasting our money, we spend money to bring the wolves back, was this just done to make money on hunting them now? I don't think that was the original intent. Let nature do its own thing . If there is a group of wolves causing problems then go in and figure out how to stop it. If you think hunting the wolves will stop the problems you don't know enough about wolves to justify what you plan on doing
- 2945 If the wolf population has remained constant for the last decade as you say, why are we having to kill them? What are we hunting them for?
- 2946 There really is no justification for hunting and trping wolves other than a testosterone hype for some people. People will not eat the meat and most of the hunters have little desire to actually skin the animal for the fur which they don't need anyway. Further, farmers are already allowed to kill wolves that are endangering their cattle. In addition, the trapping of wolves is totally barbaric. I can't believe that as a "civilized" society, we would allow such an inhumane practice to take place. We are trapping the wrong animal. Let those who support trapping be the ones trapped.
- 2947 STOP THE HUNTING OF THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS. TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE GUN HAPPY - MEANING TO KILL WHATEVER IS OUT THERE. I AM AGAINST THE KILLING OF ANY ANIMAL WHETHER IT BE: WOLVES, DEER, MOOSE, DUCKS, BEARS, DOGS, CATS AND SO ON. MINNESOTA SHOULD BE A "NO KILL" STATE PERIOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2948 Do not allow wolf hunting, trapping in anyway.
- 2949 Wolf hunting is barbaric.
- 2950 I do not support the trapping of wolves-- trapping is inhumane and causes great suffering to wolves and other animals; hunting is more acceptable. Also, the cost of the application and tag should be very high.
- 2951 I strongly oppose this legislation. I feel it has been all too soon after wolves have been removed from the endangered species list. If the numbers are, in fact, growing to a rate where there is no balance between wolves and humans, then I believe we should find a new way to balance that. We almost caused the extinction of these beautiful creatures once, let us not do that again. Please do not allow for a wolf hunting season.
- 2952 I oppose any wolf hunting and trapping.
- 2953 Wolves should NOT be hunted or trapped. They are an important part of our American natural heritage.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 2954 I think what is happening is inhumane and extremely sad. I do not support this hunt in any way, shape or form. I especially do not support the inhumane idea of trapping wolves (or any animal). The pain and suffering that accompany this type of barbaric killing is beyond my understanding. It doesn't make any sense to me and I am really overwhelmed with dismay and grief. What an awful, awful thing to do to a beautiful wild animal. What thrill is there in causing so much pain to another creature? I just don't get it. I am saddened, but I will continue to speak out against this legislation as much as I can. Hopefully, the legislature will see the error of their ways and will have some compassion for these wonderful animals. It is so wrong. Thank you.
- 2955 This is atrocious. Hunting of wolves is just wrong.
- 2956 This is a tragedy that the hunt is being allowed. We have a place in Cook, MN and we hear and see signs of wolves, but we would not do anything to hurt them. It's like killing your dog. How can this be allowed?
- 2957 I STRONGLY oppose a wolf hunting season! The proposed timeline will put the hunting season into the time when pups will be depending on adults to care for them. You will ultimately be killing them by taking the adults from the pack. Why do we put them on an endangered list just to let them make a comeback then KILL them?? I say a Wolf season will be fair when they can shoot back!
- 2958 A recreational hunting and trapping season is not necessary to manage human-wolf conflicts: Minnesota's Wolf Management Plan allows anyone to take a wolf to defend human life. The Wolf Management Plan has provisions for taking wolves that are posing risks to livestock and domestic pets. Owners of livestock, guard animal or domestic animals may shoot or destroy wolves that pose an immediate threat to their animals on property they own or lease, in accordance with local statutes. In addition, the owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a gray wolf posing an immediate threat on any property, as long as the owner is supervising the pet. In the southern two-thirds of Minnesota, a person may shoot a gray wolf at any time to protect livestock, domestic animals or pets on land they own, lease or manage. The circumstance of "immediate threat" does not apply. The state will also certify private "predator controllers" with expertise in hunting or trapping who can remove wolves in areas with verified livestock loss.
- 2959 I believe trapping is not "hunting" and am opposed to it.
- 2960 leave the wolves alone or maybe they will someday have their way with thee
- 2961 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting/trapping season. If the population and territory is stable, as indicated in your presentation, then there is no need to reduce the population.
- 2962 I oppose the needless killing of animals.
- 2963 I am opposed to a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2964 I think trapping is cruel and inhumane. I think everyone should try to imagine how they would feel if they (or one of their pets) were caught in one of those traps and then think of the animals that will be caught. Does that seem humane? What an awful way to suffer and die. Also, wolves are social animals. As we all know, dogs have emotions although I realize some people won't care about that. I think society should be and can be judged by how humane we are to animals. I also don't understand how we can complain of too many deer some years and then lower the wolf populations which would be "nature's way" of keeping the deer population in balance.
- 2965 I absolutely abhor the idea of hunting /trapping wolves. It makes me sick. The notion of leaving a wolf alive in a trap is disgusting. I am very sickened that this is going to happen. Bad karma on those who harm wolves! Wolves do not harm us in any way. I am grateful that the native ground will be a safe place for wolves. Shame on the state of Minnesota for allowing wolf hunt! Shame on Amy Klobutcher.
- 2966 This survey is butts.
- 2967 Personally I am completely against the hunting of wolves regardless of things they have done. If that is the reason to hunt them, then we ourselves should be hunted by every living thing for what we have done to the world. I really hope the government gets rid of the wolf season forever, hunting wolves is stupid. I don't understand why people want to hunt besides stupid immature reasons.
- 2968 Trapping is inhumane. If the wolf population is stable why now hunt and trap them? There doesn't seem to be any logical argument for allowing hunting and trapping.
- 2969 I am outraged and horrified that MINNESOTA is going to be KILLING WOLVES. I grew up in MN and learned to love the wolves and respect them as a VERY important part of nature and our heritage. Random killing of packs will do FAR greater damage to their population than sheer numbers. They are PACK animals and when you kill a member of the pack, you disrupt it and it can take YEARS, several YEARS for the pack to become healthy again. This is going to be so damaging, you will never realize the extent of the damage you are doing there until after it's too late. I have contributed \$ for the protection and restoration of this necessary and majestic wild animal, not to build up a supply of wolves for HUNTERS to decimate. SHAME SHAME MINNESOTA legislatures. Your children will pay the price of what you are doing to the wolves... but when they are gone, it will be too late.
- 2970 No wolf season!!! Would you allow an open season on hunting a member of your family? Why would you want to kill a member of a wolf family?!
- 2971 I oppose de-listing the wolves from the protected designation at this time.

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- 2972 If the wolf population has been steady - why the need to reduce numbers? There is certainly not an over population. So many people from scientists to the citizens of Minnesota and other Mid-Western states worked diligently to bring the grey wolf population back from terribly low numbers. And how did we get such low numbers? Because wolves had been vilified and killed due to popular misconceptions. It took a long time to educate people that the wolf has a place in our state. Now it will be back to the mentality that it's OK to take them just for sport. Once they start being shot and trapped, it will be harder to end it when numbers get too low. Just look no further than our moose population - dwindling yet hunting licenses are still issued year after year. What a terrible shame our government put upon us all by giving up the five year window and not having rational discussions to carefully plan our futures.
- 2973 By their own nature wolves regulate their own population. In a season with little available food they do not give birth. We REALLY allow trapping this creature????? What kind of sick SOB's live in the state of Minnesota and are so arrogant as to believe we have the right to REGULATE the population of this animal which represents the wilderness of minnesota?? The DNR stands for Death to Natural Resources in the state of Minnesota. If you quit managing the wolf population you might not have to REGULATE the deer population by "harvesting" (a really kind way of saying KILL. Minnesota Nice all the way , Right?) the deer. How can you as human beings mandate that it is legal to trap an animals and cause the torture and killing of this magnificent creature? You allow and condone this behavior? How do you sleep at night? Then you decide to present this survey and bury it so deep in the site that many people would be discourage in trying to get to the actual survey. We will see if you actually listen to what the public has to say about OUR wolves.
- 2974 I don't see any reason why wolves would need to be hunted. They were just taken off of the endangered species list - why would there be a need to hunt them? Deer are hunt because it keeps the population in check and helps the spread of disease among deer. I am absolutely against the hunting of wolves.
- 2975 Re-instate the five year waiting period. No wolves should be trapped or hunted for at least five years. There are plenty of other things to hunt and kill. Leave the wolves alone.
- 2976 All my years growing up in MN which are many, I remember this animal as being referred to as the "timber wolf". Also, this animal, I always remember as being the State animal and for that reason, I do not support the killing of this animal. It should be considered a state and federal offense and therefore carry a penalty to hunt this animal in MN.
- 2977 I strongly oppose wolf hunting and trapping.
- 2978 Leave the wolves alone! Period!
- 2979 It's 2012, hunting and trapping living creatures who are intelligent and live in family groups is incredibly inhumane and not necessary.
- 2980 I don't support trapping or hunting wolves in any way.
- 2981 There is already plenty of protection in place against wolf predation. There is no reason to open up hunting so soon after delisting, in any case. These animals should not be destroyed unless they are causing harm to livestock.
- 2982 I am opposed to a hunting/trapping season for wolves.
- 2983 no hunting or trapping allowed
- 2984 In traditional hunting cultures, it tends to be taboo to kill top predators. This taboo makes sense because top predators are relatively rare yet are important for maintaining local ecologies. The reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone has been a dramatic demonstration of that importance. There's no need to hunt wolves in Minnesota. We can get by just fine without doing so. I'm particularly adverse to the trapping of wolves (or any animal) because it causes prolonged and unnecessary suffering. Trapping is an ugly relic of our market hunting past and should be stopped. There's plenty of hunting enjoyment to be had in Minnesota. Wolves don't need to be a part of it (except as hunters themselves).
- 2985 Don't kill the wolves!
- 2986 I do not support the wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 2987 By slaughtering the wolves, it will mean messing with the ecology of the land. Slaughtering the wolves is NOT the answer.
- 2988 The DNR is only exploiting the wolves for money; there should be no wolf hunt at all. Instead, the DNR should be educating farmers on why they need to learn to co-exist with wolves, even if it means a small economic loss to them.
- 2989 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season!!!!!!!!!! It is wrong and one day when they are gone you will regret it.
- 2990 I oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 2991 Wolves are a necessary part of the ecosystem. You have no idea what you might be doing if you kill the wolves.
- 2992 I oppose the hunting of wolves. I also believe traps can also catch other animals, and I believe this is an inhumane way to hunt.
- 2993 At this time there is no real justification for a wolf hunting/trapping season. Please do not approve this season.
- 2994 I oppose wolf hunting and trapping season. I support deer and other hunting seasons--my entire family has hunted for years and years but I think the idea of hunting wolves is terrible. We do not have an overpopulation problem. The DNR is just looking for revenue from hunters to be allowed to hunt wolves.

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- 2995 Hunting wolves is not fair, these animals are not like plentiful game. Please read my statement regarding the dangers of allowing wolf hunting, The wolf, one of the most misunderstood animals known. Seen as an enemy or rival by farmers, and as a magnificent creature by others. Wolves must remain on the endangered species list in most to all areas. They are important apex predators, they have been slaughtered for years, and can be hunted to extinction if allowed. Some states have already removed wolves from their endangered species act. This fall the slaughter began. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game reported that within weeks, 154 of its estimated 750 wolves had been "harvested". That number is only growing. The state wants the number of wolves to be reduced to less than 150. If not reached by hunting, than by airborne shooting, a cruel and unfair form of killing. These are animals, being "harvested" in their own territory. Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead recently agreed with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to save 100 to 150 wolves in lands near Yellowstone National Park. In the remaining 80% of the state, wolves can be hunted all year because they are considered a vermin. About 60% of Wyoming's 350 wolves will become targeted for elimination. This is not hunting, nor harvesting, but rather a war against the wolf. At this rate wolves can and will be completely wiped out in those areas. Also if we remove the wolf from the endangered species list we could see that same result elsewhere. It is obvious that wolves have not been among mankind's most favored animals. Myths, legends, cave drawings, and sculptures of the "canis lupus", like the werewolf, have all served as a bad sources for the wolf. These cause people to portray the wolf as a destructive evil beast instead of the great, wild, and powerful animal it truly is. It is mankind who has chosen the wolf as its enemy, and not the other way around. Just two centuries ago thousands of wolves roamed the earth freely but along came human civilization, myth, greed, fear, and ignorance that led to a massive, systematic slaughter of wolves. The wolf, once the most widely distributed land mammal, is now extinct over much of its former range. If wolves are removed from the endangered species list the hunting and hate could continue. In many ecosystems the wolf serves as an apex predator. An apex predator is an animal, that as an adult, has no natural predators. Removal of apex predators can have a negative effect on an ecosystem. This was proven in a 2001 study that focused on the removal of wolves from Yellowstone National Park. With removal of the wolf the moose population expanded to five times its normal size. This increased stress on vegetation and caused woody vegetation to be demolished where birds nested. As a result, several bird species were eliminated in the park. In 1995 the wolf returned to Yellowstone. Without the wolf many ecosystems could face similar negative affects like those of Yellowstone. It is important we keep the wolf, an important apex predator, in those ecosystems. The survival of the wolf is important. We must keep them on the endangered species list because they are important apex predators, have been hated for years, and can easily be driven to extinction. Man and wolf, wolf and farmer, can and must learn to live together. Wolves must be seen as important animals rather than a vermin. A werewolf is half man and half wolf, but which half is more evil?
- 2996 This "harvest" is wrong.
- 2997 I do not support the decision by the Minnesota DNR or Legislature for an open hunting season on grey wolves in Minnesota. Due to this mis-guided decision I will no longer support the MN/DNR with voluntary financial contributions to programs such as Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, RIM or purchase of Hunting or Fishing stamps. This decision to have an open hunting season on grey wolves is a simple act of pandering to a few select groups of people who have decided that the wolf is a threat to their activities. I will urge anyone I know to join with me and withhold contributions to MN/DNR programs.
- 2998 no hunting or trapping wolves ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I am against any policy that manages thru killing
- 2999 I am vehemently opposed to any hunting or trapping of wolves at all. Wondering why we cannot observe the five year waiting period. They are a necessary part of the ecology and should be given a chance to not only survive their endangerment but thrive! Then perhaps they could be hunted. As it stands, they will be right back on the endangered species list within two years. I have neighbors who i know will trap them and not report it. So at least why not set time lines as you do for deer hunting, rather than quotas.
- 3000 I vehemently object to trapping - it is cruel and inhumane. Ethical hunting to control "nuisance" wolves is less objectionable. I don't see the need yet for a full hunting season.
- 3001 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season. thank you
- 3002 Don't think we should have a wolf hunting season at all!
- 3003 I think that wolf hunting and trapping should be made illegal. Please do not allow the hunting or trapping of wolves.
- 3004 This is the most ludicrous idea that has been dreamed up in a long time. Certainly there has been no thought as to how this will affect the circle of life or even what effects that we will certainly see come from it. And I just can't get over the fact that we would even consider going back in time to what we should have already learned from. There must be some other logical way of maintaining these sacred pack animals if only one were to put enough thought into turning over a rock or two. Open it's not to late and future generations don't pay for our brainless ideas!!!
- 3005 I am opposed to controlling wolf population by having a hunting season.
- 3006 I oppose any wolf hunting in the state of Minnesota.
- 3007 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped. They are an integral part of a healthy ecosystem and help strengthen deer herds. Since their population is stable there is no reason to hunt or trap them. Leave them alone.
- 3008 I oppose ALL hunting, trapping, or by any means, killing wolves.
- 3009 I wholeheartedly oppose wolf hunting and trapping season.

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- 3010 Please, Please do not allow Minnesotans to hunt wolves. It is outrageous that we are putting forth the motions for hunting a species that was just taken off the endangered species list. In the propaganda before the survey, you state that if the wolf population falls too low, you will just "fix it". I'm sorry but I don't think the wolves will so easily breed for you if you hunt them too much and then say, Oops! I guess I took to many, better make more of you. Please, lets be reasonable, let the 5 year ban on hunting stay, and then, by all means, you may have my and the rest of Minnesota's blessing to hunt wolves. Sincerely,
- 3011 I think that the trapping of Wolfs is inhumane! I would be more humane to just have the hunting season.
- 3012 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season in Minnesota.
- 3013 I am TOTALLY, ABSOUTELY OPPOSED TO THE MURDERING OF WOLVES. The ONLY EXCEPTION would be a wolf or a pack of renegade wolves who were too close to humans and causing possible danger to humans (primarily kids) other than this NO NO NO NO NO TRAPPING this has been proven time and time again to be a threat to animals or people being trapped and no way to escape. Please, reconsider this law as the consequences are very sad and determental to our natural balance. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't kill our wolves. Trayce
- 3014 I do not support trapping ANY animal, steel leg-hold traps should be banned! I am saddened that the wolf just gets delisted and already humans want to kill them! Tha is why they needed protection in the first place. Trapping is inhumane, trappers rarely check their traps in a timely manner. Killing wolves during "deer" season is wrong also. The animals need the deer to survive, humans don't- it's just a disgusting need to kill something. MN already has provisions for predation of livestock or domestic pets. I use the woods recreationally and do not appreciate so many stupid people with guns in the woods. I believe MN would make more money using wolves as a tourist attraction instead. Please at the very least (because I know the DNR will allow the killing) BAN the traps so people & other animals are not harmed.
- 3015 I think having a "kill" season for wolves is just horrendous. Are you trying to put them on the endangered species list again? Quit this atrocity.
- 3016 DO NOT DO THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IT IS WRONG!!!!!!
- 3017 What happened to the 5 year wait before establishing a wolf hunting season? To hunt these animals now is irresponsible in the extreme, and to allow trapping is an act of animal cruelty!! Do none of you have a sense of how much an animal suffers when it is caught in a trap? And it isn't just wolves that will be injured and killed by these traps; other wildlife and domestic animals will be at risk also. And just how do you plan to assure all traps are pulled at the end of the season? How do you intend to inforce your limits when you are giving out more lisences than there are wolves?? Are you looking to hunt and trap the wolf into extinction? The DNR is supposed to manage, and that means protecting, ALL wildlife. So just what is your problem with wolves????
- 3018 I find wolf hunting completely and utterly ridiculous. It is an awful thing because there are still a very small amount of grey wolves in the United States which is very sad. If humans were being killed off then we would be complaining that we are not getting a chance to live. The same goes for the wolves, if we hunt them then they don't get a chance to live.
- 3019 If you have a heart you will not hunt, trap, kill, or even try to scare these poor wolves. They are not a threat, they are not food and it is sick and cruel to find it "fun" to take the life of another creature for no reason what so ever. Humans have gotten to greedy and have already taken advantage of their power on this earth. It is acts such as these that make me ashamed to be human. Do NOT hunt those wolves!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 3020 I have no objection to the hunting of wolves if it is consistent with the need for population control. I am opposed to the trapping of wolves because it is cruel and inflicts great suffering on the animal trapped.
- 3021 Dont you have anything else to do with tax money except kill the wolves
- 3022 I OPPOSE THE WOLF HUNTING & TRAPPING IN EVERY STATE THAT DOES THIS! HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU GOT CAUGHT IN ONE OF THOSE TRAPS & NO ONE WAS AROUND TO HELP GET YOU OUT OF IT? WELL THEN THINK OF HOW THESE POOR WOLVES FEEL! HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SOMEONE WAS SHOOTING AT YOU JUST FOR YOUR "SKIN?" OH, THAT'S RIGHT YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THESE WOLVES, JUST HOW MUCH PROFIT YOU CAN MAKE OFF OF THEM. SHAME ON YOUR GREEDINESS! IN THE END WHEN YOU DIE YOU CAN NOT TAKE IT WITH YOU! THE WOLVES DID NOTHING WRONG TO DESERVE THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT! HUMAN'S ARE SUCH A CRUEL SPECIES & WE CALL OURSELVES "HUMANE"? WHAT CROCK OF BS! SUCH HYPOCRITES!! WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO SAY WHAT HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE & WHAT DOESN'T. WE CONSTANTLY COMPLAIN THAT "WE" NEED TO "CONTROL THE ANIMAL POPULATION" YET WE DO NOTHING TO CONTROL OUR OWN OVER POPULATED SPECIES! WE CAN'T FEED, HOUSE, SUPPORT ETC.THE ONE'S ON EARTH NOW & YET WE CONTINUE TO KEEP OVER POPULATING! SO NOW WE DECIDE TO START PICKING ON CERTAIN ANIMAL BREEDS, LIKE THE WOLVES. HOW PATHETIC CAN HUMAN'S GET? WHEN WE KILL OUT THE WOLVES, WHAT'S THE NEXT ANIMAL YOU POINT TO FOR EXTINCTION? LET'S PUT A STOP TO THE KILLING OF THE WOLVES WHO ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE JUST LIKE WE ARE. THEY DON'T HAVE A VOICE, WILL YOU HAVE THE "BALL'S" TO STAND UP FOR THE WOLVES OR WILL YOU ALLOW OTHER'S TO BULLY YOU INTO DOING WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO DO? OR ARE YOU SCARED OF THEM & ALLOW THEM TO TREAT YOU LIKE A PUPPET? AS FOR ME, I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE "BALL'S" TO SPEAK UP FOR WHAT I BELIEVED IN & I BELIEVE THE WOLVES NEED MORE TO SPEAK UP FOR THEM! THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS.

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- 3023 I think that legislation to allow a wolf hunt commence in Minnesota is environmentally irresponsible. I greatly oppose any legislation that would allow a wolf hunting season to open again in Minnesota. We worked too hard as a state to bring the wolf back, and now we're going to start killing them? It doesn't make any sense. There is no benefit to a wolf hunt. PLEASE DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH A WOLF HUNTING SEASON!!!!
- 3024 I do not believe there should be a hunting or trapping season for wolves after we worked so hard to get the population built back up. What's next... Start hunting bald eagles since there is a stronger population of them now also??
- 3025 We spent all the money and time to bring the wolfs back lets wait some time to see what the population does. Thanks
- 3026 why is it that the wolves are targeted. why can't man leave them alone. this is gonna turn out just like it did with the buffalo.
- 3027 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3028 You write about wolves as if they are a crop, which is very misleading. Corn is harvested, strawberries are harvested, but you do not "harvest" animals. For this specific law, you don't "harvest" wolves. You are allowing them to be murdered. So be direct and say that you are allowing people to murder these animals, rather than "harvesting" them. The truth is always the higher ground.
- 3029 I do NOT support the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 3030 I do not believe wolves should be hunted or trapped.
- 3031 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3032 We should not be doing this, they are not ready for hunting and there is no need. A strong wolf population will make a stronger deer herd.
- 3033 I do not see any reason whatsoever to allow trapping, which is inhumane and cannot even be remotely justified as an economically viable "sport." As top tier predators, there is no biological justifiable rationale for hunting wolves, whose numbers are limited by other ecological factors. Horrific stories are surfacing out of states that have allowed wolf hunting and trapping, demonstrating persistent concerns with the types activities that surface in association with legalization of wolf hunting (unlike the general population of deer and bird hunters, who generally can be relied upon to be responsible stewards of wildlife.) There should be funds available to reimburse livestock owners who may suffer usually minor losses to wolves as has been the case for a long time. We must also be sensitive to the cultural role of wolves in the Native American communities, and special attention should be paid to their feedback. They have been coexisting with wolves far longer than European immigrants and are in a unique position to make relevant recommendations. In summary, I strongly discourage any sort of wolf hunt as unnecessary and opening the door to cruelty (especially if trapping were to be allowed), as well as undermining the investment of substantial resources by Minnesotans to support their conservation and continued survival in robust viable populations.
- 3034 The wolf was just taken off the endangered list. To start hunting them now would not be a responsible decision in their management program. Thank you.
- 3035 Wolf hunting and trapping is unconditionally wrong. Trapping is cruel and crude. AT THE VERY LEAST, Minnesota should follow-through on the originally proposed 5-year study.
- 3036 I do not support the wolf season at all. Nature itself has found 3,000 to be a stable population for several years. The federally funded program to deal with problem wolves near farms was working just fine. I do not even agree with wolves being de-listed as an endangered species.
- 3037 Save the wolves!!!!!!!!!!!! Do not hunt them!!!!
- 3038 I oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota at this time.
- 3039 I am completely against any hunting wolves. This shouldn't be passed and should be banned.
- 3040 Wolf hunting is unneeded and just plain stupid. I have not talked to anyone that supports this proposal. If the DNR goes through with their Wolf hunting plans, then I will no longer financially support the DNR with donations.
- 3041 Save the wolves! I wish all hunters would shoot themselves. The stores have enough food for all !
- 3042 I do not agree with any of the proposals to slaughter wolves.
- 3043 I'm an avid sportsman and this is the single worst decision our DNR has ever made. How dare you buckle to the pressure to generate fees by this hunt. I will dramatically reduce my support for the Minnesota DNR going forward. I am certain you know what the hunting of wolves did to Yellowstone and yet you allow 6,000 permits and expect only 400 animals to be taken? You just ruined the fine reputation you have worked so hard to develop. this is really irresopnsible. Sincerely, Disgusted!
- 3044 the legislature should NOT pass this bill because wolves need to be preserved and saved, their numbers are still low and they dont need to hunted. If this is passed the wolves will end up back on the endangered species list again because the hunters will kill them all.

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- 3045 This entire process is bogus and flawed. DNR claims that wolf populations have done well over the last 10 years. That's because they were a protected species and weren't being hunted!! How well do you think the population will fare once hundreds of orange-vested, gun-toting killers are after them? Another claim is that the season is set alongside deer-hunting season. Honestly, is it an honest belief that a hunter would choose to kill a deer rather than a wolf!? Who are you kidding!? And while you might have a "set limit", we ALL know that there are poachers, and hunters who are well-able to fool everyone and take more than they are permitted. Lastly, having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented and for good reason! Once again, I believe this entire 2012 wolf hunting season is wrong, immoral, underthought, misconsidered, and downright sinful. Wolves were nearly hunted to extinction only decades ago -- and all you are doing is starting them down that path once again. No one seems to realize that EXTINCTION IS FOREVER!!
- 3046 This is not the way to handle this situation. I believe too many people today will take advantage of the "ability" to hunt these beautiful animals and we will soon end up with them being endangered again. Please DO NOT let people hunt the wolves of Minnesota!
- 3047 I am totally against this wolf hunt. It took many years to accomplish the wolves we have. I think paying the farmers for their loss of cattle is far more beneficial to all. Destroy the wolves that do that. But please don't allow this.
- 3048 Barbaric using traps. I don't think we need to kill wolves by any methods.
- 3049 I strongly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3050 I oppose any hunting and/or trapping of wolves! The 5 year moratorium should have been adhered to!!!
- 3051 There are only a very few who favor the wolf hunt and trapping. Do You listen to your constituents or only those who contribute huge sums to get you reelected so you can carry on with your massacre. I do not agree with the is sneaked in with this legislation and will do anything to get there own way. Remember, legislation is by the people as a whole, for the people as a whole and not for a few with very deep pockets who can push legislation any way they want with their money and funds collected. This is extremely unjust and unfair and you should not be allowing this to happen. You are a puppet in these and other peoples hands who show "you the money or the back up for a new election.
- 3052 Please do not kill the wolves. There is danger in trapping for other animals as well.
- 3053 NO WOLF HUNT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Let nature take care of it self.
- 3054 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3055 I am opposed to Wolf hunting. I do not understand when we will learn to let the balance of nature take care of over/under population of any animal in this state. I am EXTREMELY opposed to trap hunting of any kind for ANY animal. It is cruel and often times the wrong animal (or PET!) dies in the trap.
- 3056 I think this is really sad and really do disagree with a season on wolves after just being delisted from the endangered/protected species. I really have issue with trapping. I am not anti-hunting. My boyfriend hunts and I get why I also think I did not hear any valid reason why this season happened so soon....my only thought is to raise \$\$\$ via the licensing fee. I am very disappointed in this decision and really hate this idea. My dog was caught in a leg-hold trap when I was growing up and it is inhumane to trap animals. Yeah interesting Dr Mech says trapping will be more effective. As a veterinary technician and a certified euthanasia technician I find this decision very inhumane and really wrong.
- 3057 The hunting aspect is bad enough, but trapping? After all the dollars that have been spent on bringing them back, they are still nowhere near where they need to be in terms of there range. The threat to livestock is clearly overstated. I see know reason to enlist this program. Thanks for your time and commitment to our natural resources.
- 3058 Stop the Wolf hunt and trapping
- 3059 I do not think the wolf population has recovered enough to begin a hunting / trapping season. I understand that there was to be a five year grace period on wolf hunting.Why are we moving ahead with this season?!
- 3060 I understand that a healthy wolf population requires thinning, but trapping is incredibly inhumane. It sickens me that the DNR would support such things.
- 3061 stop this cruel and inhumane season!
- 3062 I personally will NOT be hunting. But I think if you absolutely have to do this. That you only do it during deer season for only 9 days and I think it is the hunters responsibility to give you an available contact method in case you need to stop the hunting asap. I think if they cannot do that then you do not give them the license! I also want to note this should be the only year you allow it. You really should be abiding by the 5 year no trapping and hunting rule!
- 3063 I don't believe there should be a hunting season for wolves. I believe trouble wolves should be managed by ranchers and farmers on their own property. Wolves are an important part of the deer management ecosystem.
- 3064 I am deeply troubled by the prospect of hunting and trapping these animals and urge you to not go forward. Dr. Joan Liaschenko
- 3065 Wolves just got off the endangered species list and now they want to hunt them? Sick and disgusting.
- 3066 NO hunting, trapping or killing of wolves!!!
- 3067 I'm totally against the trapping & hunting season.
- 3068 I oppose any wolf hunting season in Minnesota.
- 3069 I am opposed to hunting and trapping of wolves.

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- 3070 I oppose any hunting and trapping of wolves. The DNR is opening a season because it needs the money from hunting and trapping fees. To kill for trophy is immoral and the state should not be promoting it. Wolf predation has been handled under Threatened Species status and could continue as such. We don't even know the exact population of wolves within the state, or what kinds of threats they face from climate change and continuing development of our lands. A hunting/trapping season has nothing to do with ecological research and knowledge, but everything to do with money--in the form of license fees and pressure from businesses that provide hunting and trapping supplies. The DNR is not using its own integrity as an agency that is responsible for protecting our natural resources, including our wildlife. Instead of educating the public and assisting with nonlethal means of animal control, the DNR is taking us back to the days of the Wild West--when the wolf was virtually decimated from the rest of the country. The commissioner of the DNR needs to be held accountable.
- 3071 YES, THIS IS SO RIDICULOUS!!! You will give 6000 licenses for 400 wolves. Really? You think you will manage this? There are people who want them eradicated no matter the cost and they will do it, no matter the fines. I bet there are DNR people who dont care and want them eradicated. This is who you are helping: Gunflint Lodge, so their tourists can feed the deer and have an overpopulation of deer. They have deer all over their property, impossible to not step on the droppings! And they are complaining about overpopulation of wolves. Now who do you think is the problem? If you go to the Wolf Center in Ely you can watch a video about the extermination of wolves in the 1900's and you can learn about how the wolves are important to maintaining a balance in nature, homes for the beaver, etc. We have had healthy wolves and so we have had healthy land, water and streams. Why do you think MN is one of the only states with this health? Why do you think Idaho is a dry, barren, water starved mine? PLEASE stop this hunt, PLEASE protect the WOLVES! PLEEEEEAAAASSSSEEEEE!
- 3072 I am concerned that the means by which the DNR states that they will control hunting of wolves is unfounded. How can you trust a division which clearly states in their message that 400 or more wolves may be killed. Wolves are not used to feed families, their pelts are not necessary to make clothing. All this is is a way for the DNR to make money on hunting liscenses. I guess the DNR wasn't proud of themselves enough after shooting 2 baby deer in a neighbors' front yard. My feelings and concern regarding the entire agency and those that run it is dismal and dark. Leave nature's beautiful specimen alone. Prove to me there had been wolf killings of people or of pets and I may have reconsidered the DNR's stance on dropping the 5 year wait. Coyotes are doing more damage than wolves are in local areas. In conclusion I will say is shame on you DNR for not keeping you original word to hold off a hunt for 5 years after the wolves were taking off the endagered species list.
- 3073 Stop the wolf genocide. Just stop.
- 3074 Wolf hunting is barbaric and totally unnecessary. We need our wolves for our ecosystem. The government has no right to delist a previously endangered animal. Furtherm I am shocked that wolf trapping is even being considered - it is torture. I want to see an end to the proposed wolf season!
- 3075 I strongly oppose the hunting of wolves in Minnesota
- 3076 I strong oppose the hunting of wolves and trapping should NEVER be allowed -- it is extremely cruel and can never be justified.
- 3077 A recreational hunting and trapping season is not necessary to manage human-wolf conflicts Minnesota's Wolf Management Plan allows anyone to take a wolf to defend human life. The Wolf Management Plan has provisions for taking wolves that are posing risks to livestock and domestic pets. Owners of livestock, guard animal or domestic animals may shoot or destroy wolves that pose an immediate threat to their animals on property they own or lease, in accordance with local statutes. In addition, the owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a gray wolf posing an immediate threat on any property, as long as the owner is supervising the pet. In the southern two-thirds of Minnesota, a person may shoot a gray wolf at any time to protect livestock, domestic animals or pets on land they own, lease or manage. The circumstance of "immediate threat" does not apply. The state will also certify private "predator controllers" with expertise in hunting or trapping who can remove wolves in areas with verified livestock loss.
- 3078 How can the legislature support the hunting and trapping of wolves? The wolf is such a magnificent animal, from which they have proved dogs are directly descended. They are compassionate animals and we are blessed to have them in such abundance in MN. Trapping is my idea of cruel and will also endanger family pets, like my daughters dogs, that run about in the Grand Marais area. It breaks my heart.
- 3079 I am distrustful of this practice. We spent 40 years and lots of study to return the wolves to their present status. I feel that the five year wait period is essential before starting to open wolves to hunting.
- 3080 Opening wolves to hunting is totally unnecessary and i am opposed to it. The laws already state that you can kill a wolf in order to protect yourself, your livestock, etc, so there is no need to solve human wolf conflicts by hunting them. They are not animals that are used for meat, and should not be hunted. i will no longer be supporting the DNR financially if the hunting season opens.
- 3081 SAVE THE WOLVES !!!!! WHAT DID THEY DO TO YOU? What would you do if you and your family were put on a hunting list ?
- 3082 I oppose wolf hunting and trapping in any and all states.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3083 hunting of wolves should not be allowed at all. they just got off the endangered species list and you just want to start hunting them. Your survey even says that in the wolves time on the protected list their numbers have increased at a slow rate, you would think that you would wait a long time before going after something that produces so slow. It is an outrage that you would allow trapping to be used at all, let alone allow such an early hunting season to be implemented, seeing as how the wolves just got off the protected list. how do you intend to keep track of your supposed "quota" when during my time of deer hunting i see lots of people bring home more than the allotted limit, who is to say that this will not happen to the wolves. I think this wolf hunting season should be put off for, at the bare minimum 5 years, if not longer.
- 3084 I think hunting and trapping wolves is a cruel activity and should not be allowed by the state of Minnesota.
- 3085 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3086 This is a detriment to our wildlife, state, and wolf populations. Minnesota does not support the wolf hunt.
- 3087 I favor the original 5 year waiting period.
- 3088 This hunt is insane. The population has remained stable without interference from man.
- 3089 You know people are going to abuse this and poach just like they do with deer.!
- 3090 I strongly oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 3091 I DO NOT support any wolf hunting in Minnesota. I am completely against removal of the 5 year wait period.
- 3092 Do not do this. Protect our wolves. Live trap them and move them.
- 3093 Hunting the wolves at all is barbaric to me, but TRAPPING is inhumane !! This should not be allowed.
- 3094 I think hunting is fair for the wolf but trapping is unfair, cruel and inhumane for the wolf. I think after one hunting only season and see how successful it was then you could add the aid of calls or possibly some other attraction methods. But, never trapping.
- 3095 No animal should have to go through the pain and fear of being caught in a trap. I oppose wolf and other animal trapping.
- 3096 ◦Minnesota's Wolf Management Plan allows anyone to take a wolf to defend human life. ◦The Wolf Management Plan has provisions for taking wolves that are posing risks to livestock and domestic pets. Owners of livestock, guard animal or domestic animals may shoot or destroy wolves that pose an immediate threat to their animals on property they own or lease, in accordance with local statutes. In addition, the owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a gray wolf posing an immediate threat on any property, as long as the owner is supervising the pet. ◦In the southern two-thirds of Minnesota, a person may shoot a gray wolf at any time to protect livestock, domestic animals or pets on land they own, lease or manage. The circumstance of "immediate threat" does not apply. ◦The state will also certify private "predator controllers" with expertise in hunting or trapping who can remove wolves in areas with verified livestock loss. This seems to be another money making scheme of the legislature w/o waiting for the 5 year moratorium
- 3097 Leave the Wolves alone, let nature take its course, do not disturb the wildlife.
- 3098 We just took our wolves off the endangered list. DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO BE HUNTED. The hunters have many speices to hunt and kill, they do not need another. Stop this NOW!!! Also, trapping of any kind of any animal is inhumane. Another reason to STOP HUNTING AND KILLING WOLVES.
- 3099 Please stop shooting/trapping wolves.
- 3100 Trapping is cruel. I oppose the wolf hunt. How can this be done in the same year they have been delisted!!!!??? The wolves have just as much right to be here as we do and any other animal. How can anyone shoot a living thing for sport? Wolves are not a food source.
- 3101 Minnesota already has a problem with deer over population because of a lack of natural predators. Now you propose to KILL over 10% of the wolf population each year. That means by the year 2022 the wolf will be EXTINCT in Minnesota. This will leave even less predators to handle the deer population. It will also mean severely decreased income coming into Minnesota since the money spent by hunters is less then 10% of what is spent by people who watch wildlife. So lets kill all the wildlife to appease the few hunters that are left and mean while chase away ll the people who spend money to trael to Minnesota just for the chance to see a wolf. How foolish.
- 3102 We are against any hunting or trapping of wolves. We have worked too hard and long to bring the wolves back to provide a season. We also believe that trapping of any animal is inhumane.
- 3103 I am not in favor of a hunting season for wolves in MN
- 3104 As a northern Minnesotan with farming relatives, I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3105 I oppose the wolf hunt.
- 3106 The message about the "need" for hunting wolves is unclear. I do not believe a hunt is needed when it is already legal to protect home/livestock by killing wolves. Hunting wolves appears to be a recreational desire, rather than a wildlife management issue. I am also wary of our legislature making wildlife management decisions based on incorrect information.
- 3107 this is an abomination and should never have been allowed to go this far! for all of you dog owners, think about where they came from---right, wolves.
- 3108 I do not approve of wolf hunting.
- 3109 I am very opposed to the hunting and trapping of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3110 I absolutely DO NOT support a wolf hunting season. You are always going to have the poachers and the people that are going to take advantage of the system and this is just going to encourage the criminal element to overhunt and abuse the system. It is a VERY BAD idea. Please do not do this to this endangered species that is just now recovering. It will be a terrible mistake and will be seen by the entire country as mismanagement. Thank you.
- 3111 This is a waste of our state's natural resources. Wolves should be protected. They just got off the endangered species list and now we need to hunt them? There's got to be a better solution. Thank you.
- 3112 This is wrong. We don't need to manage wolves, we need to leave them alone and they will monitor themselves. I'm ashamed that this is even a consideration.
- 3113 Please do not allow this to happen! Wolves were just taken off the endangered species list in Dec. 2011. Congressional law explicitly stated that the DNR should not even CONSIDER putting any endangered animal back on a hunting and trapping list until at least 5 years have passed. Our MN congressional leaders did not listen and completely violated this honor (illegally I should add) and now our beautiful wildlife will suffer. I am extremely disappointed in this and appalled at how little thought has been given to this.
- 3114 This hunt is wrong - we take an animal off the endangered species list and then proceed to thin the same pack we worked to build - there is no sense in this - trapping is especially wrong - trapping should be outlawed
- 3115 I am very much opposed to a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3116 A recreational hunting and trapping season is not necessary to manage human-wolf conflicts:
- 3117 I am outraged over the "wolf hunt" in mn. Do you realize how cruel trapping is? Mn is taking a huge step in the wrong direction by initiating this hunting. I am so dissapointed in this decision.
- 3118 Dear DNR and Gov. Dayton: You are completely wrong on this. Wolf hunting by any means should not be allowed, but wolf hunting via trapping is completely barbaric, cruel, useless, and incredibly demeaning to our state. The governor made a mistake in signing this bill, and I won't be voting for him for this and other reasons. I will not vote for elected officials who support this sort of senseless "management," and I will not support the DNR staff who push this. I will be actively working to support groups, people and candidates who work against this. At LEAST stop the trapping! It will take out too many other animals and is notoriously (and always) cruel. It's unbelievable that people even consider this option in this day and age. Ridiculous. This is not the Minnesota I grew up in and have lived in for 50-plus years. Shame on you. Stop the trapping immediately. Also, our DNR types need to take training from the state of Colorado on wildlife management. The DNR answer is to shoot everything, and we are held up to ridicule (rightly so) in the national press for this incredibly out-dated and outmoded approach to wildlife. Join the 21st century.
- 3119 Don't do this. Just don't. I cannot express how strongly I oppose the hunting and especially trapping of wolves in Minnesota. It's ridiculous.
- 3120 No hunting or trapping of wolves
- 3121 This survey, other than question 1, presupposes support of and participation in the wolf hunt. To me that sows a bias on the part of the DNR for the hunt. Just because the Feds have delisted the timber wolf, does not mean the state has to sanction killing them. There are already numerous options in place for wolf population control other than pandering to the out spoken few who want to hunt everything. Hopefully, at some point the DNR will come to realize it is to serve the interests of all of Minnesota and not just those few who feel that it is not only their right, but their duty to kill off virtually every animal we've been able to preserve. The wolf hunt is a disgrace.
- 3122 Trapping wolves is INHUMANE. I cannot believe Dayton signed off on this. Shame on you Minnesota.
- 3123 While I would prefer no wolf have to be removed, I understand that for the health of the group sustainability is the goal. However, I have no faith in the hunting public to be humane. These are family animals and the decendant of our companion dogs. Mothers and nursing cubs should not be allowed. Further, traps can cause terrible pain and some animals have gone to extreme lengths to get out. Can't we come up with something more humane?
- 3124 This is just, plain wrong. I completely disagree with the hunting and trapping of wolves. I lived for 10 years north of Babbitt. There was a resident wolf pack on my land. I had 3 bulldogs living with me and never was there a problem. People can live alongside wolves. It is the human that must be responsible and accountable. It is not the fault of the wolves. They are being encroached upon. It is not necessary to hunt them..it is rather our responsibility to respect them and manage our pets, livestock, and ourselves.
- 3125 You present these gorgeous pictures of our native wolf populations, and you ask me if I'm okay with the hunting and trapping of them? No. No, I'm not. There are tons of people who agree with me, as well. I hope you're listening to us. This is sick, wrong, and the DNR KNOWS that the federal had no intention for Minnesota to begin doing this - especially so quickly after being taken out of federal protection. As keepers of nature, it's your duty to uphold the 5 year moratorium - even if it wasn't upheld in the legislature.
- 3126 why would we spend millions of dollars to rescue the wolves only to turn around and hunt them? is that why we rescued them? if that is the case all rescued animals should be hunted.....
- 3127 I do not support this initiative - I believe that it is proposing to kill too many wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3128 I oppose a hunting season - and especially the trapping season. There should be absolutely no trapping / or hunting in the BWCA. Absolutely no trapping in Lynx critical habitat areas. Extra fines for any non-focus wildlife getting caught in traps (Lynx!) and absolutely extra-heavy fines for any pets getting caught in traps. I think this so called SURVEY can not be considered official public comment. This is a biased set up and does not respect the citizens of Minnesota. I am disgusted that the DNR thinks this is an acceptable process. I request a true Public Involvement Process for the wolf - this is the first time that the State of Minnesota will management this amazing animal. Moving into State management should be done in a careful, thoughtful, science-based, way. I do NOT appreciate this disgraceful survey.
- 3129 I do not support a hunting and trapping season for wolves immediately after Federal delisting of the wolf. Delaying a wolf hunt for 5 years was the recommendation that the Wolf Round Table, which represented a cross-section of Minnesotans, delivered to the Legislature in the late 1990s. That is the time-line that the MNDNR should stick with. Illegal killing of wolves is already widespread and I think unaccounted for in population numbers. Having a hunting season for wolves that coincides with the deer season would ensure that even more illegal killing of wolves would occur. I think that the State of MN needs more experience managing the wolf population before a hunting or trapping season is instituted. MNDNR can do little more than report-out on out of control white-tail deer numbers in MN. Lowering the wolf population will simply make white-tail deer numbers even harder to manage.
- 3130 Do not kill innocent wolves. Stop this ridiculous hunt
- 3131 NO WOLF HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASON - I OPPOSE, OPPOSE OPPOSE and OPPOSE
- 3132 I totally oppose a wolf hunting season!
- 3133 I oppose the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota.
- 3134 I strongly OPPOSE a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3135 Why are we allowing this? Thousands of years ago the wolves adopted humans, which allowed us to survive. Now we need to pay back by allowing them to live! If you kill adult wolves, you are creating a generation of young wolves that will be without parents and even some with out a pack to learn from. That is going to force these young wolves to kill domestic animals and people, due to lack of teaching on how to survive on wild game. I think that we would all benefit from education and conservation. I grew up in the country and spend as much time as I can in the north woods, so I understand losing livestock. BUT KILLING is NOT the ANSWER! Shame on you!
- 3136 Some of your questions should include the non-applicable selection for those of US that do NOT agree with hunting wolves and do NOT INTEND to apply for a license.
- 3137 I cannot believe what I am reading. Trapping wolves? Shooting them is bad enough. This is the most disgusting plan. I am appalled. Leave the wolves alone. Hunting for sport is inhumane. It should be against the law to hunt wolves. Any person responsible or involved in this abomination should be ashamed of themselves.
- 3138 I completely oppose wolf hunting and trapping! Do NOT let it happen!
- 3139 I adamantly oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season. Trapping alone is barbaric and cruel. As an educator, I've always tried to inform people on the misinformation regarding the wolf. Do NOT allow this MURDER to happen!
- 3140 I am definitely opposed to hunting and/or trapping wolves in Minnesota during a wolf hunting/trapping season. Any elected official/organization that supports this barbaric legislation will not get my vote.
- 3141 Yes I do. I think that it is cruel and inhumane to trap and kill wolves for one they are just like any other animal that God had created. It saddens me to think that the ones who are trapping wolves just leave them to die even if they just have a paw that is trapped or they have a tail that had got caught in the trap. Something needs to be done to save these wonderful animals. They are beautiful creatures and God created them for a reason and I am sure that killing them isn't one of the reasons that God created them. So I am begging you to stop killing wolves and to stop torturing these wonderful creatures of God.
- 3142 THE WOLF HUNT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA
- 3143 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3144 Please leave the wolves alone!!! We have better ways to spend the states monies and it has cost us so much already to protect them. Just leave them alone. No one eats their meet and the fur should not be used so what is the point?
- 3145 A wolf howls into the wilderness and listens for a response to confirm they are not alone. The sound of wolves howling to each other across the greater wilderness is truly majestic and unforgettable. There are so many arguments AGAINST wolf hunting and only one FOR the act. Farmers should build more reinforcements against the wolves not kill the wolves that we have worked so diligently to bring back from the brink of destruction. Please don't take another species away from our children!
- 3146 We need to protect the wolves, not hunt them.
- 3147 Ban hunting and trapping.
- 3148 I do not think there is a need for a wolf hunting season. If there are problem wolves they can be killed by farmers. Please stop.
- 3149 The Wolf hunt should not be allowed here in Minnesota. It's cruel and inhumane. Guess we should change the Minnesota Timberwolves name to the Minnesota Bullets.
- 3150 I oppose a wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3151 I am fully against any proposal of a wolf hunting and trapping season. In my opinion, their numbers are not high enough to warrant or be able to sustain hunting and trapping activities, and allowing hunting and trapping will, once again, put wolves in danger of local extinction in Minnesota.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3152 This is disgusting. Wolves are necessary to keep the deer population in control, as you know. They aren't used as food, maybe their fur is used. If they are a nuisance then you just have to accept that you are in their territory, not the other way around. This amounts to nothing more than killing for fun.
- 3153 It is hard for me to understand the reasoning behind this law. We have this beautiful animal here in Minnesota that we have worked so hard to protect, and once wolves have finally reached a stable population, we cannot wait to kill them.
- 3154 You say the DNR's responsibility is to "resolve human-wolf conflict", but every question on this survey, like every legislative action this year, is on behalf of humans and their needs only. Who speaks for the wolves? I, for one, will. The wolf hunt and trap endeavor is nothing less than murder. Your actions as a government agency erodes any credibility you had as a manager of natural resources. I live in the St. Croix Valley. My dog, grandchild, and I deal with black bears, deer, coyote, snapping turtles, raptors and all manner of wildlife respectfully. I understand and appreciate the danger that wolves, and all wild animals, present. I am not a romantic, but I do respect the right of other species to share the territory. Future generations will condemn us for such wanton and unnecessary violence against other species.
- 3155 I oppose this hunting and trapping so many of the questions were difficult to answer. When I answered no that should have ended the questions.
- 3156 The MN Legislature did not honor the spirit of a clause in the state's original Wolf Management Plan. That clause authorized the DNR to consider hunting and trapping seasons no sooner than five years after wolves were removed from the federal Endangered Species List. The wolf was delisted in Dec 2011, and a hunting and trapping season has been scheduled for fall 2012. I see no compelling rationale for removing that clause. As a member of Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection, I agree with the following statement: Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection opposes the use of legislative action to remove the gray wolf—or any population of animal—from the Endangered Species List. MVAP believes that decisions involving specific species' inclusion or exclusion from the Endangered Species List should be made by Fish and Wildlife Services, using data collected by local, state, and national scientists, and not determined by political interests. For the following reasons, a recreational hunting and trapping season is not necessary to manage human-wolf conflicts: Minnesota's Wolf Management Plan allows anyone to take a wolf to defend human life. The Wolf Management Plan has provisions for taking wolves that are posing risks to livestock and domestic pets. Owners of livestock, guard animals, or domestic animals may shoot or destroy wolves that pose an immediate threat to their animals on property they own or lease, in accordance with local statutes. In addition, the owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a gray wolf posing an immediate threat on any property, as long as the owner is supervising the pet. In the southern two-thirds of Minnesota, a person may shoot a gray wolf at any time to protect livestock, domestic animals, or pets on land they own, lease, or manage. The circumstance of "immediate threat" does not apply. The state will also certify private "predator controllers" with expertise in hunting or trapping who can remove wolves in areas with verified livestock loss.
- 3157 I do not support a wolf hunting season, so couldn't answer most of the questions. We should not have allowed a rider taking away the 5-year waiting period. If the wolf population has remained stable the last 10 or so years, what is the purpose of hunting? I feel it is to appease those who just want something new to hunt. There are other animals that kill far more livestock than wolves do. What is it about wolves that people fear and hate so much? I'm tired of us supporting people's "recreational" wants all the time, especially when it destroys something else, be it land or animal.
- 3158 I strongly oppose hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. It seems like an unnecessary and cruel addition to the existing allowed hunting in the state. That being said, I understand that the legislature has authorized a wolf hunting season, so I ask that the DNR make the season short and the license fees high. Wolves do not deserve to be hunted.
- 3159 The wolves propose no danger and there are provisions that exist for those that do. This is cruel with animals suffering and dying for no reason other than recreation. Protect NOT hunt Minnesota wolves!
- 3160 I understand humans would like to control everything. I think passing this bill now puts our wolves back in danger. This hunting season will not add to the protection already allowed to livestock owners, and pet owners. They are already allowed to kill a wolf that is endangering their stock. I think we are opening a big can of worms. Please don't pass this bill. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Carey Holt
- 3161 There should not be a wolf hunt. Wolves, as predators, perform an important job in controlling other species such as deer, as well as taking unhealthy moose out of the population, which ultimately strengthens the moose populations. There is no reason for a wolf hunt.
- 3162 If our Minnesota wolf population has "stabilized" at 3,000 for the past decade, WHY are you bound and determined to "mess with a good thing"??? Who established the arbitrary figure for "low/minimum population stability", and on what factual basis was it predicated? With an alarming increase in companion animals being killed in those hideous traps that are already allowed in use (with little or no regulation nor enforcement, and continual efforts to "relax" or eliminate what little controls exist), why are you even considering the expansion of this completely unnecessary activity (trapping) - which exists solely for the purpose of "recreation" - if you can in all conscience define the taking of life in such a heinous, cavalier fashion in such a term? Are you really determined to solidify the term "mankind" as the penultimate oxymoron?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3163 The MN state legislature had no right to overturn the federal mandate that hunting and trapping of previously Endangered Species cannot take place until a minimum of five years had passed since de-listing. The wolf was delisted in 2011, which means it should not even be considered for hunting and trapping until 2016. In addition, Minnesota's Wolf Management Plan already legalizes shooting a wolf to defend human life, as well as to protect livestock and pets. The state also currently allows "predator controllers" to remove wolves in areas that have experienced livestock loss. Finally, trapping is a dangerous method for culling any animal, due to the accidental "by-catch" that occurs. Other wild animals as well as pets can be injured or die in traps. And there is no way to enforce the humane and timely removal of any animal from a trap. I am vehemently against any wolf hunting or trapping before the DNR can prove a good reason for it -- especially before 2016. Thank you.
- 3164 I think it is too early after removal of wolves from endangered species list to have a hunting season. I prefer DNR and DNR approved hunters to deal with "problem wolves" rather than opening up a wolf season to regular hunters.
- 3165 I do not support hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 3166 I am strongly against the hunting of wolves.
- 3167 I do not agree with the Legislature's decision to open a wolf season, particularly the trapping portion. I am a hunter, but trapping is inhumane and should be outlawed. Furthermore, the wolf population rises and falls with the deer population, and if the deer population is managed, the wolf population will follow. I cannot believe that the Legislature has more knowledge and insight into managing the wildlife population than the trained wildlife management professionals in the DNR who recommended a 5 year period after removal from the Endangered Species list before opening up the wolf population to hunting. There is no legitimate reason to open a season on wolves because there are already numerous options for eliminating wolves for farmers or individuals whose livestock or pets are being threatened. This decision to open the season for wolves was shortsighted, reckless, irresponsible. and unnecessary.
- 3168 I believe any type of trapping is inhumane and barbaric! Would you subject your dog to any type of trapping??
- 3169 This is bogus - the state is only doing this barbaric crap to raise money. Shame on you government types. Current laws are sufficient to artificially control these beautiful animals. No further efforts are needed. Hunting is bad, trapping is shameful and barbaric in its ugly cruelty. You government people should be outlawing trapping and the use of fur instead of trying to generate more revenue on the cruelty to our legacy animals. No hunting, no trapping. Period.
- 3170 Stop this madness. This un-evolved machismo need to kill innocent animals disgusts me. Protect the environment, respect SHARED habitats.
- 3171 I'm a MN resident and I support wolf recovery in the Great Lakes region and oppose any efforts to reduce Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping.
- 3172 Please DO NOT ALLOW WOLF HUNTING!!!!
- 3173 I think its just plain silly to have a wolf hunting /trapping season. It will just put them back on the endangered list again.
- 3174 When the Wolf came off the endangered species list, they were supposed to be given a five year grace period to see how their numbers will rise and fall. The wolf and deer hunting season should not coincide because you are pretty much telling people "Hey, go out in the woods and shoot whatever you see." I will never support the wolf hunt because no one hunts the wolf for fur or food, people only want to kill them out of hate or some perceived "revenge". I'm a deer hunter, and I've never had a problem with wolves, they do not affect the wild game population as much as human hunting does. The wolf "management plan" is a terrible idea not based on science, and not having a concrete end to the season will allow poaching as people will pretend to not have heard that the season has closed.
- 3175 Most of these questions seem to assume that the respondent is in favor of a wolf hunting season. I think such a season is ridiculous and only appeals to the basest human character -- to kill an animal for the thrill of the kill. I have hunted ducks, turkeys, deer, elk, grouse, and pheasants for most of my life. You should only kill what you intend to eat. Who eats a wolf!! The spurious argument that they decimate deer and cattle herds has been proven false. I object to hunting animals as trophies and am ashamed that Minnesota has sunk to this level.
- 3176 I am against the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. There is NO NEED! Traps and snares are cruel and inhumane, and cause great pain and suffering.
- 3177 I am deeply concerned about the process the DNR has put forward to solicit public input. The Survey is disingenuous and slanted. The online Survey is biased towards the hunt, and can not be considered an official public comment process. This is the first time the wolf, an important Minnesota (and national) wildlife species, will be managed by the state - we should have a meaningful public process for citizen input, as well as a thorough and comprehensive review for a state management program. This Survey is disrespectful to the citizen's of Minnesota, and disrespectful to the wolf.
- 3178 Let's not hunt the wolves!! I am an activist for all animals and I really do not think we need a hunting season for wolves at all!!! The wolves keep other animals on check by killing the unhealthy animals. This is a way to stop diseases from spreading. You start the killing of wolves and you also kill human kind. Hope this hunting of wolves will never start.
- 3179 Leave the wolves alone and no hunting season. Population needs to grow and fully establish
- 3180 Even though the 5 year moratorium was lifted, I still think it is prudent to wait that time.
- 3181 I don't see a need to hunt wolves in Minnesota at this time. I am against hunting wolves in Minnesota.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3182 With new CWD being discovered in WI in the North Western part of the state it is NOT a good idea to even have a Grey wolf hunt. Sick Deer are cleaned out by Grey wolf selectively. 500,000 deer were taken some years back in WI to curtail CWD advancement. No CWD was found until this year in WI, but 75 wolves were killed due to depredation. NO GREY WOLF HUNT should happen.
- 3183 Trapping is so inhumane!!!!!! Finally there is a good wolf population and certain legislators want to "thin the herd." Well, I wouldn't mind having some thinning of the "herd" in the neighborhood where I live (and I'm not talking wolves).
- 3184 This is crazy. Wolves should not be hunted
- 3185 I am greatly saddened and discouraged to know that Minnesota has joined the group of states and organizations that have the attitude of "shoot first, regret later". Why is the immediate solution "let's go kill hundreds of wolves"? Such a sad day for such a beautiful animal. And to those who say what about my dogs, my children, my plants--I say "the wolves were there long before you/your family/your plants/your whatever was there. What about trying to educate yourself about other ways to live with our wild animals? Does the answer always have to be "kill them off"???
- 3186 I dont believe any TRAPPING should be allowed. Possible gun hunting withing reason may be acceptable at some point if needed. Again--TRAPPING IS WRONG.
- 3187 Yes, Let's preserve our wildlife. Wolves were put here for a reason and we should look for and find ways to live with them. Trapping and killing wolves is not the answer. Please reconsider. This is a DUMB idea. Marlene
- 3188 DO NOT HUNT THE WOLVES!!!!!! THIS IS SO WRONG. THEY HELP BALANCE MOTHER NATURE.
- 3189 I am not against wolf hunting but since I do bird hunting I am strongly aginst trapping. If one of my dogs is injured or killed in a trap who pays? In addition I think there are too many deer. Deer hunters are aging and declining in numbers and I would rather see more wolves rather than less as a way to control deer populations. I expect very few wolves will be shot but instilling a fear of man is not a bad thing since right now they lack this and that is worrisome.
- 3190 i think that wolves are overlook because how they hunt but they are just trying to live and wolves should never be hunted that how they live.
- 3191 I feel trapping by snare or trap is inhumane and cruel . If the wolf population has not changed in ten years why is it so important to cull so many now?? Firearms are much less cruel than traps , please think how painful and agonizing it is for the animals to be caught in a snare or trap sometimes for hours before being found and shot! This is just animal cruelty at it's worst!
- 3192 Nature will take care of the balance....don't murder for sport.
- 3193 I am totally opposed to the DNR's plan to hold a hunting season on wolves for 2012 or any other year for that matter. I do not support putting animals on the endangered species list to bring up their numbers only to turn around and hunt them. Wolves live in complex "families" and I do not think we should disturb and endanger these majestic animals and the groups in which they live. I think the DNR has betrayed the will of the people in Minnesota by eliminating the 5-year waiting period before even looking at hunting wolves. I also am completely opposed to the trapping of wolves for a number of reasons; other unintended wild animals get caught in these traps as well as dogs and cats. I also believe the use of traps are cruel and inhumane and these traps promote suffering of the animals caught in them. They are often not checked frequently enough and the animals die a slow, painful death. PLEASE DO NOT HUNT AND TRAP THESE WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, MAJESTIC ANIMALS!!!
- 3194 3000 wolves, 4.5 million people, almost 1 million deer, do the math
- 3195 I do not feel that this season should be allowed at all , the process for this decision was obviously flawed, Dayton had no business makeing this decision . No Wolf hunting in Minnesota
- 3196 With all of the effort to bring back wolves to the lower 48 I believe it is too early to start a season on wolves. We also need to understand the impact of climate change on wolf and prey populations before a season starts.
- 3197 The wolf hunt is dangerous to the wolf population and unscientific.
- 3198 I do not support wolf hunting or trapping in ANY form. It is not necessary in this state. Wolves have NEVER been documented in a human attack, don't sensationalize, please. They are part of our precious natural resources please treat with respect. NO hunting or trapping should EVER be allowed. PERIOD.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3199 As a Minnesotan, I feel strongly that we should not undo the good that was done by protecting our valuable, living natural resource the wolf. Hunting is not necessary to control wolf numbers. Wolves control their own numbers. They require habitat away from roads and die from many causes including starvation. The MN wolf population is the only original wolf population in the lower US and is stable for 10 years at 3000 wolves. They were last estimated in 2007. In the 1970's wolves were exterminated from all states except for 600 wolves in MN. Wolves, as in all predators, strengthen their prey population. Deer numbers are not lowered by wolves. But other animals benefit from wolves including beaver which are good for wetlands. Wolves are now killed more easily as they no longer have Federal protection. MN wolves were on the endangered species list for 40 years until January 2012. The MN Wolf Management plan had a 5- year wait after they were delisted before hunting would be considered. The political process corrupted this consensus-based plan that was in law since 2001. Wolf-livestock conflicts are low in MN. In 2011, there were 88 livestock verified wolf complaints in MN from 80 farms. These are managed both lethally and non-lethally and will continue to be managed. Hunting random non-problem wolves can worsen livestock-wolf conflicts; the packs are weakened and seek easy food. Wolves live in packs made of family members and have a complex social hierarchy. When one member dies (as in our pet dogs) the living wolves are affected and they too can die at higher rates from many causes including less effective hunting or even more livestock depredation. Wolves experience stress even around snowmobiles and have demonstrated higher stress hormones in their feces. Imagine the stress of hunting and trapping on wolves which will increase their risk of illnesses. Wolf trappers are allowed to bait the wolves and only have to check their traps every 72 hours. This will mean excruciating pain for the trapped wolves and stress for pack members not trapped. Wolves are vital to the forest ecosystem because they change the behavior of deer and elk and help vegetation grow in the forests which supports birds, fish and beaver. MN's wild wolves can be promoted and the eco-tourism economic potential is very high. Yellowstone wolf eco-tourism was been estimated at \$35 million per year. MN's DNR states that wildlife viewing is worth \$400 million annually and wildlife viewers outnumber hunters 4:1. People worldwide are becoming aware of the value of wolves in ecosystems. The International tourism image MN can be wild wolves. MN wolves are worth much more alive than dead. The wolf just needs a good promotional agent.
- 3200 Preface...I will give some thoughts, knowing full well that you (DNR) are aware of all I have to say: Why has there been no connection made between the extra doe tags given out in past years and wolf numbers? In WI they have recently passed a bill not allowing earn-a-buck. We are giving into hunters selfish wants and failing to educate them on why high deer numbers are bad. Even now, with hunters claiming deer numbers are down because of wolves, they are still too high. The damage deer cause to the forest, farm, and freeway is reason enough to have earn-a-buck. But now politicians are following votes knowing this is a win-win situation. The general public (hunters included) has no idea how destructive deer are, and how beneficial the wolf is. Their unwarranted fear of wolves also makes this an easy vote to cast. Why are we not using our knowledge to lead vs. follow the uneducated public? Deer hunters would want wolves around if they truly understood the balance of an ecosystem. Wolf numbers were at a sustainable level (with problem wolves being taken by DNR and understandably so). We chose to drastically reduce their food supply in a very short period of time through extra tags. Now hunters ignore the fact that they have been harvesting more deer for years and blame the reduction on wolves. Wolves may now be turning to cattle (as we do), etc. for food out of necessity. But if we choose to keep the deer population where it is, they will naturally reduce in numbers through starvation in a few years. I was raised a conservative, am an avid fisherman, and have hunted for many years of my life. It is unfortunate that to be pro-wolf means to be an extremist (bleeding heart) that is basing everything on emotion. I believe that the hunters could just as easily be labeled as extremists (close minded) in their own right. We need to base our actions on scientific facts, not emotions. We can educate people on why not to fear wolves, why hunters should want wolves, and why nature can maintain itself. In WI they pushed the vote by claiming the wolf to be a financial burden. When most of the money was spent on hounds lost due to a decision to hunt, not predation. All the while we ignore the financial burden of the sacred whitetail. I believe decisions made based on science stand the test of time, while others are questioned by future generations. Let us not have a decision based on an emotional fear be attached to our legacy. Thank you for your time,
- 3201 No wolf hunting period. These animals should NOT be hunted.
- 3202 The hunting of the Gray wolf prior to the 5 year waiting period is unfair. I am totally against trapping of these beautiful animals.
- 3203 No hunting or inhumane trapping period. Thank you
- 3204 NO WOLF TRAPPING AND HUNTING PERIOD!!!! THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE MURDER OF THESE MAGNIFICENT ANIMALS... TO DO SO WOULD DISRUPT THE ECOSYSTEM... LEAVE MOTHER NATURE ALONE AND SHE WILL TAKE CARE OF HERSELF... TELL THE HUNTERS TO SHOOT LESS DEER... OR BETTER YET... OUTLAW HUNTERS!!!!
- 3205 This is appalling. We spent decades trying to save these intelligent creatures, only to have the right-wing extremist legislature play this sick sick game. People don't eat wolves. There is no reason to hunt them, and especially no reason to trap them. I oppose this, and will always oppose it. Don't do this.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3206 Yes!! I believe that wolves are one of God's most majestic creatures. We live on a 75 acre farm, and have everything from bear, coyote, rabbits, fox, pheasant and cougar. If the wolves are not honored by the endangered species list, then we and our children will be missing out on a magnificent creature. I would rather have wolves on our property than the coyotes. Our family is VERY disappointed in the DNR and the decisions that already have been made. Trapping is THE MOST INHUMANE and CRUEL hunting method imaginable. How sad that people find it "fun" to hunt down a beautiful animal. Perhaps the coyotes will start showing up more in the metro area as the wolves push them that way!!!
- 3207 The questions on this survey seem to pertain ONLY to hunters and trappers, not the general public who also have a say. Additionally, though I do NOT like the idea of harvesting wolves at all, I most particularly detest the trap and snap option. They are barbaric. And, harkening back to the harvest in general, I can foresee a lot of wolves taken and not being reported and leaving the state of MN needing to reinstate costly measures to bring wolf numbers back up again.
- 3208 I support wolf recovery in the great lakes region.
- 3209 I do not support this action. 3000 is not a strong enough population, 1600 is preposterous.
- 3210 I love wolves and want them to stay. They are very important to the ecosystem, and if they go extinct, there will be a HUGE imbalance in the ecosystem.
- 3211 In a democratic society, it is unfair politics to not allow public commentary on proposed bills. From a population preservation standpoint, the actions of Governor Mark Dayton setting aside the Wolf Management plan in the summer of 2011 and eliminating the minimum five year waiting period before a wolf hunting and trapping season are shameful and cast a negative light on MN's efforts toward wildlife protection. We almost lost this species once--don't let it happen again.
- 3212 yes....STOP hunting for an animal once endangered. Why should we decrease the population now that it has stabilized? Especially for pleasure...that is crazy. Stop the hunting, stop taking surveys in hopes to find people who agree with you and start supporting our wolf population in our state.
- 3213 This is a flawed plan and I oppose it.
- 3214 This is outrageous!!! MY tax payer dollars go to bring these animals back, just so people can hunt and kill them??? I will make sure that in the future I will fight every dollar you people ask for and I pray you don't get one more dime of my money!! We have the responsibility to keep animals from going extinct, but not with stupid decisions like these, you should ALL be ashamed!
- 3215 Come on...I think we kill enough wildlife in our state. Just around where I grew up the wildlife has gone severely down due to housing. Lets just remember the animals were here before us and we are pushing them out of their land.
- 3216 I am opposed to the hunting and trapping season, but if we are forced by the legislature to have a season, we should do everything possible to limit trapping in particular, since it poses a risk to people, pets, and children.
- 3217 I do NOT support this initiative! It's about generating money and not about the wolf population.
- 3218 feel survey unfair and limited
- 3219 This entire process is flawed.
- 3220 I do not agree with the hunting of wolves!
- 3221 I am ardently opposed to trapping and hunting wolves at this time in MN. Trapping them is absolutely morally wrong. I understand the problems with wolves and their presence to farmers and homeowners. The DNR and the legislature has caved to the hunting and trapping lobbyists. I have no faith in the DNR or in their plan.
- 3222 This question list is a joke. Well, you know that. What to say that is not already known? The mind set that creates and puts into action laws such as these is pretty unreachable by the words of those who are opposed. But I'll repeat them anyway. It's unnecessary. It's cruel. A misuse of power. Sounds strange huh? But that is exactly the case. Ah me, its not the big, bad wolf but the big bad man that is so troubling and depressing.
- 3223 I am saddened by the decision to open wolves to hunting and feel it will do more harm than good.
- 3224 The decision to open up wolves to hunting is unscientific and poor.
- 3225 Thanks to the political backroom manipulation of those in power the proper procedures have not been followed in setting up any proposed "hunt". Personally I don't consider it a hunt or "public take" it is a hypocritical genocide/pogrom of a species used to promote the so-called American Western Spirit and then demonized by special interests for their own financial gain. If you want to make Minnesota like the bloodthirsty states of Montana or Idaho instead of a responsible wise balanced caretaker of our environment, then go ahead with your plans. But don't expect further support or my vote.
- 3226 The only reason there is a wolf season to begin with is that hunters think they should be allowed to kill yet another wildlife animal, using excuses like controlling population, they kill too many deer, etc. for their own purposes. There is no reason to have a wolf season, biologically speaking. Stop caving in to hunters!!
- 3227 Just say NO to Wolf Hunting!!!!
- 3228 Of all the creatures that were made, man is the most detestable. Of the entire brood he is the only one--the solitary one--that possesses malice. That is the basest of all instincts, passions, vices--the most hateful. He is the only creature that has pain for sport, knowing it to be pain. Also--in all the list he is the only creature that has a nasty mind. - Mark Twain
.....STOP DO NOT KILL THE WOLVES !!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3229 I do not support hunting wolves-real hunters kill to feed their families not to scapegoat animals that seek to do the same! humans and wolves can live side by side without harming one another....I have no problem with hunting deer (not trophy hunting) for the sake of eating the meat but this is wrong in so many ways,,If there was a god I doubt highly he approves of needless killing-thus said there is no god .if trophy hunters can expect a heaven .and if you want to make profit why not give ecotourism a chance? photographers taking tourist on a journey to see wolves in their natural environment will bring profit to the state (think how many hotels,dinners,campsites and various other companies and businesses will get in on the income flow brought on by ecotourism)
- 3230 I hate Wolf Killers
- 3231 Wolves are just barely off the endangered list and already people want to start killing them. Trapping any animal is cruel. I don't think allowing the hunting of wolves should be allowed.
- 3232 This is an unfair survey as it is skewed toward approval of hunting the wolves. I do not approve of the hunt or trapping of wolves. I do not wish to see them hunted at all.
- 3233 When you insert yourself into the law of nature - you loose. Leave the wolves alone and let nature take its course - stop this murder!! Why did we spend all these resources and time to get the wolf population off the endangered list!!! The DNR should be ashamed of themselves for supporting this!
- 3234 I do not object to wolf hunting in general, so much as the fact that a plan was in place to allow wolves to recover over a period of years after being taken off the endangered list. Instead, the legislation chose to impulsively shut down and ignore the original and intelligent mandate, which I assume, was the result of a study that additionally cost taxpayers money. The decision lacked maturity on the part of the legislature. Additionally, the concept of incidentally killing a wolf while deer hunting is reflective of the flippancy this state's legislature has towards matters of the environment and natural resources. I look forward to cycling out our current political employees next election.
- 3235 It is too soon to hunt wolves...they are barely off the endangered list. Also...a limit goal of 400 out of a population of 3000 is WAY too high. And there is NO excuse for the cruelty of trapping no matter what the population or pressure from locals and/or hunters. This has been rushed through, no doubt due to pressures from special interest groups. It is irresponsible.
- 3236 I think that this whole process/system is flawed & that it is preposterous to start hunting wolves and that it would be very detrimental to our environment if we allowed it.
- 3237 Please in behalf of many U S citizens, we must say that we highly disapprove this hunt and trapping, we want that each and every wolf is respected in the land they were born and have protections against this legislature that approves such brutal and unscientific practices. Please this is the people of America begging that the land that we pay taxes for is respected along with every single living being residing in it. Please seriously consider my comments which many people agree with. Thank you
- 3238 I oppose wolf hunting and trapping altogether. It will destroy the social structure of the packs and destabilize the population. They play a key role in culling weak & sick prey animals.
- 3239 Be careful out there Crunch.
- 3240 I do not agree with the wolf hunt!!
- 3241 I find the wolf hunt to be very inhumane.. Trapping and snaring should be outlawed. Even if they are the traps that you used to bring the wolves here. I am a Federal Employee and public servant out of Red River District on the Nez Perce National Park in Idaho. He was supposed to make sure the wolf hunt was done humanely. Well his wolf had blood all over the snow cause they used it as a target practice then took pictures then killed it.. I don't think that was humane. You know we have hunters out there that will do bad things like that.. Some even just club them to death.. I am not happy about the hunt.. You should have left the farmers shoot them if they were after their livestock. Now if you have 3000 in Minn. Wis has 800 Michigan doesn't really know maybe 500 or so there. These are the only grey wolves there are here.. Idaho, Wyoming, Montana had wolves moved in from the Yukon. They are not grey wolves.. They told me that the wolves they brought here killed the grey wolves cause they are bigger and stronger.. I think before a wolf hunt you should get an accurate count on the grey wolves. I feel history repeating itself again...Just remember when they live in the wild they eat like the wild.. This all is really a slaughter hunt for the wolves a holocaust only difference between this and Hitler is the wolves are animals..
- 3242 I completely oppose the wolf hunt. We (humans) have messed with animal populations to the point of destruction of the environment. There are too many variables with hunting and trapping wolves, including pets and other animals being hurt and/or killed, and I believe it is cruel and inhumane. Wolves are a huge, necessary part of the balance of nature. Hunting them throws off what balance is left.
- 3243 I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS WOLF HUNT! THE WOLVES JUST CAME OFF THE LIST! HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY KILLING THEM NOW? THIS SURVEY AND WOLF SEASON IS UNFAIR AND NOT RIGHT! STOP IT PLEASE! .
- 3244 Killing is not conservation. More pandering to special interests only interested in killing our wildlife. Shame on Minnesota and Wisconsin for their barbaric wolf kill plans.
- 3245 I am not a hunter or trapper.I do not think hunting is a proper means of management or control.Hunters do not spend the necessary time and resources to control the proper wolves...they will kill breeding wolves as easily as wolves that truly may cause problems to the human society.I find this unacceptable,since the "problem"wolves would still need "controlled".

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3246 I can't believe you use the term 'harvest' to refer to this senseless slaughter of another species. They are not a crop, neither are they being sought after for human sustenance. They are trophies for morons - why don't you call it what it is? You are not 'harvesting' them - you are murdering them.
- 3247 STOP WOLF HUNTING! Its stupid and unfair to wolves, who might I mention just got off the endangered species list. Please, please stop it!!
- 3248 With the human species currently directing the first ever critical mass extinction caused by a life form, why are people killing important predators that hold already struggling ecosystems together? I don't understand the need to hunt down and murder my dog's closest ancestor, a shy, intelligent, beautiful, endangered animal revered as the symbol of all that is wild and free. Wolves used to number over 250,000 in this country, with no human conflict. They were here first, we're the problem, not them.
- 3249 I am opposed to hunting and trapping wolves for the following reasons: -I am against trapping because it is inhumane. - Wolves get blamed for things coyotes or other animals do and I think this will result in wolves killed needlessly and unfairly, even when the wolves were not the problem.
- 3250 If a wolf is taking livestock from a farmer in northeastern Minnesota, he should, with help from the DNR, be able to remove that animal. Trapping and shooting wolves as a sport is just plain stupid...a little like the Mourning Dove season (!) Minnesota citizens appreciate their wildlife and appreciate the ability to venture into the wilderness without concern of snares, traps and rifles. And, we are just beginning to see an adequate wolf population. Just try to catch sight or sound of one! (PS We ARE better than Wisconsin...the new wolf hunt there is going to be chaos)
- 3251 Do not hunt wolves!
- 3252 The hunting of wolves is immoral. Though the wolf has been removed, albeit incorrectly, from the endangered species list, it must not be trapped or hunted to maintain proper levels. I also support economic boycotts to those who support this.
- 3253 There should be NO Trapping and or hunting of wolves as it causes an unbalance in nature.
- 3254 Only man can rationalize the killing of animals for the pleasure of sport! There is not a wolf problem, nature has a way of survival of the fittest. If animals could shoot back at humans, then and only then would I call it a sport. To even think about this horrible killing shows how far humanity has regressed
- 3255 I do not support wolf trapping or hunting in Minnesota. Trapping in particular is cruel and distasteful. I am dismayed that the only apparent option for wolf "management" is killing. I am afraid that allowing a wolf season or seasons will also change the mindset for some people that killing wolves is no big deal, and illegal out-of-season killings will occur even more than illegal killings now.
- 3256 Hunting of wolves is wrong, they are natural to the environment and have posed no problems for me. How about hunting for dogs? Can we tell the difference if seen in the natural environment? People who make these decisions should be residents of the area and understand the natural beauty of balance.
- 3257 The wolves have been on the endangered species list for 40 years. Sad to believe that as soon as taken off, they are going to be hunted. Just makes me sad and angry.
- 3258 I fear that given wolves elusive and shy nature, people will begin baiting them by unethical and irresponsible means.
- 3259 I am totally opposed to the hunting of wolves.
- 3260 Leave the wolves alone, and for that matter the deer too.
- 3261 Why do you let people trap? If the population needs to be controlled go ahead and hunt some, but why let them (and other animals) get caught in a trap and suffer in pain?!!!!?!
- 3262 DO NOT ALLOW THE WOLF HUNT
- 3263 Do you have empirical data that would suggest this approach is humane and actually works? Or, are you following the gun lobby suggestions?
- 3264 I strongly oppose opening up the hunting season on wolves. After being on the endangered species list for such an extended period of time, it seems foolish to allow them to be hunted again.
- 3265 This process is unfair, flawed, and is an extremely limited survey.
- 3266 More scientific consideration must be done before wolves are opened up to hunting.
- 3267 It gives me little hope for the future well-being of Minnesota's natural splendor when we are opening wolves up to hunting right after removing them from federal protection. Wolf populations control themselves naturally and they don't need humans muddying the waters. How can 3,000 to 4,000 wolves be considered a stable population? There are better ways to control human/wolf conflict than by eradicating a species.
- 3268 I do not support the DNR's decision to have a wolf hunting season.
- 3269 If the population has been stable for the last 10 years, why is it even necessary to have a management scheme developed. It seems like nature is doing a reasonable job.
- 3270 If the MN wolf population has remained consistent (close to 3000) for a decade, according to the DNR data, why do we have to reduce the population by 50%? This seems like a waste of time and money to this state which already has money and budget issues. Also, why is the Boundary Waters area being included in this hunt? It seems the environmental impact to that area with increased hunting and trapping could be devastating not only to the wolves but for the citizens who try to protect the area and enjoy it in its natural state. Last but not least, the North American grey wolf has been around for centuries. Why do we have to control its numbers just to make a few people happy by hunting and trapping? Show us the data that supports how much damage the grey wolf is inflicting on ranchers/farmers and domestic pet owners. Thank you for reading these comments.
- 3271 Please protect the wolf population. There is no reason to hunt them!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3272 I believe that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has broken its promise to Minnesotans. I demand that the 5 year moratorium plan originally included in de-listing wolves from the endangered species list should be reinstated. I believe that the MN DNR has compromised its credibility by renegeing on the agreed-upon plan of action, meaning, the five year moratorium on ANY wolf hunting. I think the DNR needs to re-examine this issue and take a new approach to wolf management. ps: TRAPPING OF WOLVES MUST BE BANNED
- 3273 I strongly disagree with the decision to allow hunting of wolves. I see coyotes as more of a threat to actual families in Minnesota, and can not see what purpose it serves to hunt the wolves when their population has remained steady without the hunting.
- 3274 The fact that the wolf population in Minnesota has been stable over the past 10 years speaks to the point that nature has found a balance - a stable wolf population of about 3000, lots of deer, and rare wolf-human conflicts. To think that we need to intervene is the height of human arrogance and lack of understanding of our role in the ecosystem. Not every animal needs to be hunted and trapped. Wolves have a unique family and social structure much like our own that makes killing a wolf much more than just killing an individual. I believe you would find the majority of Minnesotans do not want wolves hunted and trapped, but you didn't even have the courage to have a real public comment period. Disappointing to say the least.
- 3275 I don't understand why the 5 year waiting period is not in place, at the very least. It makes no sense to bring an animal back from near extinction only to go out and hunt it down to near extinct levels again. Then we'll put it back on the endangered list and start all over again. I'm sorry that farmers are losing their animals but that's what happens when man encroaches on wild animal territory. They were here first and they should stay here. I REALLY don't agree with trapping as other animals, especially dogs, get caught in the traps. It's a cruel and inhumane way to die and the animal (wolf or otherwise) is in terrible pain as they die. Perhaps if trappers tried out their traps on themselves to see how it feels, they would change their minds. Hunting wolves down to half of their population serves what purpose? To save a few cattle? It's not worth it and we will regret it later on. This should have gone to the voters and let US decide. It's our state and we should have the final say.
- 3276 The entire process of establishing a hunting/trapping season on Minnesota timberwolves in 2012 is flawed and unfair. I believe a majority of Minnesota citizens support a five-year moratorium on taking wolves following their delisting. The DNR is severely in error for not following this guidance!!! And I remain convinced that an opportunity for science-based wildlife research was abandoned, in favor of catering to hunting and trapping interests.
- 3277 This wolf hunting season is an absolute joke. My family moved to MN to experience the wilderness the state has to offer, which includes wolves. I am disgusted that the state will now allow for the killing of an animal considered endangered in every other state except Alaska! Especially when they will not be eaten, it is simply for sport. Not to mention that the animal is sacred to the native american people of your state. Obviously they matter as much as your wolves do. Shame on you all. Obviously whatever the deer hunters in Minnesota want, they get. This will prove to be a HUGE mistake.
- 3278 The entire wolf trapping proposal is flawed in many ways. Please reconsider open wolf hunting.
- 3279 I grew up in International Falls and still have a residence there. Shooting wolves from airplanes for the bounty was once commonplace on Rainy Lake. This area is now a National Park with no hunting allowed. The wolves are maintaining a natural balance without hunting. There is no need for a wolf hunt in Minnesota. Wolves would not be killed for food but for sport. This is an endeavor that should not be supported by the state. Those who just want to be able to claim they shot a wolf should be confined to private game farms where tame animals are released for them to shoot.
- 3280 A healthy wolf population helps keep deer populations in check; wolves are a vital component of a healthy ecosystem. If baiting is allowed, there is no way this is considered "hunting", where the wits of human and animal play out. Also, trapping is exceptionally inhumane and does not prevent other animals from getting caught in them. Trapping should be outlawed on all levels. This is 2012 - - it's time for us to evolve into more harmonious creatures.
- 3281 There is absolutely no reason to have a wolf hunting season. What is the purpose? You can't eat them. If it's just for fun, or thinning out the herd, or hanging their hides in their basements, we also have too many people in this state too like illegal immigrants and people that don't want to work and live off the system. I don't see open season on them. Shut down the hunting season on wolves. It's only low lifers that hunt these animals.
- 3282 Killing these beautiful animals is wrong. Hunting animals is suppose to be for the purpose of food. No one would eat their household pet so is it absolutely necessary to let these animals be destroyed for "sport"? Your policy needs to be changed!
- 3283 This survey is flawed and biased and I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves. wiping out over half of their wolf population in the first hunt is not based on sound science. I am informed that it was agreed to wait 5 years to implement a wolf hunt if wolves were ever de-listed.
- 3284 Your pre-survey informational presentation is totally skewed to rationalize the wolf hunt. Shooting is bad enough; trapping is cruel and inhumane. I do not understand how wolves were protected a mere 6 months ago and now they will be hunted. Will they be eaten? Will they starve due to over-population? Is the hunt mere sport?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3285 I would like to express my opposition to the hunting but especially the trapping of Timberwolves in Minnesota. I don't understand how the state can allow the killing of wolves after all the effort to save them. I don't understand the reason why a beloved animal is allowed to be killed for its pelt alone. I feel there are very few who would use the animal for meat. Trapping is an antiquated barbarous cruel a torturous means of killing animals. The hole idea of trapping belongs in the days of Daniel Boone and his coon skin cap. Wolves are an intelligent social animal that surly feels more than just physical pain. I'm afraid this abuse would to often be made worse by the inhumane person who sets a trap and doesn't return for days to check it. A rifle hunter at least has a somewhat clean kill and takes it right away. This also brings up the question of how does a trapper destroy a wolf he finds alive in the trap? If nothing else please try to make a sport of it. No baiting or assisting. As deer hunting is more of an annual slotter than a hunt these days I would hate to see wolf hunting become the same. Thank you for considering my point of view.
- 3286 Wolves are Minnesota's signature animal, a symbol of our natural environment that draws cash-bearing tourists from around the nation and around the world. We should not sacrifice them to a few yahoos who want to shoot and trap them any more than we should encourage people who would enjoy defacing art or torturing house cats. Our wolf population does not need to be "managed". Rather, we could still use more wolves to manage the deer. As a northern Minnesota property owner I strongly object to the proposed hunting and trapping of wolves and ask that you avoid letting the wishes of a weird minority override the interests of bulk of the voting population of our state and nation.
- 3287 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 3288 Wolves are not hunted for meat and they are a part of our natural eco-system. If we kill off the wolves then we end up having too many of the animals that they hunt. Then we need to have more hunts for those animals. Killing the wolves is just one more way for man to be greedy and only think of their own gains.
- 3289 This proposed hunting and trapping season is not based on sound, scientific knowledge. It should not take place until full population information is known, wolf-human conflict data is analyzed and a population goal is set that has been reviewed by the public and wildlife experts.
- 3290 I am STRONGLY opposed to the hunt/trap proposal. Every living creature has a right to live and to live a pain free life. Trapping in particular is EXTEMEELY INHUMANE. Also, this survey is unfair and too limited.
- 3291 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 3292 the whole process is flawed!
- 3293 Stop hunting the wolves.
- 3294 This survey is flawed, there is no scientific reason to kill the wolves, leave them alone and they will look after themselves and the rest should be left to nature to work out. Hunting of anyanimal is wrong!!
- 3295 Your survey is tainted. I could not answer many of your question because I do NOT agree with hunting any animals including our wolves. Spin it anyway you like (and you do) your survey is fraudulent.
- 3296 This is wrong. You will destroy the wolf population...
- 3297 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 3298 The thought that a wolf hunting and trapping season could occur in 21st century America is incredibly disturbing to me. I think at least a five year waiting period before "managing" the population must be mandatory, and desire for financial gain is the only reason the legislature chose not to do so. The general fear of wolves in present day society is unfounded and I fear could lead to an incredible decline in the wolf population if hunting and trapping became legal. In addition, wolves are endangered across the rest of the nation, disrupting the ecosystems by allowing their natural prey to become extremely overpopulated, and a system of relocating wolves or allowing an increased wolf population to migrate naturally to other areas could be extremely beneficial for the nation's ecosystems.
- 3299 This survey is severely flawed. You jokers are in the process of taking out the wolves and their prey which has constituted an imbalance in the population. You guys are the ones that have caused this by not properly legislating the hunters and adding to proper law enforcement resources. YOU are the one need to end this hunting nonsense and get more agents in the field rather than lining your pockets with lobbyist cash.
- 3300 I belive that wolves should not be hunted. Please dont hunt them
- 3301 I feel that this entire process is flawed and giving people such a limited window won't allow you to gather the data necessary to make an informed decision. Hunting wolves in Minnesota is an ill conceived idea in the first place, and will only garner negative results for our environment.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3302 I OPPOSE any hunting or trapping of wolves in Minnesota. I am appalled that you have gone back on your promise to wait 5 years after delisting. There is no scientific, peer reviewed study that would support a harvest of approximately half of your current population. This is ludicrous and clearly an effort to appease ranchers and hunters. Our wildlife is not a commodity and you have no right to sacrifice our wolves this way. Nature will manage itself and does not need human intervention. Your survey is flawed and does allow for the respondent to choose an option of no hunting or trapping. I am asking you to please not follow in the footsteps of states like Idaho. Far more people value wolves alive than dead. It's time to you listen to the America public. We are watching closely. Please do the right thing.
- 3303 I do not support any type of wolf hunting season.
- 3304 I do Not support any killing of Wolves in Minnesota!!
- 3305 I am upset because there was supposed to be a five year moratorium on wolf hunting following their removal from the endangered species list. I believe that the immediate jump into a hunting season was slipped through without proper public comment. I am here to register my objection to this hasty and ill-considered move. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.
- 3306 Trapping is cruel and in-humane and I'm truly saddened that there are so many de-sensitized men/women that exist to this day. What "great white hunters" you sad pathetic people are; I hope the wolves kill their share of humans. It's one thing to kill if you are being attacked but for sport, never. This is wrong and shame on all the politicians that voted in favor.
- 3307 I have been opposed to the Hunt and remain opposed. The numbers are still not high enough for wolves. They should be protected. There should be other alternatives to killing wolves who have attacked cows, sheep etc. to help farmers, ranchers who have had losses.
- 3308 Not sure why wolf hunting/trapping is allowed so soon after being taken off of the endangered/protected species? Seems that the DNR and some of the public sector are a bit too gung ho on this.
- 3309 To many of the questions assume that I approve of opening up a season on wolves. I don't approve and hope there will be an the same response from many more. I am also strongly opposed to all trapping as I see it is a cruel and lazy way to take animals. If there is to be a season, and I am forced to choose, it would be a hunt only.
- 3310 I am opposed to holding a wolf hunt anytime in the near future. Hunting is a poor management choice for a newly delisted animal. Please do not hold any hunts for the next three to five years at the minimum. After this time, depending on information gathered, a hunt may be an appropriate management tool.
- 3311 Please do not do this!
- 3312 I have extensive 30 year experience with talking about issues with farmers and trappers and poachers. Having lived in various parts of Northern and central MN, I witness abuse already in regards to trapping and poaching. I heard no complaints about wolves in 30 years from farmers. We are destroying the wolf habitat and we do nothing about the diseases that are killing them. This Law is only for the NRA which represents a very small majority of people in this Country. They are ignorant to the fact that they mate for life and have bought this Law to the detriment of the environment and Native American Community. I am very angry that this has happened. I am very sad that this has happened. This is horrific and disgusting.
- 3313 We do not need a wolf hunt. The wolf population has been stable and problem wolves should be dealt with. Amazing how fast this whole wolf hunt got started after delisting. Supposed to be a five year wait, but that got tossed away. Especially with how the MN Legislature works so slowly. I wonder who is behind this push for the wolf hunt, follow the money. I think this entire process for public input is flawed. I would like the MN Dept. of Resources to stop thinking that all the natural resources in this state are walking around with some dollar sign on their head.
- 3314 The decision to permit wolf hunting in MN is a travesty, is inhumane, and unnecessary. To permit the hunting of wolves simply because the species has been removed from the endangered species list is irrational. The State on Minnesota would be better served if equivalent revenue and effort were dedicated to removing drunk drivers from the road.
- 3315 I oppose the Wolf Hunt in MN, We have worked to hard to regain the species to a healthy number.
- 3316 I can understand needing to manage the wolf population, I have mixed feelings about a shooting season. But I am adamantly against any trapping. I can think of nothing more cruel or insidious than trapping an animal (not to mention the pets that are also caught in traps every year) the pain it suffers is unimaginable. How can anyone who claims to be truly interested in the welfare of an animal population or humane treatment of any living thing would participate in anything close to what trapping puts an animal through. It does not kill the animal, it is left there to suffer, and starve and be frightened, then the victorious trapper comes along and has to kill the animal in some other way...I know they want to preserve the fur at all costs. It's simply horrible and I for one oppose it and wish trapping would be outlawed forever.
- 3317 Just that I am disappointed that my voice wasn't heard in the legislation that allowed the hunting and trapping. It seems too soon, since the delisting to establish a season on them. I guess the end results of the MN wolf population, will be the telling factor of my 'too soon' opinion.
- 3318 This whole process is flawed and wrong. Wolves should not be hunted period!
- 3319 leave the wolves alone
- 3320 I'm a hunter and have been a trapper but wolves are not on my list and should not be on anyone's list.
- 3321 Trapping is inhumane! Why don't you stick your foot in a trap and see how it feels.....just a thought!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3322 This wolf hunt is a disgusting campaign that has been run through the legislature by the gun lobby. They will stop at nothing to satisfy their blood hunger, and killing a magnificent, intelligent animal will be something they can boast about over their beer. Part of our state's legacy is based on the wolf, not the deer, or raccoon, or even the bear; to hunt them before the 5 year moratorium is disgusting. I have been a long time contributor to the DNR and its causes. I will never give another penny to the DNR, and I am disgusted that such a small segment of the population can make this wolf hunt legal. These regal animals will be tortured, stuck in traps, chewing off their legs to get free, all for the sake of what? They cannot be eaten. This should have been put on the fall ballot, so all Minnesotan's could decide, instead of a blood thirsty minority of hunters. I will not vote for Governor Dayton or anyone else who allowed this bill to go through. The so-called DNR should be ashamed of this. It is utterly disgusting.
- 3323 Wait the original 5 years before discussing any hunting of wolves!
- 3324 This is horrible!! How can you people do this!?! You are all horrible Tea Party idiots! Wolves are important to an overpopulated ecosystem. Removing them makes deer populations skyrocket and kill our native plants! Wolves are just as beautiful of creatures as so-called "man" is, vain little buggers!
- 3325 I'd like to know if part of the reason to legalize wolf hunting is to provide more funding for wolf research, considering that the current amendment indicates that all revenue from sales of permits goes towards wolf conservation. If this is the case, I would reconsider my stance on the issue. Thank you for providing the chance for public comment!
- 3326 I am disappointed on the way that this survey has been conducted. I have received no public notice that this survey is taking place, and I had to track this survey down on the DNR website. The issue of wolf hunting in the state of Minnesota is a big issue, and the fact that this survey has been hidden from the general public is tragic. Every Minnesotan should be encouraged to give their opinion on a survey that is advertised with public service announcements, not hidden in a website for the few who visit the site by chance. Please consider the impact of establishing a wolf hunting season without the proper scientific research to support the impact of killing wolves from a currently stable population. We need to protect our natural resources as much as possible even if the MN Legislature deceived the public in creating a wolf hunting season.
- 3327 Do Not hunt or trap Gray Wolves for 5 years while additional research is done on population sustainability within habitat.
- 3328 I am disappointed in both the DNR and the state legislature for enacting a wolf hunt at the same time that the wolves were being removed from the endangered species list in Minnesota. I believe that at least for the time being allowing people to shoot wolves in defense of their livestock etc would be sufficient. I do not see the need for a wolf hunt for sport/pelts. Also this entire process has been flawed I don't think that the wolf hunt should have been attached to a bill that raised funds for fishing licenses (which I did not oppose).
- 3329 I am sad and frustrated that this is happening. I don't feel it's fair to the wolf that was just taken off the endangered list, and I don't feel we as the public had enough say in the matter before it was passed. Sometimes I wonder if anyone is listening to us common people anymore!?!?!?
- 3330 This wolf trap is totally unnecessary and it will result in disastrous effects to our ecosystem. It will only lead to put them back on the endangered species as it was before and it will affect our biosystem as wolves help keep the natural balance between species by predating on deer, fowls, and even vermin. The traps being suggested now are not only cruel but also dangerous to other animals including domestic or even children. If "public safety" is one of the excuses that can be easily fixed by making dogs/animal owners responsible for them and not let them wander unsupervised, same as with children. TxS.
- 3331 The entire process for public input on this plan was flawed. This is not wolf management, it's slaughter, and wrong.
- 3332 I DON'T THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN OPEN SEASON ON WOLVES. THEY HAVE JUST COME OFF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST, AND ARE IN NO SHAPE TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES. THERE ISN'T A STABLE POPULATION THAT IS USED TO SURVIVAL YET. MOST OF THE PACKS HAVE ONLY JUST STARTED TO ESTABLISH THEIR TERRITORIES, AND SOME OF THE WOLVES THAT ARE TAKEN IN THE SEASON WILL BE EXPECTING CUBS. IF YOU INSIST THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A SEASON, INSIST IN ONLY MALES BE TAKEN AND ONLY IF THEY AREN'T THE ALPHA. IF ALPHA WOLVES ARE TAKEN, THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH OF A CHANCE THAT THE PACK WILL DISBAND AND THEREFORE ENDANGER NOT ONLY THEIR OWN LIVES, BUT THAT OF ANYTHING (PEOPLE, LIVESTOCK, PETS, ETC) THAT THEY WILL COME INTO CONTACT WITH.
- 3333 I am against opening up hunting and trapping of Wolves in Minnesota. Especially since your slide presentation indicates that while protected, their numbers have remained steady: no significant increase or decrease. If you allow the hunting and trapping of wolves without more careful thought/consideration, you will no doubt open up the possibility of having to reinstate their endangered species status. Rash decisions are not looked upon favorably and this seems extreme to implement not only one but two kill seasons within the same year they have been removed from protection. In addition, you are relying on the on-you-honor system of hunters to notify you of their kill. Do you have the resources to now look for more poaching or no license kills? While there isn't an easy answer perhaps, a more thoughtful approach seems in order.
- 3334 I am totally against a wolf hunt.
- 3335 NO WOLF HUNT AT ALL!!! Ever!!!
- 3336 We have worked hard to bring back our wolf population, it is too early to even think of having a season for hunting or trapping. Please reconsider this outrageous action.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3337 I am apposed particularly to the trapping of wolves. It is very cruel and I believe inhumane. Not only are wolves caught in the vicious leg hold traps but many other animals fall victim as well. If the MN DNR insists on lowering the number of wolves I believe hunting is best. At least a good hunter will kill the wolf immediately. I am not in agreement for any part of the hunt.
- 3338 There is no good reason to have a hunting season on wolves. They avoid humans, we can already kill them if we need to, and for the most part they are never seen. Our deer herds have never been better so I really can't support this hunt.
- 3339 Your survey is poorly written, does not allow for any responses for people who do not support hunting or trapping wolves at all, even despite the propaganda from the DNR about wolf hunting and trapping. Wolves are a part of our national heritage, as well as our state heritage, and are an animal sacred to many cultures, representing wisdom, divine knowledge, nobility, and power, among other things. A spiritually-advanced and civilized society does not, should not, and must not kill these majestic creatures for their own sport and amusement.
- 3340 I am completely opposed to the hunting of wolves, and know that I my feelings are shared by many Minnesotans who will not find their way to this survey. Please reconsider.
- 3341 I don't believe in trapping... I don't believe in baiting... i don't believe in using dogs... those are NOT hunting techniques... they are for lazy people who aren't willing to put in the work... if people can't hunt in an ethical manner they should leave it to the people who can...
- 3342 Killing wolves to protect livestock, pets or people has always been authorized when there is an imminent danger. Why is a hunting trapping season necessary. Wolves are not a source of food for humans. Statistics concerning deer harvests do not support the notion that wolves are severely impacting the deer population. Wolves pose no documented threat to people.
- 3343 This entire process is ill conceived and flawed. Opening wolves up to hunting will only make there future darker, and take away all of the progress we have made.
- 3344 LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE!
- 3345 I believe that hunting wolves is very, very wrong!!!! I will support any law that eliminates this cruel act!!!!
- 3346 Do not trap or hunt wolves. It is difficult to regulate and there will be many, many violations. I'm a biologist and have followed their recover for may years. This is a step backwards.
- 3347 I DO NOT SUPPORT HUNTING WOLVES in any case.
- 3348 I oppose the entire wolf hunting/trapping season! Next will come complaining about the added deer that wolves now feed on as a nuisance. Wolf hunting/trapping will create more problems that we had before. Is your agency only about killing and destroying our natural resources? It seems to me to be so. Killing wolves, mourning doves and sandhill cranes are just more examples of your promoting destruction of our natural resources. Hopefully the DNR will awaken to these misguided policies and actually institute policies that protect our natural resources not sell them out.
- 3349 This is a travesty. This entire process is flawed. There is not enough information about the population of wolves. These creatures still need protection and the five year waiting period should be reinstated and further study of the wolf populations begun during this period...and NOT by pro-hunting government officials.
- 3350 Once again the powers that be have given in to the hunting lobby. I would like to see these animals find their own level. Nature always balances everything. I would also like to see trapping banned as it is archaic and cruel.
- 3351 No wolf hunting.
- 3352 I believe the wolf population has proven over the last several years that it can regulate itself and does not require human intervention. Mother Nature is the wolf populations most accurate regulator. There should be alternative programs for wolf harassment and pay for livestock lost programs vs live hunts and trapping. I hope the MN state lawmakers will consider other options that exist with the wolves.
- 3353 Put the biologists in charge of wolf management and NOT politicians and special interest groups!!
- 3354 THERE SHOULD NOT BE A WOLF HUNTING SEASON AT ALL!!!!!!
- 3355 how about we just don't do either of them....leave the wolves alone and let nature take it's course like it always has.
- 3356 It is too early to hunt wolves - the law makers make too many laws already and don't know what they are talking about or what far-reaching effects the laws they make up will have. Why do they get to decide this? Because some lobbyist or wealthy people have pushed for it? Who should really decide this - men who sit in their offices and listen to whoever barks the loudest or people out there in the field who really know best? They should at LEAST wait the 5 years and see what happens. This makes me so mad!!!!
- 3357 I don't support a KILLING OR TRAPPING WOLF SEASON! The ENTIRE PROCESS is FLAWD! There will be people killing them without licenses and tags and before we know it they will almost become extinct again. They need to be put back on the ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST where they belong. Because as long as there are HUNTERS with GUNS they will think it's their RIGHT to KILL WOLVES. Because in their eyes WOLVES have no value and it's all about a TROPHY KILL for hunters. STOP WOLF KILLING TODAY! It's ANIMAL CRUELTY, ABUSE AND INHUMANE TREATMENT when they KILL the ALPHA ones and even the puppies or ones with the radio collars. It's like giving HUNTERS the GREEN LIGHT TO KILL WOLVES!!! As an ANIMAL ADVOCATE I am advising you to do the right thing and don't put these wolves out to die!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3371 CAN'T PEOPLE FIND BETTER WAYS TO SPEND THEIR TIME THAN TO HUNT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL AS A WOLF! TRY USING YOUR BRAINS AND FIGURE OUT WAYS FOR EVERYONE TO EXIST TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS PLANET GOOD FOR PEOPLE AND THE ANIMALS TOO! TRAPPING IS JUST PLAIN INHUMANE. WHY ANYONE WANTS TO SHOOT ANY ANIMAL IS BEYOND ME. THE HUNTERS MUST JUST HAVE WAY TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS! PLEASE TRY TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR A CHANGE.
- 3372 Trapping is a cruel and outdated method of killing animals, and should not be a part of any season. Wolf management should be about preserving the specie, not eliminating it.
- 3373 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 3374 MN is the state of ten thousand lakes and thousands more animals, by putting a Wolf hunting season into effect we are putting our natural wildlife in danger. What do hunters gain from killings wolves? Nothing but a trophy. Yet the Wolves have everything to loose, do we really need to put them at risk yet again? I think not.
- 3375 This process is terribly flawed. You assume that everyone answering the questions is in favor of a hunt. Why don't you do more to encourage the use of guarding dogs to avoid depredation? They have proven to be highly effective, yet the DNR seems to pay little attention to them.
- 3376 I think this is a ridiculous idea. The laws are already in place for farmers to shoot wolves, why does this have to turn into a slaughter. Trapping is cruel and hunting for reasons other than food is also cruel. I believe this will open the door for abuse of these animals and senseless slaughter.
- 3377 You call it "harvesting" but that implies that people are gaining something from the hunt. This hunt is purely for sport. Shooting a wolf that is terrorizing a homestead is one thing. Going out and looking for a wolf to kill that is not bothering anyone or anything is another. This is sick.
- 3378 Let the wolves live. As much as the DNR believes it can regulate the 'harvest', this is a slippery slope that will lead the wolves back into endangerment. The concept of harvesting wolves is barbaric and unnecessary.
- 3379 I can live with the firearms hunting season for wolves, although I don't like it, but trapping is a totally different thing. Trapping is just not justifiable in this day and age. For anything, and certainly not wolves.
- 3380 Wolf hunting is bad enough but trapping is brutal and cruel. What is the reasoning for this hunt. You say yourself that their numbers have not grown. This is an animal maligned and scapegoated by people who know nothing about him. This makes Minn. look like its backwards cousin Idaho!
- 3381 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 3382 Please do away with trapping as a method by which to kill wolves. This is cruel and tortuous, and wolves spend hours in agony before they are killed.
- 3383 I do not think that wolf hunt is rational, to keep strong the wildlife. But either, we know that wolves regulate themselves their population, like many other animals do and we know, that, killing wolves is dangerous for the coherency of the pack and could cause many more damage on cows or sheep. What about the fear of humans that old wolves can transmit to the young ? What about a pack that will disintegrate itself if Alpha are killed ? What about the regeneration of the elk population without the selective killing of wolves ? As a hunter, like many others, who do not hate wolves, I'm asking myself many questions about this wolf hunt and I'm not really sure that it's going to serve the big game or even ranchers and wild populations. We all know the studies and we can not, not take act of them.
- 3384 I think this is wrong in killing these animals and i think you have made a huge mistake in allowing them to be killed Most the Us will never forgive you and will forever more brand your state a horrible vile killing heartless part of the US
- 3385 This process is flawed by an assumption that survey takers are hunters/trappers. I am neither but have a voice and an opinion on the matter, and thoroughly oppose all hunting and trapping of wolves. I further think that delisting wolves from the endangered list has been a mistake; wolves need federal protections and the consideration of management efforts that do not include killing them to ensure that their populations are not devastated once again.
- 3386 Opposed to wolf hunting
- 3387 I am truly ashamed trapping is legal in my home state of MN. Does anyone care about the suffering that occurs to that animal? Thanks for letting another tax payer down.
- 3388 There should be NO Season!!!!
- 3389 I vote no hunting or trapping Wolves and delay any consideration for 5 years while more scientific research is done on the subject. I am against all wolf hunting or trapping and ask to reverse the legislative decision.
- 3390 The whole thing stinks and is totally unfair. This will be a disaster. Tons of hunters will not register the wolves. There is no way you will be able to keep an accurate count of how many wolves have been harvested. There are way to many wolfe haters. It will be ashamed when there aren't any left which is exactly what will happen. All the work to save them will have been for nothing. This whole process is unfair and this is a very limited survey.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3391 I do not agree with any of it. I support the preservation of these beautiful animals. I think this entire process is flawed. No wolf hunt!!!
- 3392 Why are you hunting the wolves so early when there should be a least a 5 year waiting period? It makes no sense! Again our GOVERNMENT IS SCREWING THINGS UP! Leave the WOLVES ALONE!
- 3393 What a sad day it will be when wolves are hunted once again. Trapping is so cowardly, such a cruel and painful way to kill anything, how can you allow it? If you must allow hunting, at least disallow trapping. Why did we work so hard to save the wolves from extinction, only to open them to hunting?? How will you keep the kill to 400? How do you enforce it? What about those that don't report a kill? So very sad....
- 3394 Hunting wolves is immoral and misguided.
- 3395 I am adamantly opposed to the proposed wolf hunt, ESPECIALLY the notion of trapping the animal. The pain and anxiety must be excruciating for the animal until it is eventually found and terminated. This seems particularly cruel and in no way should be condoned.
- 3396 I do not support the DNR plan to hunt or trap gray wolves.
- 3397 This entire proposal is an accident just waiting to happen....completely thoughtless as to consequences. Is the DNR going to reimburse dog owners in the kill zones for their dogs which have either been shot or caught in a trap to slowly die? A great majority of the so-called "hunters" will not be able to distinguish between a coyote, a German Shepard dog, or a wolf. This has been proven in polls and surveys in the UP of Michigan. Trapping is a gross mistake.
- 3398 I don't understand why, if the population has held steady for the last ten years, there is a need to open a hunting season to control the wolf population. I definitely do not agree to set a limit to when public opinions will be accepted for this or any other matter.
- 3399 this process is an unfair and limited survey. the only morally acceptable wolf-hunting practice would be by culling those wolves that actually threaten humans or livestock, practiced by specially selected government personnel.
- 3400 It is a flawed plan. Please do not allow any wolf hunt
- 3401 If the wolf population has remained stable the last decade, why is wolf hunting being considered in the first place? Killing off the hunter-leader of a pack may increase the weaker leaders to take easy pickings on farm animals. The wisdom of animal leaders preserves the integrity and knowledge of the pack. We have seen how devastating it is with elephants when the leaders have been killed for their tusks! PLEASE ALLOW NATURE'S SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, NOT MAN'S SURVIVAL OF THE WEAKEST!!!
- 3402 It has already been proven in history that the wolf population will take care of itself with the hunting of their food source. Killing them, animals that we have no plans on eating, will not be insuring their survival, instead it is wanting to insure the growth of the animals that the wolves hunt that people hunt for game. This campaign to murder the wolves by half is nothing more than an attempt to make it so people continue paying to go hunt big wild game. They were just now taken off the endangered species list, why are people so intent on putting them back on it?
- 3403 I hate that people are even thinking about killing wolves because not only are they the most beautiful creature on the planet but they are also endangered and some species of wolves are extinct and also the wolves were here a long time before we were so all you'd be doing is murdering the most beautiful creatures in the world for doing what they were bred to do and for protecting the territory that is rightfully theirs. Yet if a person did that to another person then the person that did it would go to jail or worse but if a person does it to a wolf then that person is congratulated for doing it and that's just not right and is also kind of hypocritical.
- 3404 I do not agree with the decision to hunt or trap wolves. I also feel as though the system of reaching the "quota" is flawed. Many times out in the wilderness there is no cell reception so it will be difficult to reach everyone to tell them the "quota" is filled and there is no more hunting. LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE!
- 3405 This survey seems strictly designed for those who are in favor of the hunting/trapping of wolves. Trapping causes pain and suffering, often to unintended victims, and should be banned. There are so many wonderful activities that people can participate in during their free time. Why must killing, and inflicting pain and suffering be one of them????
- 3406 this process is an unfair and limited survey. I do not think that we should have a hunting season at all for the wolves. Especially allowing trapping. This is the most inhumane thing around. To let a wolf sit in a trap injured for days is horrible. I think that this world has become more cruel and nobody cares about the wildlife and how they might feel. Do people actually eat the meat that comes from a Wolf or is it just some sport to get it's hide. What is it's purpose? Over population? Well to bad for the people that are having problems with farm animals being attacked. It is in the nature of the wolf to hunt for food and I think that we need to find other alternatives to your problems. Stop being lazy and get creative. To many people are taking the easy way out and this is a great example. You were so worried about the deer population at one point well just watch that go back up when you start killing all the wolves that are helping keep that population under control. Think about the outcome of this. I do not think that anyone is going to have control of this and the killings are going to be way higher than the allotted number that has been set in place. I am very disappointing in our MN representatives and they who voted for this will not be getting my vote or support anymore.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3407 I don't agree with the DNR's position on wolf hunting. I'm not opposed to hunting things for food but think the wolf population is not at critical levels which would affect safety of humans and livestock. So, the hunt is just to kill something for fun or use the pelt then? Trapping also seems cruel and I don't understand why that's still allowed. I've donated to the MN DNR before but will cease given this decision. We barely got back to having eagles and bison thrive and I see wolves as in this unique category to have them flourish as a MN treasure. Wasn't the wolf footprint across most of the United States and now we have MN, MT & WY only? I think the MN DNR has done a great job but don't see the logic or hunters mindset in this. Thanks for taking feedback.
- 3408 Personally, I don't agree with changing the previous plan of waiting five years before allowing Wolves to be hunted. Wolves are a self-controlled population and their packs will not outgrow what nature will allow; this is evident by the fact that the wolf population has remained stable for 10 years. At this time, there is absolutely no reason to hunt wolves other than for hunters to kill something new.
- 3409 This is an unfair and limited survey. It does not portray all public opinions and interests.
- 3410 I would prefer the DNR would have spent the money associated with this legislation on solving the problem of invasive species in our lakes. We stand to lose much more as Minnesotans if our lakes and rivers are ruined by invasive species than any good that comes from killing 400 wolves.
- 3411 I am absolutely opposed to this hunt and I predict that in 10 years or less, wolves will once again be added to the endangered species list because of this hunt.
- 3412 This survey isn't "public". I only found out about it from a friend activist. All the questions except #1 assume the person is in favor of wolf hunting. If the wolf population is steady, and they just came off the endangered species list, I don't think there should be a hunting season on them. Also, they are not a source of food.
- 3413 I feel that hunting down our wolf population when the DNR's own information has no bases for such a drastic killing is preposterous and a very sad commentary to what the entire purpose and reason that the DNR exist in the first place,
- 3414 Yes! This survey is so flawed. There is no place for public comment, for those of us who believe that killing wolves is barbaric and against the laws of nature. Hunting animals for sport is just plain wrong, morally wrong. Where do you allow for citizens to protest against this unwarranted killing?
- 3415 If the numbers of wolves are said to be stable now, why are we hurrying to kill them? I am opposed to hunting wolves now (and perhaps forever if their numbers do not become overwhelming).
- 3416 Dear Editor, Why a wolf hunt? It's not because the wolf population is exploding and we need to "control"the wolves. No, the wolf population has remained stable, unchanged, for over 10 years, evenwhile protected. It's not for livestock depredation. State experts agree that wolf depredation of livestock doesn'timpact agriculture in a meaningful way, with 88 verified complaints in 2011. Moreover, a public hunt will do nothing to address depredation problems, which will continue to be handledas before with trappers dispatched to kill problem wolves and non-lethal techniques whenpossible. It's not because wolves are killing all the deer and we need to "manage" the wolf so there willbe deer. The predator/prey relationship in nature has worked quite effectively over thousandsof years, with natural fluctuations of abundance and scarcity. On average, Minnesota deerhunters kill about 200,000 deer each year, with minor fluctuations from year to year. A harshwinter has more impact on deer populations than wolves do. Now, however the Deer HuntersAssociation demands that the DNR permit their members to both harvest a deer, and "harvest"or really shoot a wolf at the same time. Many wolves can be injured but not included in thedead count. Then wolves will be trapped, to get to the arbitrary number of 400 wolves . Let's be clear. This is a trophy hunt for people who want pelts and something new to shoot.The wolf will not be killed for meat, but because it is the wolf. It is a trophy. I do not object to hunting; I object to hunting the wolf. The only reason for this hunt according to the wolf experts is that there are enough wolves to allow a hunt to "let off pent up pressure" to kill wolves. Theexperts say that the hunt is for social purposes. That is, for the amusement of a small groupof individuals. who want to experience the thrill of killing Minnesota's most magnificent andenigmatic creature. I intend to hold my elected officials accountable for their votes on thismorally corrupt hunt. This hunt is bad for Minnesota's wildlife, ecosystems, and soul. Sincerely, 1.brief, on-line survey, with little space allowed for lengthy, reasoned analysis no process for public to review other public comments no public hearings for public to learn from each other no proposed rule language to respond no statement from DNR explaining why 400 wolves can be killed in 2012 no statement from DNR explaining why wolves can be hunted inside the BWCAW, a federal wilderness area
- 3417 I believe this is wrong and there should be NO hunting or trapping of wolves!!!!
- 3418 This process is an unfair and limited survey. We must learn and implement ways to co-exist with wolves and other wild creatures. Hunting and torturing them to death is not acceptable. Shooting them should never happen unless you are in direct defense of your life and snares and traps should NEVER under ANY circumstances be allowed. They are cruel and indiscriminate.
- 3419 This wolf hunt is disgusting - I have no confidence in the DNR closing the season and notifying those on the hunt - I believe a far greater number than allowed will be killed....including other animals that land in the trap lines.
- 3420 You people cannot control how many wolves might be taken by these crazies with guns, and the fact that these gorgeous animals just came off the endangered list, should give some hint about leaving them alone!!!! They have just as much right to live as you or I....wake up and smell the roses....leave the wolves alone!!!!
- 3421 Let the wolf population self-regulate naturally. If wolves are allowed to reach a natural population, no deer hunting would likely be needed to control that population either!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3422 The Minnesota wolf population has been stable for the past ten years. There is neither need nor justification for hunting or trapping wolves. This process is an unfair and limited survey. According to the MN Wolf Management Plan, full public comment is to be obtained by the DNR.
- 3423 This process is terribly flawed. Questions are presented to skew results in favor of hunting.
- 3424 To whom it may concern: I am a biologist and am extremely concerned about the upcoming wolf hunt. I believe the DNR is doing an extreme disservice to the environment of Minnesota with doing this! Wolves were just delisted from protection, and this is too soon to even consider this as an option. In addition, if given the chance, wolves have been shown to regulate THEIR OWN population without interference from outside entities such as the DNR (wolf hunts). It has been shown that when this takes place, the population beings to OVER POPULATE and creates a greater problem than before the wolf hunts. This is beyond ridiculous and shows that those who are making these decisions really have no understanding of the environment, biology, and the ecosystem!
- 3425 This hunting and trapping of wolfs is obserd,how long did it take to bring wolves back from the brink of extinction? They are apart of natures way of natural balance, take one thing away and it disrupts everything else.
- 3426 Controlling the hunt will be a problem and I fear the species will again be endangered. A healthy balance between predator and prey is still not attained in Minn. with abundant prey and few predators. Error on the side of caution and allow more time to better understand the effects of a higher population.
- 3427 I realize this is a difficult situation that needs to be addressed. I wonder that the while the State (you) do a great job of mediating between wolves, human and pet/livestock interaction, if there isn't another way to have the wolves survive without being so successful we have to hunt and destroy them. I am not and will not hunt wolves or any other animal - though I do have family members that hunt and I think Minnesota does a great job with hunting, fishing policies. If we have to have a wolf hunt, I don't like it but understand the need. I do object to the "trapping" - it seems a very cruel way. I also wish the Legislature had waited the five years - we might have learned more. Thanks for listening and for your work. You keep Minnesota a great place to live. I
- 3428 what happens when you kill all the wolves and they go back on the list are you gunna wait till there numbers are up again then kill them again
- 3429 I am deeply disappointed that there will be a wolf hunting season this year. I believe that the opportunity for public input regarding the killing of wolves was extremely limited. This survey that you are conducting here is very narrow and biased and does nothing to reveal what the public really thinks about killing wolves. The process by which the wolf hunting season was rushed into reality was extremely unfair and biased toward those having a hunting mentality. Stop the hunt before it begins!!!
- 3430 I think that it is rediculous that thousands of dollars have been spent to establish a wolf population so that we can now kill them. What a waste of my taxpayer money. I am especially upset about trapping which I find to be extremely inhumane!!!
- 3431 This management should be carried out by the DNR officers and or a professional management team, this should not be left to the general public, this is the type of thing that will enrage some people because the photo documentation hits the internet and people get really angry, if managed properly by pro's or the DNR people will know it is going on but do not have to be slapped in the face by the gloating and cruelty that this so frequently brings out in the hunters that participate.
- 3432 I am very disappointed that this bill passed, I am very concerned that all the work to rebuild the wolf population will be ruined. Shame on anyone involved in pushing this bill through. How can a state like MN that has so many Native Americans allow wolves to be hunted, they are a sacred animal to their culture and you are going to allow people to hunt them. (and no, I am not Native American).
- 3433 I have not read a logical reason to kill the wolves. It is not for meat consumption. They help keep nature's balance of deer control. How can the DNR work to educate the public rather than kill animals that some people don't want? Trapping is inhumane. This is killing for killing sake. Really, really senseless.
- 3434 wolves should not be hunted.
- 3435 I don't understand why we worked so hard to bring back the wolves and now want to hunt and trap them. At what point do we learn to live with nature and not have to destroy it? Trapping any animal is cruel and inhumane and should never be allowed, ever.
- 3436 This process is flawed. The decision to arbitrarily decide that half the current population is an acceptable target is not based on published, peer reviewed science. The public has a right to know the depth of the available data used to make a decision of this nature. Far more people value wolves alive then the few that care to kill them. Having dual hunting and trapping seasons on a just-delisted species is unprecedented -- for good reason!
- 3437 This whole process is a limited and unfair survey.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3438 The wolf of Minnesota should not be delisted for ethical and scientific reasons. Just because wolves have 3,000 wolves doesn't mean they are recovered. As behavior biologist will attest, 15% of the population of wolves in their former ranges in the U.S. is NOT recovery. Neither is the accepting the fact that 3,000 wolves is good enough to justify murder and mayhem of a keystone species like the wolf. Although it's been touted that wolves are causing massive damage to livestock, this is not true. Predation of livestock can be prevented through the use of non-lethal methods like: donkeys, llamas, wolf urine and scat, rag boxes, fladry, herding dogs, and more. There are ranchers that support this, so there is no reason whatsoever to appeal to that base. As far as sport hunting goes, this is ridiculous of a notion to factor that in. A sport that both players don't understand or play by the same sport isn't a sport. Sport hunting isn't like football, or basketball. If people did what they do to animals in sport hunts to people, they would be in jail and in the electric chair. We can bond with nature and the environment by taking pictures and animal watching, as well as tracking. Eco tourism alone makes easily makes 20 times more than a hunting season will. That's because national parks for example make 6 million dollars at least where sport hunting seasons only make \$300,000. As a result, the hunting quotient is flawed shouldn't be a part of wolf policy. Sadly it seems here that negative special interests are the ones pushing for this, not that it would be ethical. If the hunt season goes through, the wolves will not be able to recover. Another chapter of nature thus will be closed by the insatiable hunger of humanity for more profit at the destruction of nature. This would be sad and it is even worse that it is endorsed by David Mech of the IWC who submits to negative interests, than to study wolves and support peace between humans and wolves.
- 3439 TRAP AND REMOVE TO ANOTHER STATE . ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO WOLF SEASON
- 3440 I am totally against ANY shooting -or- trapping of wolves. I see NO advantage to this at all. The killing of ANY animal other than for food should be banned. The idea of people going out and shooting or trapping these animals for no other reason than the sport of it is abhorrent to me.
- 3441 I think it is unfortunate that you have opened wolves up for hunting. There are so many non-lethal methods that would be a better option. By having that many permits for such a small population, and for an animal that so many have animosity for, you risk losing the population. The other reason for not hunting the wolves is that if their numbers fall to a certain point the genetic variation lowers and the risk of losing a lot to disease increases. I thought the people of Minnesota were smarter than this and more environmentally concious. We are setting ourselves up to lose a wonderful part of who we are. Very sad.
- 3442 The hunting and/or trapping of our wolves is unacceptable!
- 3443 I do NOT support any wolf hunting in Minnesota AT ALL! As a MN resident I am outraged that hunting of wolves is being legalized. This survey is also not being presented in a fair manner by the DNR to allow expression for those that are opposed to wolf hunting.
- 3444 This is an unfair and limited survey and leaves no option for the public to comment on how disappointed we are that wolf hunting & trapping will occur this fall in Minnesota.
- 3445 I actually don't see any reason to have a wolf season. Are conflicts so numerous that reducing the apparently stable population is necessary, or is the initiation of a hunting/trapping season only to appease livestock owners, hunters, trappers, and those fearful of wolves? In addition, I believe that allowing wolf hunting/trapping in the BWCA is completely unacceptable.
- 3446 This whole process was inherently flawed. I oppose this legislation.
- 3447 I do not support the hunting, and especially the trapping of wolves. Your slides admitted that the wolf population is stable and not growing so I see no need for there to be any hunting or trapping of these marvelous creatures. You talk about them as if they were a crop (harvesting). They are a living creature capable of feeling pain and at the very least I very strongly believe that trapping, for any reason, should be completely banned in the entire state. Trapping is a barbaric method and does not always catch the intended victim, often leaving other wildlife, not to mention the intended animal, to struggle and suffer in unimaginable pain, many times for days on end. No one would question trapping's barbarity if a beloved pet were to get caught in either a leg hold or snare trap. There just is no good reason to allow such cruelty. Stop the wolf hunt... BAN TRAPPING for good!
- 3448 I strongly object to the wolf hunt and believe the 5 year waiting period should not have been overturned. I am extremely disappointed and disgusted that there would be a "wolf season" when wolves JUST came off the endangered list. It should not be allowed!
- 3449 I am totally opposed to any hunting or trapping of wolves. This entire process is unfair. Wolves are beneficial to the ecosystem and should not be killed.
- 3450 I will no longer contribute a portion of my tax return to support the DNR.
- 3451 this unfair we should not even be hunting them shame on all of you
- 3452 Leave the wolves alone!
- 3453 Cancel this and the mourning dove seasons.
- 3454 This is a very biased survey other than question 1. You are assuming that the public agrees that a wolf hunt is desirable. As someone who lives in wolf country and runs 2 lodging establishment, I can tell you that the majority of people who live and visit here want to see live wolves. Since as stated, the wolf population has been stable for 10 years, why do we need a managed hunt at taxpayer's expense for a non-issue? Please do not spend my tax dollars on such a narrow interest. There is more revenue to be harvested from live wolf management.
- 3455 This process is unfair and flawed, besides being utterly disgusting. Shame on you, leave the wolves alone.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3456 I do not support the hunting of wolves! There are not enough resources to enforce rules and regulations. I fear that many will suffer greatly and/or will be poached. It's too much for an organization with already devastated by budget cuts.
- 3457 Absolutely NO Wolf hunt !!
- 3458 I am so sick of humans whining about predators. We are the most dangerous on the planet and always have been. Stop killing nature. Wolves eat your dog? Keep him on a lease or in a yard. It's the law. Killing your cattle? Stop raising cattle. Is NOTHING safe from our slaughter? We will remember you.
- 3459 This whole thing sickens me. But if this MUST happen, please relook at the trapping phase. It's bad enough we now have the green light to shoot them. Trapping is totally inhumane. And to think this will be considered more for trophy results than anything else. I'm disgusted by the fact that we are even considering this. Wolves are almost iconic in this state. With the wolf population having been stable for several years, and with the OK for ranchers to deal with this issue pretty much as they wish, why is it necessary to to kill these majestic creatures for the fun of it.
- 3460 The survey basically assumes one supports the process in some form. I oppose the entire thing and believe we should have abided by the original five year moratorium
- 3461 This is an unfair and limited survey. Hunting wolves is a travesty. Minnesota should be ashamed!
- 3462 Wolf hunting and trapping should not be allowed. They just got off of the endangered species list and hunting and trapping will put them right back on that list. Please reconsider the hunting and trapping of wolves!
- 3463 NO to wolf hunting. This is not good.
- 3464 There was a lot of money spent to bring the wolf population to this point to only have them killed off. It would be wise to proceed with caution in a hunt that could bring the wolf population to unsustainable levels.
- 3465 It is far too early to allow for wolves to be hunted. Let them recover completely before destroying the wild wolf population that has fought so hard to survive thus far.
- 3466 I believe that hunting wolves is wrong. And I believe that trapping wolves should ALWAYS be illegal. It is THE WORST way to kill any animal. It is THE MOST PAINFUL way to kill any animal. For all those who decided to make this decision and all the hunters that are going to use snares, they should have snares put on them and put them out in the woods for hours with no food and water and see how long it takes before they chew off their own foot.
- 3467 Wolf hunting in Minnesota is immoral. I completely oppose the idea. Removing the 5-year waiting period was wrong. There should never be wolf hunting in our state. It gives men permission to kill for the fun of it, and there is no legitimate reason to slaughter innocent animals. 3,000 wolves in the entire state is a tiny number. These animals aren't threatening anyone. People have to learn to share the land with other species. I think this is just another male fixation on controlling nature. Your survey is also biased because only the first question asks if we support or oppose the hunt - and the remaining questions are exclusively for hunters. This is horrible "public policy." Shame on you and shame on the Republican-controlled legislature for voting this in.
- 3468 This survey was designed for with the assumption that a hunting season is already warranted and needed. There is NO provision for input on why there should NOT be a hunting season for wolves. Many of the questions are posed in a way that makes it impossible to answer them if you are not in favor of a hunt. Therefore, this so-called survey cannot by any stretch of the imagination be called a public input survey, since no input is possible if you do not favor hunting wolves. It is merely a Q & A for hunters only, and should be listed as such!
- 3469 I am not supportive of the wolf hunt what so ever. I am appalled that this happened in MN especially since population numbers have remained stable over the last decade. I am also appalled that the legislature has passed this bill and ignored the five year waiting period. Hunting with a gun is one thing (which I don't support as far as wolves go) but to allow trapping is barbaric. Hunting is not about allowing animals to suffer needlessly, which trapping assures in this case. My family does hunt, (deer, ducks, geese) but we have never let an animal suffer, or leave it lay somewhere try to chew its own leg off to get away. I am ashamed of the MN DNR to have let this bill pass and even more so at my states representatives. I will be forwarding this link to all the people I know, and none of them support this travesty.
- 3470 Why does the survey continue to prompt me about the hunt when I answered no. No, No and No. This is simply barbaric.
- 3471 This survey is flawed as it does not ask anymore questions that relate to people who are not in support of a hunting and trapping season. I think it is wrong to hunt and trap wolves since you admit that their population has been stable for the last few years, not growing or shrinking which seems to indicate that it is regulating itself just fine. We spent lots of money bringing back the wolves and now we want to kill them??? This is insane. They are a vital part of the natural cycle of things, kill off diseased deer, and are a tourist attraction in our state. Their gene pool is still not diverse enough and there was a promise not to hunt them for years after delisting that has been broken. Why were the citizens not allowed to vote on this legislation?? I will fight to have the wolves listed again since the state has gone back on its word to wait. Also, trapping is barbaric and harms, maims, and kills domestic animals as well. My own dog was caught in a trap once, and I can tell you it is something I will never forget and caused intense stress and pain, almost resulting in an amputation. This isn't the dark ages people, wake up and stop this barbaric trend now before it's too late. I will never again vote for any of the people who approved this and I will work hard for their opponents!!
- 3472 This is a terrible idea. How ever this got passed is beyond me. We as a species need to use our "superior" brain power and think about what we are doing.
- 3473 Don't do this.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3474 The rule-making process for the 2012 wolf hunt is flawed: This is not a full public comment. First, it is unclear if you do not answer beyond question #1 whether your answer will be registered. The other problems are as follows: - brief, on-line survey, with little space allowed for lengthy, reasoned analysis - no process for public to review other public comments - no public hearings for public to learn from each other - no proposed rule language to respond - no statement from DNR explaining why 400 wolves can be killed in 2012 - no statement from DNR explaining why wolves can be hunted inside the BWCAW, a federal wilderness area I am very concerned as a citizen of the State of Minnesota at the seemingly haphazard approach by politicians and those with political aspirations regarding the so called "Wolf Management" program set forth. There are too many unanswered questions as well as undocumented assertions to the true impact of the wolf hunting seasons. Please reconsider the wolf hunt in the State of Minnesota.
- 3475 Yes we protected them this long leave them alone!
- 3476 It's just crazy to start hunting and trapping these wolves. I totally oppose it.
- 3477 The whole process was unconstitutional, illegal, stupid, and flawed. Hunting and trapping wolves are activities for tiny, cowardly men. See you in court.
- 3478 We should not a wolf season --- I have seen them in the wild and they are beautiful. Why do we have to kill everything -- leave them alone and they won't bother us.
- 3479 The wolves are needed to maintain healthy (and reasonably sized) deer herds as well as populations of other prey species. At present there are far too many deer, and wolf predation is necessary to control deer diseases such as chronic wasting. Control of deer populations along with rodents and other prey will also help control the spread of Lyme disease, a considerable threat to humans (and it's getting worse).
- 3480 I am totally opposed to any wolf hunt in Minnesota.
- 3481 Please do NOT allow any hunting or trapping of wolves. The gene pool is too small, we have tons of deer, and this is about money, not managing wolves!! Trapping is horrible!!
- 3482 STOP KILLING THE WOLVES!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 3483 This entire process is faulty at best. With 6000 licenses and a projected quota of 400 wolves....do the math. Many more than 400 will be killed and left to lie in the woods. I am so against this. Wolves are a necessary element for the environment and I feel this proposed hunting endeavor will be a disaster.
- 3484 Just because the wolf population has been steady does not mean that the wolves should be hunted. They are a vital part of our eco system. There are other solutions that should be worked out with farmers of livestock and only with farmers. There is and always will be those who abuse hunting privileged and poach the wolves anyway and this occurs anywhere there is unpatrolled land area. Allowing the wolves to be hunted will surely defeat all efforts that have been put forth to save the wolf populations. The hunting of wolves will scare them into longer hiding periods, they are wise and adaptable, and they will be hungrier and more desperate for a quick kill because of fear of being hunted. Thus, hunting them is not the right solution to saving livestock. Thank You
- 3485 I am against hunting wolves in any way. This is immoral, and they were just taken off of the endangered list.
- 3486 Why did 'we' decide to negate the 5 year waiting period!!!!??? It makes no sense, if the population has remained stable why is there a problem and why initiate hunting/trapping! I STILL advocate for natural(guard dogs, llamas,etc) use for control and protection for cattle herds and other flocks, etc. It would be cheaper for the govt to supply these to farmers than to pay them the price of a 'wolf-killed livestock. So few are actually documented anyway!!
- 3487 This system is flawed. Wolves should not be harvested. There is no good reason. There is not an overpopulation issue, there is currently a healthy balance.
- 3488 I do not support the trapping of wolves!!!!!!!!
- 3489 This process is an unfair and limited survey.
- 3490 I am very displeased that the five-year wait was scrapped. If you people have any brains in your skulls, you WILL re-instate the five-year moratorium. Unless you want lots of dead sportsmen littering the Minnesota landscape.
- 3491 I am deeply disappointed that Minnesota Wolf Hunting and Trapping starts this Fall. I oppose this hunt completely. You should never have taken away the 5 year period that was legislated. Put this 5 year waiting period back as law. This is entirely unfair to the wolves. Do not allow this to happen. Give them their 5 years. This is the only official record of public opinion. It can be used for future actions; political or legal. It is vital that you say No to the hunt. Answer question #1 and leave a comment that this process is an unfair and limited survey. Wolf hunting and trapping will happen even in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.
- 3492 NO HUNTING or TRAPPING SHOULD BE ALLOWED! This weakens the natural balance of wolfs in their environment. Hunting and Trapping for sport should not be allowed!
- 3493 I do not, in any way, support a hunting season for wolves. I find the thought detestable.
- 3494 I strongly oppose the shooting of Minnesota Wolves. According to American Indian culture, the Wolf is one who shows the way to new insights and knowledge. The Wolf has keen senses, a strong urge to express its individuality and is devoted to its family. These are qualities that demonstrate the closeness of the bond between Wolf and man. Maybe that's why people shoot them. They can't legally shoot people, so they shoot Wolves. Shooting wolves would leave their puppies alone and unable to defend themselves. Wolves are much better than man will ever be. They even take puppies to care for them when their mother has been killed. Whoever thought of this plans must be a very heartless person. Otherwise how could anyone kill like this.
- 3495 Hunting wolves is despicable. They are not food. This is purely killing animals for pleasure. The population is stable and does not need to be reduced by hunting.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3496 I am against the hunting and trapping of wolves and believe the ramrodding of this action through the legislature is appalling. I see no benefit to avoiding the required five year time period to study the possibility of hunting.
- 3497 the system is flawed. No wolf hunting.
- 3498 I will not hunt or trap wolves. Though I believe in wolf management, that management by hunting should occur where there is conflict with wolves. My place is just outside of Ely, and I have seen wolves and their sign, as well as plenty of deer. I like to hike, ski, and snowshoe with my dog(s) in the woods around my place and the BWCA. I have never had a fear of wolves, but I do have respect for them. With hunting, I now have the concern of someone with an itchy finger taking out my dog, or me. Trapping is just indiscriminate. I am against trapping. Though my dog does not wander, he could be within a few meters of me and get caught in a snare. Now, I'll have to carry cable cutters with me. I have had no reason to do that in the past. For the most part, I am a non-consumptive user of the wild, and I feel that we, as a group, have all but been ignored in terms of wolf management, and how wolf management might impact us.
- 3499 This is a foolish way to go about wolf "conservation". Any wolf hunting should wait 5 years to see how they do without protection. There is bound to be predation by poachers. The DNR cannot keep people from catching too many fish, killing trumpeter swans, taking deer out of season, etc, how are we supposed to believe they will be capable of controlling a wolf hunt? There should be NO trapping!! Trapping is cruel and a danger to other animals and the very livestock that this hunt is supposed to help protect! This has not been well-thought out. I would like to know whose deep pockets paid to push this wolf hunt through before the 5-year wait...
- 3500 I am highly opposed to the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 3501 no
- 3502 The hunt is biologically unnecessary and a bad idea. it seems to be coming from a social point of view of a few individuals. I am against a wolf season and against de-listing wolves, based on the science offered by Dr. Mech and others. The population is still too small. And they are needed in the balance of nature--we have far too many deer, which carry, among other things, Lymes disease.
- 3503 This hunt should NOT be taking place!!! I am disgusted with the DNR and our state!
- 3504 The decision to hunt and kill wolves in Minnesota is short-sighted and environmentally unsound. It's also absurd that an animal we've spent millions to protect is now fair game. It's an additional outrage that wolves will be hunted in the Boundary Waters. I haven't yet engaged in the battle to overturn this legislation, but I will.
- 3505 I oppose the entire process, especially the late season with the barbaric use of traps. The entire process is flawed
- 3506 What on earth is the Minnesota DNR and Legislative body thinking! Trapping is an inhumane and antiquated method of hunting any animal! Wolves do not pose much if any threat to humans or live stock. They should continue to be protected and at the very least have the 5 year wait period honored to see the affects of Federal protection being lifted. How do the citizens get this horrible decision reversed!!!!?
- 3507 I personally don't feel wolves should be hunted at all save certain circumstances which require it.
- 3508 I am totally against this hunt/trapping season. I absolutely do not want any wolves slaughtered.
- 3509 This process is an unfair and with a limited survey. This is outrageous to say the least. I can not believe what I am reading. Since the wolf population is noted in this survey as being relatively stable throughout the last decade, then there is no reason to allow humans to hunt them. Wolf Hunting should not be legalized! This so called survey is inadequate, and only appeals to those whom are interested in killing them just to kill; that is not sport. At least deer meat is harvested, there is no substantial benefit from a wolf hunting season. It would be a detriment to the ecosystem.
- 3510 This is an extremely biased survey, there is no opportunity to comment in detail about why we do NOT want wolves hunted and do NOT want a hunting season for wolves. Our wolves have been stable for over 10 years and then do not need to be managed past the management that occurs for specific depredations. We need to abolish trapping and snaring of all animals. What a travesty this wolf hunt is. I am disgusted.
- 3511 TROPHY HUNTING OF WOLVES DOES NOT IMPROVE THE "NATURAL SELECTION" OF THE MN. WOLF POPULATION. IT IS TOO SOON TO OPEN A HUNTING/TRAPPING SEASON ON WOLVES.
- 3512 We need to learn how to live with wolves, not hunt them. Thinning of the population does not take the animals as they would naturally die - the hunters will not be targeting the old and weak. Wolves support the natural ecosystem on a large scale and artificially controlling the packs could have devastating impact on the environment. Please do not allow wolves to be hunted. Rather, put your time and energy into helping the human population learn how to live in a world where wolves exist naturally.
- 3513 You have a stable population, by your own words, now you want to destabilize it. Stupid reasoning.
- 3514 This is not right. There should be more done to assess the next step before the killing is allowed. Trapping these animals or any other animals is cruel. If after the studies are done there needs to be a way to rid the lands of some of the wolves other methods can be used and trapping should NEVER be allowed. I am totally against this. Please do something to stop this.
- 3515 I disagree totally that there should be a wolf hunt at all. Especially, when we just took wolves off of the endangered species list. We just can't stand that there is an animal out there that we can't kill. The process for gathering public comments on the hunt is backwards. The hunt is scheduled and now you ask for comment.?? The process for the hunt is full of holes and relies on people to perform functions that most will not do. The expectation is that a hunter in the woods will somehow have access to something (e-mail, mobile phone, internet) where s/he can find out if the hunt is closed. Not going to happen!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3516 I do not support a wolf hunting season and a wolf trapping season seems cruel and unnecessary. What about other animals that might be caught in traps in addition to wolves?
- 3517 I think it was very one-sided that this passed without putting it to the people. Once again, our elected representatives are just jumping in and doing what they think is best for based on whomever sends them the most money. Put this to the voters and let us decide what should or should not be done with our wolves. We need to keep the 5 year term and not hunt before so that we keep our wolves safe. There will be many that are going to take these wolves without permission or license and we will be back where we started. this is very unfair and I DO NOT like the way it was done!!!
- 3518 This is disgusting. The DNR must find another way to support themselves. More deer are killed by autos than by wolves. Hunting a magnificent creature, that lives a complex social life to satisfy some ignorant rednecks makes me ashamed to be a Minnesotan. I hope the lawsuits are started. Get a life!
- 3519 Horrible, horrible wrongheaded to allow wolf hunting in the first place. Not enough input from the public. I certainly don't feel represented in this process.
- 3520 I find the process by which this wolf hunting season came to pass utterly flawed. Dismissing the five year waiting period was short sighted and the quantity of wolves allowed to be harvested relatively to the total Minnesota wolf population is disturbing, irresponsible, reckless, and sickening.
- 3521 I do not agree with the Wolf hunting season at all. This was an uneducated and forced ruling without enough public comment. Farmers, hunters and wolf haters are NOT the majority of citizens in MN. Wolves need protection from humans, not to be hunted by them. I am deeply disappointed by this.
- 3522 THIS IS UDERLY DISGRACEFULL, THAT WE AS HUMANS SEEM TO NEED TO EXTICT ALL OTHER SPECIES - HUMANS ARE THE MOST OVER POPULTED SPECIES ON THE PLANET. I DO NOT AGREE OR BELIEVE IN A WOLF KILLING SEASON .
- 3523 There is not enough documentation to warrant authorization of the wolf hunting season period! As a taxpayer we have spent 100's of thousands to protect these animals. We have already destroyed the pheasant population in this state and I would be remiss if I also didn' t comment on the lack of deer population visible while traveling throughout the state! Hunting is a wonderful sport, but I do not believe we should allow GREED to overtake our protection of the wildlife in our beautiful state. Perhaps the DNR would care to take more aggressive action against the commorant (sp) birds that are cleaning out our lakes in southern MN and destroying islands with their debris! Why do we not have a hunting season on these destructive birds!
- 3524 Do not open up the state's wolf population to hunting. Instituting a hunt of a species just removed from the federal endangered species list has never been done before and it is not best practice for managing a revered and ecologically important species in our state. Work with the state legislature to delay the hunting provision until more data about wolf populations in our state can be gathered. This is not about a right to hunt for food in our state. This is simply a trophy hunting issue and trophy hunting should not be an activity our state allows or supports.
- 3525 This process is an unfair and limited survey. Wolf hunting should not be allowed. They are the key to keeping the eco-system balanced.
- 3526 This process is flawed. Don't do this.
- 3527 do not hunt wolves they just got off the endangered species list i bet that they will be back on as soon as the season is only a week in
- 3528 Establishing a wolf-hunting season in Minnesota is a terrible idea.
- 3529 Wolf hunting will cause increased aggression among wolf packs due to the reduction of hunting wolves. This will cause the remaining pack to seek out easy meals such as farm animals. Wolf hunting is illogical and should not be practiced. Also trapping is for cowards. If you are going to kill an animal at least have the decency to wait and hunt it yourself.
- 3530 This survey does not give the option "disagree with all" or "neither is appropriate" or "all of it is unfair". It is biased toward the hunter. The people against the hunt have no voice. Hunting/trapping ABSOLUTELY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BWCA!! That is supposed to be a protected area. What, exactly, does it protect? Not wildlife! This reaffirms my belief that politicians do whatever they want, regardless of the law or public opinion.
- 3531 Dont hunt the wolves! We're in there territory not the other way around, if you dont like them then move!!! People that hunt and trap them are morons. Its going to end up where we have to protect them again and then what would the point be!
- 3532 Why are we hunting something our state if known for? This is just horrible to trap these animals. There is no: no process for public to review other public comments no public hearings for public to learn from each other no proposed rule language to respond no statement from DNR explaining why 400 wolves can be killed in 2012 no statement from DNR explaining why wolves can be hunted inside the BWCAW, a federal wilderness area It's all about the money, the only thing the DNR care about
- 3533 Do not approve the wolf hunt! Especially cruel trapping.
- 3534 This process is an unfair and limited survey.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3535 I understand that some farmers should be allowed to shoot/trap wolves that are a nuisance to their livelihood, however... what are the others going to do with this? WHY does anyone need to shoot a wolf purely for sport? It just seems disgusting to me that we value other forms of life so little that we'd let someone shoot them for sport. Deer, fish, turkey, even moose... can be eaten. If you can tell me honestly that anyone will eat a wolf, then I will support it. If this is purely to flex our collective human muscle in degrading every other living thing on earth, then I am embarrassed for this great state. We can do better, we know we can.
- 3536 Killing wolves has never proven to increase deer populations. Yellowstone National Park has shown that when wolf packs thrive so do deer and elk because the wolves take the weak and old. This allows the entire herd to become more healthy.
- 3537 Leave the Wolves alone. They are part of the circle of life. Would you want the wolves or other animals to hunt you and your kind down? I would think not. Wolves are majestic creatures, let them live.
- 3538 I am opposed to this recent legislation. I have a home on Lake Vermilion and am opposed to hunting wolves.
- 3539 The hunting of wolves for sport is a dangerous slippery slope for the government to approach. Only ranchers and farmers who have issues with wolves and their livestock should be allowed to defend their animals and property from the wolf population. Actively seeking the termination of an arbitrary number of animals to control population is wrong and should not be allowed.
- 3540 This is an awfully skewed way to take public comment!!!
- 3541 the wolves should be protected not killed. this is not a good idea
- 3542 Stop this killing now. Working so hard to save this species happened in my lifetime. I cannot imagine telling that story to my children and then telling them "oops never mind, they changed the law and now it's open season." Do the humane thing and relocate them to larger areas.
- 3543 This is a biased survey. The first question does indeed ask if the survey-taker agrees with the wolf hunts, but then the rest of the survey assumes that the survey-taker said "yes." Additionally, if the wolf population has been relatively stable and unchanging for the last decade, then why the HELL are we trying to "manage" it now via a state-wide culling? If the population has been stable for ten years, then it seems to me that they are managing themselves just fine without this unsupported management plan. Speaking of management plans, what is the legislature's reasoning for getting rid of the five-year minimum gap between delisting and hunting of wolves? Because it sounds to me like they just decided on a whim without consulting the public or the scientists who actually study wolves and wolf populations. The wolf hunting season is unsupported, illogical, and uneducated. When it came to wildlife management, I thought the state of Minnesota was better than that.
- 3544 FIRST - I DO NOT believe there should be a wolf hunt at all !!! 2nd - there should NOT be trapping. Trapping is a cruel and unnecessary activity that causes terrible suffering for the animal involved. At least a hunt involves a clean, swift kill. 3rd - There should NOT be any bounty for wolf hides. 4th - it seems to me that 6,000 given licenses is way beyond the necessary need. This is crazy human reasoning, first we protect them and then we hunt them ?? What kind of wildlife "management" is this? Human intervention in nature is usually just a mess, as seen by this "problem and solution". STOP the Wolf Hunt !!
- 3545 I think that hunting and trapping for wolves is the wrong approach. I think people who have homes and farms where wolves are should be allowed to protect their pets and livestock in a regulated matter - that makes sense. But immediately opening up the wolf population for sport hunting is going way to far. As an apex predator, wolves help keep the balance of the entire ecosystem and as such their status deserves special consideration. Thank you for reading this comment.
- 3546 Absolutely do not support the hunting, trapping, or any other manner of harming wolves.
- 3547 Why would you idiot's want to destroy a beautiful animal, when it has taken so long to get the population up. I have hunted in zone 1 for 48 years and never seen a wolf, I think this State is going to hel just because a few farmers have lost some livestock. Let only the farmers hunt the wolf on their property, and leave the rest in the wild alone to help balance nature. I will stop buying a fish license and a deer hunting license if this is allowed because some fools in this state thinks it's right to kill innocent animals let these people walk in the woods and see if they can see a wolf, odds are they won't, So stop this hunt for the future of wildlife in this State.
- 3548 Please don't allow the senseless killing of these beautiful creatures.
- 3549 I do not believe in the Wolf Hunting
- 3550 I think this survey is bias and unfair, the questions are not clear and obviously geared towards hunters and supporters of the wolf slaughter. It is not in Minnesota's best interest to remove these beautiful animals from the endangered species list. We must protect them and try to co exist with them there must be a more humane and productive way to resolve this issue. Please consider trapping and relocating them to a national park. If we do not have one in Minnesota large enough we should build one. We have lots of beautiful wildlife that needs to be protected and kept safely from humans and this would be a great way to do that. It would also generate more tourism and attention for our state. Please consider this, killing is not the answer to everything>
- 3551 Please DO NOT pass the law allowing for wolf hunting. Minnesota is known for having Wolves in the wild, where they belong. Allowing for hunting would become something that all hunters would want to do and I feel it would get out of hand and the control of the numbers killed would not be accurate and these beautiful creatures would face extinction once again.
- 3552 The survey should have had choices in all survey questions to say no hunting wolves until the population is larger.
- 3553 Hunting and trapping wolves should not be allowed in Minnesota.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3554 DO NOT HAVE A HUNTING SEASON AT ALL FOR WOLVES!
- 3555 Opening this hunting and trapping season before the five year waiting time is absolutley wrong. Trapping is animal cruelty in every way. MN should be leading the U.S. in conservation not extermination.
- 3556 We should not be hunting and trapping the wolf. This survey period is too short to truly capture the public's opinion on this matter
- 3557 How do you think hunters will be able to distinguish between dogs like Alaskan Malmutes or Siberian Huskies and wolves. I don't think they can! I don't think many of them will care if they shoot or trap a pet!
- 3558 Living in Northern MN, to me is a privilege. Part of that privilege is being to see the abundance of wild life that thrives inspite of human habitation and encroachment. I oppose the hunting of wolves anywhere within the state. If they had an addative food value perhaps I would have a different viewpoint. However, they are not hunted for sustenance, but rather for pelts and 'bragging' rights. I encourage the DNR and MN State Legislature to review and amend their stance on wolf hunting in Minnesota. Thank you.
- 3559 It would be nice to see a purpose for the wolf season. Is it just for "sport"? Is it to control the population because of rising depredation cases? If so, where are the supporting statistics? The wolf plan hints at giving owners of livestock and domestic pets more protection from wolf depredation, but owners of livestock and domestic pets have statutes (for Zones A and B) already in place to protect their property. Is Minnesota starting a wolf hunting season because other states have wolf seasons and it is a way to generate revenue from the sale of licenses? I would support the hunt if there was a concern regarding rising depredation rates. I would also support the wolf season if the wolf population is growing too large and threatening to diminish other wildlife populations However, the DNR has not set a maximum population goal or shown wolves as a significant threat to other wildlife populations to justify that either. I will not support a wolf season just for the "sport" of hunting a predator. Minnesota is the last place in the lower 48 states that sheltered wild wolves and is the reason wild gray wolves still exist. As a resident of Minnesota, I consider starting a "sport" hunting season for wolves in Minnesota disappointing and embarrassing.
- 3560 I believe there should be a waiting period before full launch of a hunt. I also would prefer ammunition only no trapping.
- 3561 Stop the trapping!! It is cruel! Drop the hunting down, if you MUST hunt too many planned. Actually, do NOT hunt. These wolves are the descendants of our pet dogs. They are closely related. They do NOT cause the damage that is mentioned. They hunt and kill the weak and maimed, not the healthy. They are to be considered scavengers, harvesting the ones who will not survive, anyway. STOP THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING.
- 3562 I did not answer most of the questions as they were related to the killing of wolves which I am totally opposed to so therefore not able to answer as they do not relate to my beliefs in the matter
- 3563 Trapping of ANY animal should be illegal and those who participate in this incredibly cruel pratice should be ashamed.
- 3564 This is an absurd approach to wildlife "management". If the wolf population has been stable, then don't destabilize it. This is an excellent route to re-endangering the wolf by increasing the population's vulnerability where natural predation is sufficient.
- 3565 This whole process is flawed. If the wolf population has not been increasing then why do we need to shoot them. Like my daddy taught me, "You shoot it, you eat it"
- 3566 While I understand that the DNR is responding to law in implementing this ghastly hunt, I hope you will minimize the effort as much as possible. Trapping should be completely discouraged. While many hunters argue that sport killing is defensible because the prey is used for food, hunting wolves can't even use this (usually) specious argument.
- 3567 I strongly disagree with any hunting or trapping of wolves. Trapping is cruel and should be illegal. Demonizing wolves is not the answer.
- 3568 I believe trapping is barbaric. Wolves, all animals (including humans) feel pain. Trapping is a method of torture. The animal is awake, alive, and feeling intense pain and fear, enough so some chew off their own limb to escape, only to die in pain, infection and starvation. Please ban all trapping. Shooting is faster and more humane, but you do guarantee that all hunters applying actually know how to shoot? Again, you could have wounded animals dying in the elements. I don't see the need for sport hunting. Wolves are not taken for meat. There may be a fur trade, I don't know. And is there a ban on lead bullets yet? Lead bullets kill many more animals than the target animal. Lead poisoning has been found in all animals that scavenge other dead animals, including bald eagles and endangered species. I respectfully ask that all hunting be put to a stop until lead bullets are banned. I think resolving human/wolf conflicts needs more, much more, education, rather than shooting. Thank you for your consideration.
- 3569 Please leave these animals alone. We just do not need to hunt them, no one eats them, their fur should not be used for anything. What is the point. Leave the animals alone and use the money to monitor this program for other purposes.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3570 Dear DNR, Last summer, my family and I traveled to Ely for the first time. While driving up there and far ahead in the left hand ditch alongside the highway, we spotted a majestic, pair of adult wolves watching us. Having never seen wolves in the wild before, we found them, in those few fleeting moments, to be the highlight of our trip. We talked, and talked about it for days! ... and still enjoy that memory. Let's be clear. This is a trophy hunt for people who want pelts and something new to shoot. The wolf will not be killed for meat, but because it is the wolf. It is a trophy. The only reason for this hunt according to the wolf experts is that there are enough wolves to allow a hunt to "let off pent up pressure" to kill wolves. The experts say that the hunt is for social purposes. That is, for the amusement of a small group of individuals who want to experience the thrill of killing Minnesota's most magnificent and enigmatic creature. This hunt is bad for Minnesota's wildlife, ecosystems, and soul. Where is your support for the people, families and children of this state who take great joy in experiencing live wolves in the wild over the brutal killing/trapping for fun and a pelt? Truly, your actions to approve, initiate and proceed with a Minnesota wolf hunt sicken this Minnesota family to the core.
- 3571 NO WOLF HUNT!!!! IT IS WRONG!
- 3572 By having a hunting/trapping season I believe you will cause more disruption to the packs and in return cause more to flee to farm areas, hence causing the farmers more trouble than there is now. We need to stay out of nature's balancing act and let it take its own course.
- 3573 I oppose wolf hunting and support reinstating the 5 year moratorium following de-listing from ESA.
- 3574 Wolf hunting and trapping is completely unfair and unnecessary. This process is an unfair and limited survey!
- 3575 I think trapping is completely wrong and cruel. Hunting with a gun or a bow is different and I am not opposed to it. I also think this survey was biased. I said no I do not support trapping and hunting in the very first question and the remaining questions were all as if I did approve giving me no option to disapprove the remainder of the survey.
- 3576 Please do not hunt our beautiful wildlife, that is the one thing that I love about Minnesota.. We take in all the animals we can get and Minnesota can support them.
- 3577 The rule-making process for the 2012 wolf hunt is flawed: This is not a full public comment. The problems are as follows: - brief, on-line survey, with little space allowed for lengthy, reasoned analysis - no process for public to review other public comments - no public hearings for public to learn from each other - no proposed rule language to respond - no statement from DNR explaining why 400 wolves can be killed in 2012 - no statement from DNR explaining why wolves can be hunted inside the BWCAW, a federal wilderness area
- 3578 I think that the idea of having a wolf season at all is horrible. Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem and hunting them will put the delicate balance of nature in jeopardy. Your presentation stated that the wolf population has been stable for years so there is no over population to hunt off. Putting an official season in place for these beautiful creatures is just a quick way to get them back on the endangered list.
- 3579 I think that if we must hunt wolves, to control their population, then that hunt should not include barbaric traps, snowmobiles, helicopters, hunting stands, feeders, and all the other pathetic means by which animals are now hunted. Man is the ONLY one who hunts for sport. If given the legal opportunity man will once again hunt to extinction. We seem to never learn, as our Native brothers have always known, that we must seek balance....to hunt for profit, or just to kill, will leave a very bleak world for the next generations.
- 3580 really bad idea. Do not support hunting and trapping of wolves for any reason
- 3581 Please stop the wolf hunt from ever happening. Honor the original 5 year waiting period. Thank you.
- 3582 This is a disgrace. I am ashamed to be a former Minnesotan. I thought the people there valued wildlife, in a responsible fashion! This isn't responsible! Minnesota should be proud of its wolves. Shame on Minnesota!
- 3583 It seems counterproductive to start killing a species we spent so much time bringing back from the brink of extinction. And any expansion of trapping is barbaric and wrong in this age. We should have evolved beyond that by now. I'm more concerned about my dog being killed in a trap than by a wolf. Traps don't discriminate between a wolf, another animal or a dog. Livestock and pet depredation should be dealt with by other means. Better protection and compensation are the answers for depredation. Wolves belong here, they are a part of the ecosystem and are essential for the balance of our wilderness.
- 3584 This entire process is flawed. I do not approve any of it.
- 3585 It is too soon to hunt wolves. They were in danger of disappearing only recently. It is reckless and short-sighted to hunt them now. They are part of what makes Minnesota unique and we will all lose when they are gone. Hunters will kill them and not report the kills and people will be injured in these traps. The state should be prepared for lawsuits when they do.
- 3586 I do not believe that hunting or trapping wolves is a good idea for the ecosystem. The reporting system for how many wolves were harvested is based too much on the honor system, and there is no way of verifying the harvest of each hunter. Therefore, more wolves could be harvested than is appropriate. Please do not allow this hunting/trapping season to take place.
- 3587 I Say No to the Wolf Hunt!!! This process is an unfair and limited survey.
- 3588 It angers me that you can make decisions like this when many HUNTERS don't WANT to hunt wolves!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You seem via biased in all your decisions related to hunting. DNR is to preserve our wildlife, not kill it. Makes me ill to think this going to happen. We have the International Wolf Center in Ely, we are educating the world on wolves and yet you can't wait to put a death sentence on them. Leave them alone. Let nature govern nature.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3589 I think mankind has destroyed all that nature once stood for. We are worst animals on the planet and kill for mere pleasure not for survival. We cage animals that were once free to roam vast distances. Furthermore, mankind has also destroyed their habitat at an alarming rate here and across the globe. In short, I think the only place people will see what was once wild animals is at the zoo where they are shadows of what they once stood for in nature with their spirit broken for mere people's observation. I think hurting the wolf destroys and people must learn that living in the woods comes with nature. I say no to the wolf hunt.
- 3590 I think a wolf hunt is wrong. The population is not large enough to start hunting and trapping. This whole process of Federal de-listing and the speedy set-up of a wolf hunt in Minnesota when they were SUPPOSED to be protected for another 5 years is absurd. There is absolutely no justification to allow wolf hunting in Minnesota.
- 3591 I strongly oppose this wolf hunt..
- 3592 I am unalterably opposed to the hunting and trapping of the wolves. the trapping provisions are notably cruel and unnecessary. the wolves were here before us. it is left to us to seek how to live with them, and not to destroy them as a solution.
- 3593 I believe that the legislature was wrong to remove the 5-year waiting period. I do not support hunting or trapping of wolves. I am not against hunting in general, but I believe that hunting predator species such as the wolf should not be encouraged, especially given their recent presence on the endangered species list.
- 3594 It's too soon to be allowing a hunt. The original plan to wait 5 years was good. There should have been public debate regarding this issue before legislation was passed. Trapping of wolves for sport should not be allowed at all.
- 3595 DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN - WHAT EVER HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE PAST WITH THE RANCHERS AND FARMERS, WELL LET THEM TAKE CARE OF IT. WE HAVE WAY TO MANY PEOPLE, AND WE DO NOT HAVE A HUNTING SEASON FOR THEM, WHY THE WOLVES ? LET NATURE STAND. I DO NOT HUNT, USED TO, BUT LIKE MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT DO SAY, WE HAVE TO MANY FOLKS SHOOTING AT EVERYTHING THAT MOVES, LET ALONE THE DRINKING AND DRUG USAGE THAT HAPPENS OUT IN THE WILD, AND YOU HAVE TO BE PRETTY STUPID IF YOU THINK THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN. THANK YOU, AND AGAIN PLEASE DO NOT LET THE WOLF HUNT HAPPEN. AND BESIDES, I KNOW KNOW HUNTER WHO WILL EAT A WOLF, WILL YOU ? WE ALL KNOW THAT OTHER COUNTRIES DO, AND WE DO HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HERE IN MINNESOTA, BUT DOES IT MAKE IT RIGHT ? THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA AND THE WOLF.
- 3596 Why would there be need for a wolf hunt if in your own documentation you claim that the wolf population has been stable for the last 10 years? If it is stable there does not seem to be a reason for hunting wolves. It makes no sense to cut our wolf population in half from 3000 animals down to 1600. The trapping part is really what makes me sick. Does seem like you managing our natural resources you are trying to eliminate them.
- 3597 I believe this process is flawed. I do not support the use of snare and traps for hunting wolves.
- 3598 we should not do this-it is cruel and ridiculous!! we spent years trying to save the wolves from endangerment!! do the right thing- no wolf hunts at all
- 3599 Why hunt or kill the Wolf for any reason. Our state worked so hard to re populate our wolf. And now you want to make money by killing to wolf. Why? Find some other way to make money by not killing. Money is not everything.
- 3600 This should not be happening.
- 3601 No hunting wolves! Allowing hunting on a species that has just been removed from the endangered species list is wrong and not well thought out. There is supposed to be a 5 year waiting period! Please stop and think, then take action to stop hunters from being allowed to hunt wolves.
- 3602 The wolf population has remained stable, unchanged, for over 10 years, even while protected. State experts agree that wolf depredation of livestock doesn't impact agriculture in a meaningful way, with 88 verified complaints in 2011. Moreover, a public hunt will do nothing to address depredation problems, which will continue to be handled as before with trappers dispatched to kill problem wolves and non-lethal techniques when possible. The predator/prey relationship in nature has worked quite effectively over thousands of years, with natural fluctuations of abundance and scarcity. On average, Minnesota deer hunters kill about 200,000 deer each year, with minor fluctuations from year to year. A harsh winter has more impact on deer populations than wolves do. Now, however the Deer Hunters Association demands that the DNR permit their members to both harvest a deer, and "harvest" or really shoot a wolf at the same time. Many wolves can be injured but not included in the dead count. Then wolves will be trapped, to get to the arbitrary number of 400 wolves. Let's be clear. This is a trophy hunt for people who want pelts and something new to shoot. The wolf will not be killed for meat, but because it is the wolf. It is a trophy. I do not object to hunting; I object to hunting the wolf. The only reason for this hunt according to the wolf experts is that there are enough wolves to allow a hunt to "let off pent up pressure" to kill wolves. The experts say that the hunt is for social purposes. That is, for the amusement of a small group of individuals who want to experience the thrill of killing Minnesota's most magnificent and enigmatic creature. I intend to hold my elected officials accountable for their votes on this morally corrupt hunt. This hunt is bad for Minnesota's wildlife, ecosystems, and soul. Not to mention that this entire system for the public to voice their opposition is extremely flawed, and puts those in opposition at a distinct disadvantage. As I previously stated, and will repeat for emphasis...I intend to hold my elected officials accountable for their votes on this morally corrupt hunt.
- 3603 Wolf hunting season is totally wrong. Please drop it.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3604 I think that it is extremely bad idea to trap wolves. Trapping any animals is inhuman and should not be allowed. I am opposed to shooting wolves as well, but at least, the animal will not suffer unless the hunter fails to follow a wounded wolf.
- 3605 Minnesota's wolf population (estimated to be 3000 wolves) has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. To issue 6000 licenses if not right, you do not even have that many wolves. Trapping and snaring should not be done at all. This is animal abuse and is not fair to the animal. Traps and snares are not checked and animals are stuck there to suffer until they die or the trapper comes back and kills them. While I support the management of problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused depredation and are not likely to cause depredation. I would like to see big buffer zones around tribal lands. Snaring and trapping is being proposed by DNR even though it is not mandated by law; again, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for snaring or trapping.
- 3606 There was no discussion or political debate concerning the elimination of the minimum 5 year waiting period before wolf hunting & trapping season. This policy making procedure belongs to the public - not just a state legislature. Damage by wolves to livestock is actually less than 1 % -- do you know that? There is no proposed rule language to respond to this decision concerning wolf kill. There is no statement from the DNR explaining why wolves can be hunted inside the BWCAW. Why does the MN legislature think it not their duty to explain to their constituents any any all of their decisions??
- 3607 I do not support trapping and hunting wolves, this is ridiculous and should not be allowed, Government officials should not be allowed to wear neckties, it cuts off the oxygen to thier brains and stupid decisions like this one and many others are the result of it! And while we are at it, all Gov. jobs should have a maximum term of 4 years, its suppose to be a service to the country, not a career! NO Wolf hunting or trapping! I say no! and I will be encouraging everyone else to say no as well. Hope your server is up to flood it will be recieving,
- 3608 STOP THE HUNT
- 3609 This is awful. We don't need to be hunting wolves. This proposal is flawed.
- 3610 I think this is a terrible idea and the confusion it is being scheduled with will lead to a massive amount of poaching. Because of the confusion the few that get caught will not be prosecuted. Not only will you end up with many less wolves than you expected but there will also be a great deal of other animals (bears, cougars, wolverines...) that will be hurt by this decision. I used to think the DNR was a group set about to protect and secure the future of the environment and wildlife. I am not sure what your goal is now.
- 3611 THIS IS FLAWED. THERE SHOULD BE NO HUNTING OF WOLVES!
- 3612 This is a very strange survey which doesn't allow for any explansion on why people would be opposed to the hunt. I would be fine with trapping but not hunting. I don't think the process for allowing this hunt was properly done nor do I think the DNR has heard public opinion at all. There has been little public discussion allowed. Clearly there are other forces at work here, corrupt forces. Someone is pushing this under the door.
- 3613 This process is an unfair and limited survey! I am deeply disappointed that Minnesota Wolf Hunting and Trapping starts this Fall. Howling for the wolves!!!!
- 3614 I absolutely oppose the hunting and especially the trapping of wolves. It is so sad that the minute they are removed from the endangered list, we want to hunt wolves. What is the purpose of a wolf hunt? Just for sport? And how can trapping be allowed. Such a cruel and inhumane act. I am certain that the current way hunting of wolves is being allowed will result in a much larger population than 400 being killed and injured. This hunting season should be stopped. Minnesotan's are better stewards of our natural resources than this.
- 3615 I hope everyone that owns a Siberian Husky or other northern breed dog keeps them in the house when wolf hunting season opens. I think it's ridiculous to hold a lottery for some dude from Ham Lake or any other Minneapolis suburb to win the golden ticket to go kill a wolf! Why can't you just let the farmers take care of the wolves that they see on their property? I'm okay with that because farmers have to make a living and I don't think it's fair to them when their livestock gets taken out by wolves. Don't let some guy that would think it would be "cool" to go wolf hunting! It shouldn't be a lottery! You are going to get these inexperienced hunters out there looking to kill a wolf just because they "won" the lottery to do so. Wolves are beautiful animals. I can't believe Mark Dayton approved this hunting bill. He is a dog lover! His black German Shepards even resemble wolves! Shame on you, Mark Dayton.
- 3616 The State is rushing into the hunting and, especially, the trapping of wolves too soon. The original plan of five years after being removed from Federal protection was good. Allowing for trapping during the hunt is not at all sporting. Since trapping is already allowed to deal with problems relating to livestock, I see no reason to establish a hunting period where it is allowed for recreation. Trappers working in the North will have a hard time complying with daily check ins required by the regulations and more wolves could be taken than planned.
- 3617 this is not a harvest, this is a kill. your reasons do not state the real reason. . .to protect the deer so hunters, supposedly, will have more deer to kill. . because now they think the reson they didn't get one is "because of those dammed wolves". without a bounty, like the cost of their license returned, etc, they have no incentive to drag the animal out of the woods or track it once they mortally wound it. they will simply start walking away, knowing their license will protect them if they encounter a dnr official, and then once they are 200 yds away they are home free. they can then use their license to kill again, and again. you tell me, what is their incentive to present the animal to a station or really abide by any of these rules, much less even report one killed. if they are hunting to begin with then they are of the mindset the more killed the better.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3618 Stop the wolf hunt! We have worked too hard to stoop to this.
- 3619 Do not support the wolf hunt
- 3620 IWhy did the state decide not to follow the oroginal plan to have a 5 year waiting period after de-listing? This makes no sense - endangered species for 40 years - so lets see if we can get them back on the endangered list again? Is this to raise revenue via licenses? Bureaucracy at it's finest... Perhaps someone will invite me over to their home to sample a Wolf dinner..
- 3621 I am opposed.
- 3622 I am opposed to the hunting of wolves and disappointed that this was passed. I also think your online "survey" is not objective at all. Personally I oppose the hunting of wolves for sport.
- 3623 Barbarians and weak men hunt wolves. Leave them alone!
- 3624 Do not kill the wolves... I am appalled that this is happening...This is an embarssment to the state!!!!!!!
- 3625 The hunting of Wolves is dispicable. Trapping is something which is cruel and barbaric in the 21st century and should have no place in a civilised society.
- 3626 Its not right to hunt a species who's population is only stable, i can understand if their population is increasing at a high rate like deer or rabbits but this is not the case with wolves. a few seasons of wolf hunting/trapping will put it right back into the endangered species list.
- 3627 I do NOT support the hunting and trapping of wolves "PERIOD", If the DNR is truly committed to the protection and safety of our wildlife they would not pursue this matter any further and continue to follow THEIR mission statement of preserving our wildlife and NOT allow the hunting and trapping of wolves.
- 3628 I think that this is unnecessary. I am a hunter and outdoorswomen. I do not support this at all. I feel that the population of the wolves will shrink substancially due to the people who are hunting these helpless animals. They will not follow up on their shots to verify a kill. The animal will run into the woods only to suffer with gunshot wounds. Who is going to control that? These individuals that are working to have this law passed will sit and wait for the next animal to come along and probably do the same thing. These people HATE the wolves - They like to see them suffer! Look at Lilly the bear. Really? Look at the wolves that have been driven down by snowmobliers only to continue to be tortured. What are the ramifications that these people will face? Oh yeah that is right, a simple slap on the wrist. Enough said - STOP THIS PLEASE!!!!
- 3629 I would like to know why the initial five year wait before setting up a hunting/trapping season was not enforced. It seems to me that the 5 year proposal was well thought out.
- 3630 Stop the Hunt for Wolves for a 5-year period. They were on the Endangered Species list and now you are resuming the hunt.....WHY?
- 3631 This survey is set up to favor your point of view completely. It is seriously flawed. There should be NO TRAPPING involved ever in the culling of animals. And setting up the hunt at the same time as deer hunting also makes it very dangerous for humans and other animals too. Do you really want the opinion of the public? I think not.
- 3632 No wolf hunting in Minnesota.
- 3633 this process is an unfair and limited survey. I am appalled that this hunting bill passed. The wolf was an endangered species until only a few months ago. Who would want to hunt such a beautiful creature. We need to let them live their lives in peace.
- 3634 I totally disagree with the hunting and trapping of wolves - it is unnecessary and will be abused as well as being hard to oversee and manage with all the recent cuts in state government. So much effort was involved in bring the wold population back to Minnesota - it seems idiotic to now spend money and resources to eliminate maybe 20% of the population. The DNR should be in the business of supporting the Minnesota wildlife and ecosystem (which wolves are an important part) rather than encouraging more unneeded hunting and harvesting of native animals.
- 3635 I found this survey to be statistically flawed and biased in favor of the hunter, not the opponents of hunting. Question 2, for example, forces a selection of 3 options, all of which I oppose. In your presentation, you state that the population of wolves has remained steady (without hunting) for over a decade. I fail to see the logic in allowing hunting and trapping to be allowed if that is the case, are you willing to jeopardize this level for a few extra dollars in license fees? The biggest crime of this whole project is the inclusion of trapping. Nothing could be more inhumane and cruel then setting a mindless trap that snares its victims, causes tremendous pain, creates fear (yes, animals do have this emotion), and is none other than a barbaric method. Your morality should be based on the easing of suffering of other creatures. Instead, your morality centers around the all-mighty dollar, superstition, and placating to uneducated locals. My voice is but one, but it is loud! I sincerely hope the Minnesota DNR is held accountable for this tragedy as well as the future one: Asian Carp Control.
- 3636 I absolutely DO NOT support the hunting or trapping of the wolves for ANY season. Trapping especially is a cruel with the animal sometimes living several days in pain and fear. I don't believe it's necessary to control the population of wolves as they usually manage themselves. This is just a power-play of hunters, trappers and some farmers. It's been proven that wolf deperadaton of domestic animals is extremely low and hunting them would only increase it. Please, Please, Please DO NOT allow hunting or at least ban the horrible "sport"? of trapping.
- 3637 This is ridiculous -- the minute wolves are taken off the endangered species list we are going to hunt and trap them?? Even so I can understand hunting if populations increase to levels that make it a problem BUT trapping is cruel and unnecessary and unsportsmenlike. I 100% do NOT support trapping.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3638 I think this is a very wasteful and sick practice of allowing a hunt of our wolves. It is detestable to hunt just for the sake of hunting and I am ashamed that this actually passed just as their population is now stable. Once again, money and greed prevail.
- 3639 This process is an unfair and limited survey!
- 3640 I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS EVER PASSED. WHAT'S NEXT, HUNTING THEM DOWN BY PLANE LIKE THEY DO IN ALASKA? THIS IS INHUMANE AND ANYONE WHO VOTED TO PASS THIS WILL BE IN JEOPARDY OF BEING RE ELECTED FOR THEIR NEXT TERMS. THERE IS NO REASON TO BE HUNTING WOLVES. WHY CAN'T MAN JUST LET NATURE MANAGE ITSELF. YOU PEOPLE ARE SICK!!!!!!!
- 3641 trapping now days is inhumane,I do not support the trapping part of the hunt...
- 3642 Trapping is awful! Leave the wolves alone. If you need to get rid of wolves, live trap them and take them somewhere else, but don't kill and certainly don't trap.
- 3643 I am thoroughly disappointed with the decision made to allow trapping/hunting of wolves by the Governor and legislature of Minnesota. I am especially disgusted with how inhumane trapping is and I cannot believe it would even be considered to be allowed. How we would allow these beautiful animals to suffer after being trapped is unbelievable.
- 3644 I don't think wolves should be hunted or trapped this soon after taking them off the protected list. That was the initial plan and I don't see a need to change it now.
- 3645 Trapping is cruel and this animal is still endangered. I oppose any killing in any manner the wolves that have started to make a comeback from near extinction. The amount of killing wolves do to any livestock does not justify this hunt.
- 3646 I plan to actively campaign against any elected official who votes "yes" to allow wolf hunting within the next 10 years.
- 3647 This open season on wolves is an embarrassing. Please stop.
- 3648 STOP THE HUNT ON WOLVES, TRAPPING OF WOLVES. I'M SICK OF ALL THIS SLAUGHTER ON OUR WILDLIFE, TROPHY HUNTING IS HORRIBLE SICK. Leave them alone. IF YOU CANT EAT IT DON'T KILL IT..... People ,,,, your killing our beautiful earth with your ignorance
- 3649 Hunting and trapping wolves is barbaric and an inappropriate, lazy form of governance. Wolves need to be protected and nurtured rather than destroyed. Maligning them is the politicians ticket to re-election, and it's a tell-tale sign that those politicians have lost all morality.
- 3650 Stop the killing, let nature take its course
- 3651 Wolf hunting is barbaric and unnecessary. Wolves serve an important purpose in hunting and feeding on weak wildlife AND weak livestock. Wolves rarely eat healthy animals, so there is no "conflict" between humans and wolves. Moreover, the notion of trapping a wolf is disgusting! The torture and agony that the animal will endure is a disgrace to lawmakers who proposed this fiasco and the DNR who is not opposing it. It is your duty to PROTECT wildlife, not to be complicit in the torture and murder of wild animals.
- 3652 Please do not hunt wolves- This will just give a careless hunter to hunt/trap ILLEGALLY before/during or after the proposed season. How would you even know that if all traps have been removed from the land or that shooting was done by the closure dates? If farmers are having these issues with wolves and their livestock then why not give ONLY the farmers the right to hunt/trap not the whole state? No matter what the public says if that is for or against the 2012 wolf season the DNR and State of Minnesota will not listen nor lower the quota. I understand that not all hunters will be careless but there will be some and if there is I hope the State of Minnesota and DNR catch them! I will always VOTE NO to Wolf Hunting, but my one say will not change anything.
- 3653 Don't let people hunt wolves!
- 3654 I do not support the hunting of wolve and I do not support bear hunting whatsoever. "Bear Baiting" is ridiculous just to make some overweight and out of shape person feel more like a man. It's REALLY challenging to aim a precision weapon and pull the trigger. At least make it challenging and make them use bow and arrow - but that would require them to walk and they might get tired since they are so out of shape from eating all of those donuts and steaks. I am not against hunting...only some types of hunting and 3/4 of the people who do hunt.
- 3655 STOP THE SENSELESS SLAUGHTER OF OUR WOLVES! THERE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE A SEASON ON THE WOLF. YOU TAKE AWAY OUR NATIVE AMERICAN LAND, FORCE US INTO CAMPS, KILL OUR BUFFALO FOR NO REASON AND NOW YOU WANT TO KILL ALL OUR WOLVES. THE WOLF IS A VERY MISUNDERSTOOD ANIMAL AND RATHER THAN TRY TO UNDERSTAND IT, YOU PREFER TO KILL IT. HOW ABOUT AN OPEN SEASON ON WORTHLESS AND CROOKED POLITICIANS!
- 3656 International Wolf Center in Ely,MN has worked hard to get the wolf population back, I feel too many lottery license are being offered. Trapping of these animals is inhumane. I understand that the wolf population has increased although the 5 year waiting period, tha twas proposed, would make it tolerable. Please re-think the "open season". thank you Kathy from St.Paul MN
- 3657 Wolves should NOT be hunted. They are sacred creatures of Mother Earth and the Great Spirit! Do NOT kill them!
- 3658 STOP THIS NONSENSE. WHO WANTS THIS? DO PEOPLE EAT WOLF MEAT? I AM AN ADVID HUNTER AND OUTDOORSMAN AND CANNOT MAKE SENSE OF THIS.
- 3659 I think it's a terrible idea in general. At the very least, I'd like to see trapping taken off the bill and limit it to hunting.
- 3660 I understand the issues surrounding the wolves and livestock in northern Minnesota. However, I believe a wolf hunting season is not the answer. Individuals with problem wolves should be able to obtain a permit on a as needed basis. This could eliminate the needless killing of perfectly co-existing wolves. Thank you for your time.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3661 I am extremely disappointed that Minnesota has implemented a wolf hunting season - so soon after the wolf was removed from the endangered species list. Here are a few specific comments: * I understand that wolves and people come into conflict, but those incidents can be handled individually. There's no guarantee that hunting wolves will reduce such incidents. * The DNR states the wolf population has been stable for the past decade. Even a limited wolf hunt may negatively affect wolf numbers in the state. * Trapping is cruel. If the DNR is committed to having a wolf hunt, then it should only be allowed by more humane methods.
- 3662 this is a flawed process. No Wolf hunting!!! this is a Black Eye for the state of Minnesota. The Wolves have just gotten off the Endangered Species List! Give them a chance!!
- 3663 I do not want these wolves hunted at all. How can you trust 6,000 hunters not to kill more than the 400. I do not believe these hunters can be trusted.
- 3664 What a biased survey. I do not support any trapping or hunting season for our wolves.
- 3665 Wolves were just removed (earlier this year) from the federal endangered and threatened species list. To turn around and allowing hunting later the same year is just plain wrong.
- 3666 This process is an unfair and limited survey.
- 3667 This process is an unfair and limited survey. Absolutely Horrible that this would pass! MN DNR should be ashamed of it's self. I think this entire process is flawed.
- 3668 Don't do this please. We have come so far to in protecting them. We could become yet another Montana, Idaho.
- 3669 The stable wolf population of 3000 has proven to be very beneficial to the ecosystem. Disturbing this through hunting and trapping could very easily disrupt the wolf packs and create erratic pack stress. This will lead to deleterious wolf behavior and eventual re-birth of the grey wolf becoming endangered. Thank you for considering this concern.
- 3670 Allowing hunting and trapping of wolves is ABSURD and should NOT be allowed under any circumstances. Why should hunting and trapping be allowed when they were just taken off the endangered species list?? Should hunting of bald eagles and trumpeter swans be allowed then too? NO! Let the wolves establish their population, LEAVE THEM ALONE!
- 3671 This survey is biased... I felt like I was forced to choose the lesser of two evils on some questions. I am against the hunt. Period.
- 3672 I am opposed to having any kind of "Wolf Season." Thank you.
- 3673 I oppose any wolf hunting season in MN. The 5-year moratorium should be adhered to--at a minimum. I oppose snares as cruel and inhumane and ask that they NEVER be legalized for any hunting. Minnesota's wolf population (estimated to be 3000 wolves) has been relatively stable for more than a decade without any hunting. There is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season in areas where wolves have not caused and are not likely to cause depredation. Core habitat areas should be protected. Collared animals should be protected. Establish buffer zones around tribal lands.
- 3674 As life long residents of northern minnesota my husband and I are appalled at the decision to hunt and trap wolves. We hunt deer for venison and fish to eat fish so we are out of doors often. Combined, we have only seen wolves twice, we are 60. We are really saddened by the decision to hunt wolves, really it is killing, no one eats them. And to continue to offer trapping, which is nothing short of animal torture is a terrible legacy to leave our kids and grandkids. Really bad decision looking forward to it being reversed.
- 3675 Thousands of dollars have been spent to renew the presence of wolves in the prescribed areas of the upper Midwest. At what point would there be any actual return to the DNR by the number of licences sold to hunt wolves? Trapping is the worst form of "harvesting" any human can inflict on animals, wild or domestic. Trapping should not be allowed at all. Maybe the procedure for "wolf control" should have been developed prior to re-introducing wolves back into the wild. Hunting/trapping is 2 steps forward and 3 steps back. With the number of road kill deer lying along almost any highway/freeway why not simply allow nature to control the wolves who eat the road kill or they themselves become "road kill"?
- 3676 I think of predator vs. prey whenever I hear about opening season for both species. I am not sure the deer population itself if under control. How can we think of taking away another opportunity to keep the deer population under control at ANYTIME when we decide to kill some of its predators. I think there is a delicate balance anymore in the wilderness. We as humans have take up to much of their living environment. Now we want to control their population? We start doing that we will be back on the slippery slope of trying to bring one population back up the other back down.
- 3677 I am thoroughly disgusted with the plan to kill Minnesota's wolves. The current population of approximately 3000 wolves in MN has remained constant and there are better ways for farmers to protect their livestock such as obtaining Maremma dogs who naturally protect herds and work on farms in Northern Wisconsin as seen on PBS. I am sickened at the thought that wolves will be caught in traps, likely to chew off their limbs to free themselves and suffer horribly for days or weeks. Minnesota should be ashamed of its bloodthirsty efforts to destroy this animal who is native to Minnesota and who struggles to live. Not so long ago, we decimated them all and they were brought back. Now it looks like we'll just go round and round again, thanks to the great wisdom (NOT) of the DNR (Dumbasses with No Reason). Idiots. Fools. Minnesota DNR is a fuckin' JOKE
- 3678 NO hunting, and especially NO trapping of wolves. It's despicable, especially the traps which are beyond barbaric. Can we ever move beyond this cruel and primitive behavior? Wolves were here before we were, let's give them their space and let nature function as it does.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3679 Traps kill anything in their path, including pet dogs. As someone who has worked for the MN DNR in the area they are proposing wolf hunting, I am shocked and disgusted at the blatant attempt to profit from wolf-killing in order to make a quick buck on license fees. The public does not want a wolf hunt, only the trophy hunting lobby. People do not hunt wolves for food, they hunt them for trophies and because of illogical fears about an animal they don't understand. We have nowhere near the amount of wolves we used to have in this state, and should not be killing them anytime soon. My tax dollars should not go to support this butchering IN ANY WAY. Also, the states currently allowing wolf hunts out West have shown what a disaster the wolf hunt is for wolf pups (whose mothers are killed, and then the pups die out) and well as the overall survival of the pack.
- 3680 Don't hunt wolves
- 3681 While I do not approve of the hunting of wolves, I do recognize it may be a necessity, and nothing I say will stop it.. However, I am TOTALLY opposed to a trapping season which I feel is unnecessarily cruel. I also feel that the old "fear" and hate of wolves that led to their near extinction is still out there, and farming communities mostly want zero wolves out there. I think more wolves will be killed than reported by threefold. Dishonesty is rampant! and some wolf populations will be decimated. Lastly, there is an overabundance of deer in northern Minnesota. (Autobody repair people love "deer hit season.") Wolves help reduce their numbers nature's way.
- 3682 The DNR plan to eliminate roughly one half of the wolf population is deplorable. I have spent near 40 years hunting and fishing only those species I can eat. Sadly, the DNR has bowed to the special interest groups and allowed the persecution of a top predator to continue where it left off a century ago. In closing, please tell me what these "sportsmen" will be doing with their prized trophies? Do they plan on eating them? Or is it simply to hang their skins on a wall?
- 3683 I oppose this hunt of animals who in reality are still endangered. This is just an excuse for the DNR to allow more of MN animals to be slaughtered. They should stick to killing all the wild animals who come into cities. We have the DNR with the most blood thirsty rep in the country.
- 3684 Wolf hunting is wrong. First of all, wolves were only removed from the endangered species list in January, and now the state is already seeking to open a hunting season. Secondly, there are presumably poachers and other illegal hunting and trapping practices occurring at this time, which is where the DNR ought to be putting their efforts. Thirdly, to allow the public to hunt wolves is one idea, but to permit trapping is morally and ethically wrong. Trapping is not only cruel, it is inhumane and should be banned worldwide. Traps do not guarantee a simple death, and animals could lie in excruciating pain for several days. In addition, other animals could be trapped instead of a wolf. Finally, there is logically no point to allow the public to hunt and "manage" wolf populations. It is my understanding that wild animal populations are perfectly capable of managing themselves without the assistance of human interaction. In fact, that is exactly how wolves managed before humans intruded on their habitat. If the DNR feels that it is absolutely necessary to manage wolf populations, then they ought to be the ones out there handling the situation, not the public. There is no way to assure that hunters will be responsible and humane with their efforts, unless they are simply not allowed to hunt this creature. I feel that the DNR has truly failed wildlife in allowing this to happen. I fear we will soon be putting the wolf back on the endangered species list due to this carelessness.
- 3685 STOP WOLF HUNTING IN MINNESOTA. TRAPPING IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE.
- 3686 I am opposed the Minnesota wolf hunting and trapping season.
- 3687 I have been going to the BWCA for 30 years and only in recent years have I heard wolves which I feel is as much of a wilderness experience as hearing loons. I am concerned that this hunt will break up packs taking healthy animals & lessen the opportunity to hear wolves in the future.
- 3688 Snare and traps should not be allowed. It has been shown over and over how inhumane these methods are and the suffering they cause. Any hunting allowed needs to be in the most humane method possible and in only that method.
- 3689 I do not support reducing Minnesota's wolf population with sport hunting and trapping. Instead of jumping to "killing" as an option (with suffering, if trapped), I believe the DNR should be exploring options to reduce the population through humane means – please re-look at how the Department views and treats animals.
- 3690 I am troubled with this approach! I believe the relationship between apex predator and game will balance itself. If hunting / trapping enters the picture we will repeat history (endangered/extinction) status. This entire proposal is based on money (DNR, special interest, etc) I thought the fur business was on decline - why trapping? The white tail deer are killed at a higher level by road accidents than predation. The numbers (wolf limits) being mentioned for this proposal are deceptive, they carry over?? Is the next step planes/helicopters in the winter? In conclusion, this bill is to appease a spackling of ranchers and generate revenue for the DNR. The state could set a more positive national view by opening this to a public forum instead of a "baited" exercise that the previous questions exhibited!
- 3691 trapping an animal should be seen as a CRIME We are living in the 21st century and I do not understand that some legislators still agree on this inhumane method. Why is this country in the reverse gear?
- 3692 The survey is biased to supporting the hunting season. "Population control" is just a myth and adding to the current hunting season only promotes cruelty and violence.
- 3693 There is no need for this hunt. I'm saddened that my tax dollars pays for this blood lust.
- 3694 Just the fact that "trapping" would still be considered now in the year 2012 shows how inhumane, barbaric and devoid of any intelligence, whatsoever, the DNR is today. This entire proposal is all about what's "good" for the DNR at the expense of the unbearable suffering and cruelty that these animals are about to endure. I am ashamed of all of you.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3695 There is no reason to hunt wolves in Minnesota. Minnesota's wolf population has been relatively stable for more than a decade with no significant change in the number or distribution of wolves in the state. There is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational hunting/trapping season.
- 3696 I think the legislature should have waited a couple of years before allowing wolf hunting. I feel we are rushing everything and if we're not careful, the wolves will end up endangered again. Apparently we haven't learned anything.
- 3697 I own property in NE MN. I have a problem with too many deer destroying my plantings. I'd rather see more wolves to help control the deer population or increased deer hunting. I am totally opposed to baiting for wolves. What are the rules with regard to baiting? Thanks.
- 3698 I oppose the MN Wolf Hunting/Trapping Season.
- 3699 I am against the wolf hunt. Our family believes the only significant draw to the Northern part of the state is the wildlife, most importantly the wolves and bears. We had planned on purchasing property in the Ely area until we learned that mining and wolf hunting were being allowed. As a citizen of Minnesota I am disappointed that the State Legislature would allow wolf hunting and trapping and I can only hope that this law is reversed in the very near future.
- 3700 There should be at very least a five year waiting period after de-listing as originally agreed upon.
- 3701 So sorry to hear of the impending wolf hunt. It only serves hunters and trappers--if there is a wolf problem, let's try to resolve it without automatically going to KILLING. I am very disappointed in the DNR and hope this hunt is stopped before it starts.
- 3702 A five year waiting period would have been better - it was agreed to. Now you are managing by guesswork. Very, very conservative guesses are called for!
- 3703 This "harvesting" of wolves, as you put it, (I can't believe you relate a wolf hunt to the harvest of a crop, disgusting) is completely unnecessary, even barbaric. The wolves are a part of our natural ecosystem, and by thinning and eliminating the populations, throwing the natural order of things into chaos. Moving groups of wolves from one territory to another (taking from an overpopulated area and transferring to an underpopulated area) would be the humane, and best thing, to do. But then again, that plan won't line the politicians' pockets with money, now, will it?
- 3704 Why do you say there has been no objection to your wolf kill. Which Indian tribes have you contacted? There are many who object with what you are about to do.
- 3705 As a wildlife loving Minnesotan (and daughter of an avid hunter) I am sickened and ashamed that this bill was allowed to pass. Wolves don't even cause any harm, and if they do then farmers are allowed to deal with them. This is just another way humanity's selfishness dominates any appreciation for the gorgeous creatures Minnesota is blessed with. I will not vote for Governor Dayton again. Shame on you, DNR and Legislators for allowing this.
- 3706 stop the hunting trapping killing of wolves period
- 3707 There is no reason to hunt a wolf. If you do not eat it you do not shoot it. You as the DNR had 5 years from delisting before this would happen. Why the rush? To hunt a wolf for sport is not sport at all. It is needless killing. I support hunting of animals in MN for food use and population control. This is not an issue with the wolf in MN. I will no longer support the MN DNR in any way.
- 3708 Trapping should not be allowed. How many dogs and other animals will die in steel traps?
- 3709 I do not support the hunting and trapping of wolves. This is so sad :(
- 3710 YES - I will vote against any legislator that agreed to this bill. This is ridiculous. Wolves are not the problem, we are. We barely get them populated and you need to sell licenses to destroy them to support your budget. Destroy nature for a budget? Figure it out. This is unacceptable!
- 3711 I think our legislators ought to pull their heads out of their ASSES! What the fuck is wrong with you people. Instead of hunting wolves, you should have a season on cattle in wolf country so they do not have problems with wolves. If they choose to have cattle and lose some to wolves, so be it. You know what DNR stands for? DO NOTHING RIGHT! Wake up
- 3712 How do I get a Out-Of-State Wolf Hunting License? If the state has successfully kept the numbers in the 3,000 range why is the goal to cut that in half? Why not reduce the population more slowly. Say 100 wolves (Total) a year for two years, then 200 (total) a year for two years and keep it at 200 until the population has been studied for 5-years to Prove that the Minnesota Wolf Population should be taken lower. If the study cannot then keep the TOTAL Yearly Wolf Population Reduction to: 200 wolves. Bred and born an Alaskan we have different views on hunting. Sure we have some politicians that want to encourage out-of-state hunters flocking to Alaska by the truckloads, but any sensible hunter will tell you: NEVER take a population down too fast! When you make that mistake it can take a decade or more to correct and that would mean NO wolf hunting at all during that entire time to ensure the population once again becomes sustainable. Post Script ~ There are two so-called types of "hunting" that is unsportsmanlike --- Trapping and shooting from helicopters/ airplanes. EVERY true Alaskan knows: That those two methods are ungentlemanly and need to be prevented at All costs! We Alaskan's are Not cowards and want to hunt the way nature intended: With a pair of weapon ---- preferably a bow, but some are not strong enough to hunt with these so a gun is an acceptable alternative and a knife to give the animal a quick death. There is No other way to hunt as far as I'm concerned!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3713 I am strongly against wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota, these activities have no place in our state. You have not studied the impact of the hunt on the wolf population, or related populations of game animals such as the white tailed deer and beaver and your attitude unfortunately seems to be to shoot first and study the situation later, which is irresponsible stewardship of our iconic state wolves. As you make a point of saying in the introduction to the survey "Minnesotans clearly value wolves. Public opinion surveys and attitudes demonstrated during development of the state's wolf management plan show people view the animal as ecologically important, scientifically fascinating, aesthetically attractive, recreationally appealing and significant for future generations. Only a small minority fear and dislike wolves or believe Minnesota would be a more desirable place without this apex predator." Your actions to organize a hunt are in direct conflict with public interests and seeks to allow a select group of individuals the opportunity to slaughter our irreplaceable native wolves. The DNR is aware that livestock depredation is quite low in Minnesota and can be further mitigated through the employment of effective non-lethal management techniques that include the use of burros and guard dogs. In 2011 there were only 88 verified livestock complaints in Minnesota, with only 1% of all farms being impacted. Livestock owners are already financially compensated by the state for losses due to wolves. There is no legitimate reason to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. The DNR is already using state certified predator controllers to kill wolves in areas with verified livestock depredation and 203 wolves were killed this way In 2011. Owners of livestock, guard animals and domestic animals already have the right to shoot a wolf that poses an immediate threat to themselves or their animals. There is no legitimate reason to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. Wolves maintain a crucial balance in our state ecology by thinning the game animal populations of sick and weak animals that would otherwise have negative consequences for the health of the species population. A healthy wolf population is essential to maintaining habitat for all wildlife in the forest ecosystem and keeping important vegetation along rivers and streams healthy by controlling the movement of animals like deer and elk. There is no legitimate reason to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota. Similar to both dogs and humans, wolves are social creatures that form tight family units and display great affection for their family members. Wolves also experience emotional and social stress with the loss of an interdependent pack-mate family member. No consideration has been given to the number of wolves that will not be counted as kills, but die slow painful deaths alone in the wilderness due to injury or infection resulting from the hunt. It is unacceptable that the stewards of our wolves have sold them out to groups like the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, which lobbies on behalf major corporations like Boise, Potlatch, Arctic Cat, and Polaris, who only seek to exploit access to the wilderness for their own financial gains. Using the honor system to stop the hunt via email or toll-free phone line is sick joke. This lack of any real oversight allows individuals interested in killing wolves too much of an opportunity to easily circumvent the process with no real accountability. How many enforcement officers will be working to ensure that the wolf population is not completely decimated by this so called responsible and conservative hunt? Your wolf hunting and trapping plan is nothing more than the sanctioned killing of a iconic native state animal for entertainment purposes only. The DNR has the responsibility to stand up for our wildlife and natural resources and what you
- 3714 Trapping is cruel torture, and endangers other animals, pets and humans in the area. I do not think trapping should be allowed. I am very disturbed that a hunting season is underway immediately after removal from the Endangered Species List. A 5 year hunt moratorium is much more appropriate, to scientifically determine the stable population level without additional pressures or hunting, nor the artificial protection of the endangered species list. I am very concerned that our wolf population will collapse.
- 3715 I have never understood the blood lust of hunting animals one does not eat for survival. Did we save the wolf merely for hunting? As for livestock lost to wolves - this is what happens when humans invade wild animal territories. Do humans have to be everywhere on this earth?
- 3716 I personally feel that Minnesota does not need a wolf season. Wolves were nearly wiped out in this state, now after a long recovery we are going to kill more of them off. It kind of feels like that recovery process was a waste of time and money. I understand that the amount of tags should not have a negative impact on the overall population of wolves. I was under the impression that the DNR supported wolves re-inhabiting the entire state. I understand that is not always an option due to urban populations, but wolves will not go to those areas. Minnesotans should know that if they live here, they will inevitably see wildlife, some of which may be predators. I would like to see wolves repopulate across all of Minnesota. I am a livestock owner, I raise cattle as well as horses. I have two small children at home. I live next to a county forest near Brainerd. I have seen wolves on my property. I understand that some livestock owners have problems with wolves. I have not had any problems yet. I feel that if there is problem wolves that attack livestock, they should be dealt with on a case by case basis. I also feel that livestock owners should take on more personal responsibility to ensure their livestock is not harmed by installing better fencing if they have had issues with wolf depredation. I am also a deer hunter. Some hunters say that there are no deer where they hunt because of the wolves. I have not personally seen this massive loss of deer. It is my understanding that hunters and vehicles kill far more deer than all of the wolves in the state. Last year was my first year rifle hunting, I didn't go out until the 3rd day of the season. I was still able to shoot a deer within 30 minutes, so no, I don't personally see a lack of deer from wolf kill. So basically what I'm saying is that just because the wolves are no longer under Federal protection, doesn't necessarily mean we have to start hunting them again.
- 3717 Isn't trappin a bit barbaric? Cruel and very outdated? DNR needs bigger vacations from the wolf killing fees? What is next, the loons?
- 3718 I am opposed to killing an animal you will not eat. Please leave the wolves alone. I have property in St Louis county and the wolves are not a problem to me or my extended family.
- 3719 Please do not implement this action of allowing the killing of wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3720 This is an outrageous act of betrayal by your Gov't. When the Gov't lies to the people and ignores their pleas, then it is time for the Gov't to understand why they are being replaced as quickly as possible. We will no longer be ignored. No Wolf hunting for any reason.
- 3721 This survey is biased towards support for the hunting / trapping season. While I realize the hunt is mandated by Legislature, why hasn't the DNR asked for suggestions regarding what may be acceptable to those who do not support the hunting /trapping season. For example, core areas should be closed; the season should center around depredating wolves, minimizing conflicts NOT randomly killing wolves that are not responsible for depredation; collared animals should be protected. Where is the science behind 400 wolves? When coupled with the number of wolves killed in control actions, it represents a significant percent of the wolf population. I do not support the use of snares.
- 3722 There should be a 5 year waiting period if you must kill these beautiful animals. The wolf is here to kill the sick and young, To me it would be just like killing the family dog. Killing will disrupt the nature of the pack, please proceed slowly.
- 3723 Stupid to have wolf hunt!
- 3724 It seems ridiculous to allow hunting on an animal that so much money was spent on to save in the first place, and even more so just to used as a trophy. Also, to add one more fur bearer to the list of animals that are so inhumanely killed in traps is sickening.
- 3725 I disagree with this initiative. There is no "maximum" defined for populations of wolves, no hunting/trapping is needed.
- 3726 This is a travesty, particularly the cruel trapping portion. The state and the DNR should be ashamed of themselves for bowing to the interests of a small minority of trophy hunters, especially when the majority of Minnesotans are clearly against this. I am embarrassed that our state is this clueless about wildlife and the balance of nature, and I am disgusted that in an age when so many are becoming aware of the sentience of animals, Minnesota chooses state-sponsored animal cruelty for nothing more than profit.
- 3727 There is no scientific basis for a legalized wolf hunt. It's a purely political response to satisfy the bloodlust of a vocal minority of wolf haters. I am against ANY hunting of wolves.
- 3728 I believe the process used for determining the impact to the sustainability of the MN wolf population by allowing a hunting/trapping season so quickly after being delisted from a Federal Endangered Species list (Jan. 2012) has serious flaws. As a life-long citizen of MN, I am strictly AGAINST ANY WOLF HUNT or TRAPPING in 2012 or at any time. The information given here indicates the wolf population has remained stable over the past 10 years - so why the rush to this hunt season? The DNR also presents itself as gathering information during the 2012 hunt and trap season to make assessments and modeling for future target wolf populations and future hunt/trap seasons. Does the DNR not know what potential impacts to our wolf population and wilderness environment are likely to occur with this season? What will the collateral damage be to other wildlife species? The DNR and Governor are proposing a season to take 400 wolves out of the 3,000 in the state, apparently with no restriction as to the gender (as is done with deer) of these wolves - taken for no other reason than for sheer sport. Also, it is incredulous to me that prospective hunters are asked if they will voluntarily supply an email address if selected in the lottery to hunt/trap so the DNR can close the season by texting or emailing the hunter when the limit of 400 reached. It is unlikely any hunter or trapper interested in a wolf kill will be checking their Email or phone while out in the woods so they can lawfully abide by an announcement that closes the season that day. I find the lack of planning and responsible thought by the DNR here is truly outrageous. One only has to look at the poor design for this survey - the sheer number of spelling errors in several of the survey questions and the lack of an appropriate range of multiple choice responses representing real choice to realize the DNR has made a sloppy effort here. The fact that one can only comment online is also very restrictive to the citizens of MN. Thank you.
- 3729 When the wolves disappear in MN, so will the Ojibwe people. Do not allow hunting of the wolves anywhere in the state. Quit thinking man can control nature; just keep the parks clean.
- 3730 I find it strange that with a take-limit of 400 wolves, you are offering 15 times that many licenses, or more. Why not take the approach you had with moose years ago? 400 licenses, and if a person takes a wolf, fine; if not, too bad. Is this a money generating move on your part? Or an estimate of costs involved in terms of "managing" the wolves? Given that trapping is expected to produce more taken-wolves than hunting, why bother with a hunt at all? What is to prevent hunters/trappers from refraining to notify you as to exactly when their animal was taken, thus allowing for a possible overkill past the 400 limit? Is the number of wolves taken because of actions on their part beyond the 400 limit? If so, why? Lastly, why have a season at all? Why not simply have a law that provides for the taking of wolves year-round (through either firearms or trapping) due to predation against domestic animals, as well as threats to pets, humans, etc? Problem wolves would be taken; non-problem wolves would not.
- 3731 Having a wolf season is one of the most ridiculous ideas you have come up with. Seriously.
- 3732 My preference for no wolf hunt is unchanged but that is not the job of the DNR. Trapping should not be allowed by the DNR under any circumstances.
- 3733 I think this is horrible. First we work hard as a state to save the wolf, now we are going to be barbaric and trap and kill them. There has to be a better way to manage over populations than to trap and kill. Trapping is NOT sport. It is a slow and painful way to kill something/someone. Other animals including dogs are subject to getting in a trap, not to mention people. I wish our state could consider a more humane method of control.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3734 leave them alone. seems we spend millions to get them reestablished only to eliminate them. man killed off once the good old back wood folk will do it again given the chance. control the deer herd and nature will take care of the wolf.
- 3735 WOLVES MUST BE CONTROLLED IF THEY THREATEN DOMESTIC HERDS. OTHERWISE I DO NOT APPROVE OF THE TROPHY SPORT KILLING OF THESE ANIMALS OR THE TRAPPING OF THESE ANIMALS FOR HARVESTING THEIR PELTS. THE MN LEGISLATURE WAS UNWISE AND FOOLISH TO APPROVE AN OPEN HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DNR ADVISED A FIVE YEAR WAITING PERIOD FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF WOLVES FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.
- 3736 Cancel this season. We DO NOT want it.
- 3737 No
- 3738 Although I understand to some degree the reasons for wolf population management I vehemently disagree with trapping. The suffering associated with this barbaric approach to killing any kind of animal should be absolutely banished from any thinking and reasonable intelligent society; this torturous killing method is barbaric and monstrous. I urge you to please re-consider trapping entirely for any of our animal species. Sincerely, Waltraud Brogren
- 3739 As a long-time Minnesota resident and lifelong lover of wildlife (and especially wolves), I am strongly against any hunting or trapping season of wolves because the best available science points to it not only being not necessary, but all-around detrimental. The wolf population and their range has not changed in MN for 10 years and the deer population likewise remains stable, so there is clearly not an "overpopulation" issue. Wolves being randomly killed across the state will disrupt pack hierarchies and skew the population towards younger, less experienced, more brazen wolves that will only be *more* likely to go after livestock and pets. At most, we should simply allow livestock and pet owners to shoot wolves that are directly threatening their animals, but we should also be focusing on teaching and implementing non-lethal depredation reduction methods to promote co-existence. It is clear that opening a hunting season is a purely political move to placate deer hunters and the livestock industry. Furthermore, trapping and snaring is incredibly inhumane and should not be allowed at all. I look forward to going hiking and camping with my dog up North every Fall, but as she is frequently taken for a wolf, I don't know how I can risk continuing to go when there will be people out actively looking to shoot anything that looks like her, let alone having to worry about traps and snares...
- 3740 I think only the wolves that are a threat to humans (mostly kids) and domestic pets should be hunted. Up by Effie MN there is a group of renegade timber wolves that have ot be stopped NOW before someone is attacked --the wolves won't back down to the humans and don't seem to be shy and keeping out of public eye like most wolves do. This type of wolf is a danger and should be driven off or eliminated. I truly hate the idea of a wolf hunt but there are circumstances that would call for action. These proud majestic animals should NOT be murdered just because some so-called hunter has to satisfy his blood thirst for killing an animal. Most of the trouble is they need food BUT God forbid we figure out some sort of a feeding for the wild animals. My fellow humans are so pathetic sometimes. Remember Genesis 1:26-28
- 3741 Why make a species that we worked so hard to get off of the endangered list, become endangered again?
- 3742 The five year waiting period should not have been eliminated.
- 3743 It is too soon to have a wolf hunting season in Minnesota. And I do not approve of trapping or baiting at any time.
- 3744 Hunters and especially trappers are greedy cowards
- 3745 I think it's a horrible idea to hunt wolves. shooting is bad enough, but trapping! how cruel. Ashamed of our state legislators!
- 3746 First, you have no ability or 'right' to regulate anything humans do and only domesticated humans would ever obey your trivial attempts to control. You are weak so long as you attempt to govern others. Second, you have no ability or 'right' to determine what is an 'appropriate' or 'healthy' population of wolves. I hope they devour you alive; those who attempt to control other living things are scum.
- 3747 If depredation is you reason for having a wolf season and the wolf population is stable, why not just reimburse the farmer for the loss? I'm offended people are willing to hunt a wolf for its coat, nobody thinks a puppy skin rug is acceptable. Hunters will kill female wolves and puppies will die as a result. Please help Minnesotans understand the wildlife in their state; harvesting wolves will affect our fragile ecosystem.
- 3748 Hunting and trapping wolves should not be done, mainly trapping. Hunting would be /OK/ as long as the wolf would not suffer through any pain. The trapping should not even be legal. Trapping is inhumane, it doesn't only go for one target but whatever is unfortunate enough to come across it, and they don't get checked regularly so whatever animal is in it suffers a horrible death that nothing or no one should have to go through. Hunting with guns would be fine as long as the wolf isn't shot where it wouldn't be a instantaneous death or dies shortly after. In conclusion, hunting with guns is OK(Though I personally still don't like it), but hunting with traps should be outlawed.
- 3749 Your state needs to stop the hunt. It's not needed or wanted by the majority of people in this country. There IS NOT CONFLICT. The only conflict is ignorant trophy hunting idiotic mentality or your Fish and Game which is run by hunters and others just to make a lousy buck. Your state sickens my family just like Idaho and other states west of your state. Stop the nonsense all you do is disrupt the natural order. Nature can take care of itself. People over populate not animals!
- 3750 no

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3751 I feel strongly that the DNR should not allow a hunting season for wolves this year, and that additional study is needed on the wolf population before any season would be instituted. The original five year waiting period should have been maintained. There is no valid ecological reason for a wolf hunt - it's all politics.
- 3752 I am not in favor on anything that has to do with wolves. Killing in inhuman,,,especially traps, snares,,,this is just plain inhuman in any form. "These are beautiful creatures that "God put here for a reason." What gives anyone the right to decide their fate? Does anyone realize where our dogs now came from, maybe a little research in this area would help, I doubt it because humans are blood thirsty. Maybe we could all learn something from the wolves, I'm not in favor of killing any WOLVES.
- 3753 Please stop the senseless torture of trapping and slaughter of the wolves. These animals are needed to help the environment.
- 3754 This is just an inhumane hunt, giving blood thirsty hunters the right to kill these magnificent animals. Another blunder by the DNR, listening to the money from the yellow bellied so call sportsmen of Minnesota. What a shameful group.
- 3755 Any wolf season in Minnesota is unacceptable, especially one that allows for a population reduction of up to 50% of current levels! Additionally a mere 1.5% of farmers experience loss due to wolves, that considered one cannot justify any season near the magnitude proposed!
- 3756 I would greatly prefer no Wolf hunting season. The wolf's and their families do not deserve to be hunted, they are part of living in Minnesota.
- 3757 Please, please, please minimize the deaths of wolves at all costs. This should be the primary concern to the DNR, since the stability of their population is still unknown.
- 3758 Yes, I don't agree with the hunting of wolves. However if it goes through, I STRONGLY OPPOSE TRAPPING!!! I think it is painfully cruel to any animal to have to suffer like that. I think it is archaic & needs to be illegalized everywhere for every animal! I would not want to walk through this nature area & step on a snare or a trap! Would you!? or your pet?
- 3759 I don't believe trapping should be allowed at all. Only hunting, and I am not really in support of that.
- 3760 I am opposed to the trapping of wolves. My concern is that trapping will be a slow painful death for the animal and may also trap some pets or other animals besides wolves. I accept the idea of hunting a limited number of wolves and don't object to the numbers stated. I don't see anything in your materials that explains the reasons to allow trapping - any discussion of the pros or cons of this. Without something about this, I think this is an incomplete treatment of the topic.
- 3761 If the population of wolves in MN has been stable for 10 years, why is a hunting/trapping season even necessary? The focus should be on optimum management of the wolf population, NOT in creating "recreational opportunities" for people. All healthy ecosystems NEED top predators. Killing wolves is a bad idea.
- 3762 I do alot of late season upland hunting with my dog. Since I will not be able to continue to do so because out of fear of him getting caught in a wolf trap, I am DEMANDING a partial refund of my small game license. If there has to be a hunting season for wolves, the deer season would be the the best. It is no secret that many wolves are already being gut shot during this period anyways. I'm sure the DNR realizes that the the people that draw these wolf tags will be party hunting with their group. I am totally against this trapping season however. What happens when one of these trappers doesn't retrieve or forgets where they set these devices? How can anyone take their dogs in the woods and not worry about them being injured or killed? I hope if this happen to anyone, they go looking for blood. How can our politicians and DNR have no foresight what so ever? By the way, I am a deer hunter too. PS- Don't forget my refund!
- 3763 I do NOT support ANY trapping of wolves as traps are INHUMANE way of killing ANY animal but especially wolves. As if found alive in the trap they are allowed to club them to death-yeah real humane way to die! Also trapping is non selective as dogs,young deer or other animals (including children) can get caught & suffer horribly! If wolves are to be managed then it should be DNR sharp shooters & NOT wolf hating morons with guns doing the job!
- 3764 The wolf has been on and off of the endangered species list, clearly there is a need to protect this species. While population numbers may have reached a some-what stable place there are still so many future concerns that will negatively impact wolves such as; climate change, timber harvesting, road building and mining operations. We need to set a precedent of protecting the wolf not hunting and killing them.
- 3765 I think the entire wolf hunt and trapping season should be banned. I also feel it's outrageous the way the DNR has planned this program without any public comment. Your process undermines democracy.
- 3766 Stop killing wolves. And traps and snares are inhumane!
- 3767 In all of the comments available to the public regarding problem wolves, this is an over reaction to the small number that have created a problem. I believe the five year waiting period should have remained in effect, then evaluate whether the number of wolves be reduced. They live and thrive in the wild and it should remain that way. We have far more problem wildlife in urban/suburban areas. This wildlife is allowed to live and survive however they can. Much of the problems could be eliminated if we did not feed them or give them access to other sources of food. Public education would help many of the issues residents complain about. They forget the wildlife was here first, we invaded their territory.
- 3768 I think that the removal of the 5 year waiting period was very irresponsible. I believe the waiting period was put in place to prevent any hasty hunting of wolves. Pressure from sportsmen has overridden the conscience of the majority of Minnesotans as well as common sense. Given that wolves exist in close family units, hunting of any kind could greatly disrupt this threatened species.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3769 I am not a hunter, but I understand shooting deer for food. I don't understand why anyone would need to kill a wolf. I especially feel that trapping is archaic and extremely cruel. It's one thing to try to shoot an animal dead with one shot, but to trap them is excruciating painful and frightening for these animals.
- 3770 This is a terrible idea.. Do not use the word "Harvest".. use the word "Kill" That is the truth of the matter. There should be no killing or trapping of wolves. As the saying . goes, " if its not broken, don't try to fix it." Leave the wolves alone. They are not a problem in our state.. and if there are problems, than compensation to the complaintis appropriate. Killing is the last answer, not the first.
- 3771 I strongly oppose the wolf hunt and think the trapping is nothing but torture. This is a trophy hunt and I sincerely hope that it will be stopped...if not 2012 then 2013. We respect our wildlife here in Minnesota and can co-exist with the wolf.
- 3772 Who decided that 3,000 wolves in a state of over 5,000,000 people are to many?
- 3773 Yes, this is outrageous. Our wolf population is one of our most precious wild possessions. The moose are declining - surprise - there's a moose season but the dnr makes no connection with that fact. This is the worst move the dnr has made yet and Im thinking of canceling my subscription to the volunteer. You are talking about allowing a sixth of the population to be killed. That is absolutely outrageous - especially trapping!!! where animals suffer. The wolf is akin to the dog. Would you allow your dog to be trapped? I have lost all confidence in the DNR now. Moose, sandhills and wolves should NOT BE hunted. The hunters have enough targets already. How about the rest of us who don't hunt adn love the animals. It's quite clear that we do not count.
- 3774 Trapping seems like an extremely cruel way to kill an animal slowly and painfully. if you are going to kill wolves, do it quickly so they don't suffer. What will happen to people who break the law? I hope the penalties reflect the years of work to bring back this endangered species from the brink of extinction.
- 3775 Who in congress was behind this atrocity to initiate a wolf-hunting season and to eliminate the five-year wait period? It is written in Scripture, When man fell, all creation fell. The wolf is the progenitor of the Alaskan malamute. The Innuits say they could not have survived without the malamute. GOD said creation was to be subdued, NOT killed. Trophy wolves...trophy wives: what's the difference?
- 3776 Hunting wolves is absurd and inappropriate after all the work we have done in Minnesota to educatate our children on ecology of wolves. Unlike deer, moose, and even beer, wolves are not food for humans. Anyone who hunts them is doing it for the pleasure of the kill...aren't we past that?
- 3777 So ridiculous to hunt or trap wolves. Being able to shoot wolves to protect domestic animals is Enough!!
- 3778 Hunting is OK but trapping is not. It is not humane and the DNR should not allow it. Plus it is another way and time for pets to get hurt. I am sure 400 wolves could be killed without trapping. If the alpa male and female of a pack are killed you have done a great disservice to both the pack and the farm animals who get killed by a pack with no leaders.
- 3779 Trapping is especially cruel and barbaric and causes severe suffering; it also puts other animals at risk. The wolf is a magnificent animal. Humans live everywhere and each year wooded areas are cut down completely for farmland or partially making all wildlife habitat more fragmented -- where exactly do you expect wildlife to live without coming in contact with people or pets or livestock ??
- 3780 Dr Meech's statements notwithstanding, I find the proposal to have a wolf hunting season to be barbaric. Wolves are NOT game animals in the same sense as white tail deer are and therefore certainly are not supplementary food budget items. While hunting for meat for one's own table can be, and is, viewed as part of subsistence of mankind's way of life, wolf hunting during America's historical past to appease farmers' and ranchers' overblown claims of predation on their livestock, resuled it nothing but wanton and often cruel slaughter, the outcome being a near total eradication of wolves from the US landscape. From a personal experience standpoint, I lived near Debs, MN from 1972 through 1986, a totally rural area, on 160 acres. Among other domestic animals, dogs & cats that were allowed free range of the farm, I had beef cattle that roamed freely within electrically fenced areas during spring, summer and fall. Never once in those 14 years did I have a calf, heifer, etc. attacked by either a coyote or timber wolf, though both species were known to be in the general area. Had cattle depredation been a factor I would have accepted that, knowing from the onset that wolves were at times in the area. At the infrequent times that I actually saw either coyotes or timber wolves I considered myself fortunate to have been allowed even a fleeting glimpse of either species. I am not aware of any studies that have been made on how many wolves are too many for a given area. The concept of allowing the shooting and trapping of wolves, animals that have intelligence, loyalty, engage in play activities and band together in familes of 8-10 members to successfully exist, that concept is as abhorrent to me as it would be were it directed at my fellow huiman beings.
- 3781 I'm afraid that your harvest quota will be surpassed because there will be some wiggle room with the end of season notification.
- 3782 This was a loaded survey. Let's show for a change that we can abide by an agreement. You know very well wolves are already being shot and the number is not known nor will it ever be known. They shoot them and bury them. Shooting wolves should not be sport let's stay with the five year agreement then revisit. Also let's put the legislator, who thinks hunting from helicopters is fun, on the ground with someone in a helicopter with water balloons to mock hunt him. Maybe after running for two miles dodging balloons would change his mind about what fun is or maybe not. It could be he's just a big bully and to cowardly to go toe to toe with anything that might have a chance against him.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3783 I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE KILLING OF MINNESOTA'S WOLVES. PERIOD. IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT TRAPPING WILL EVEN BE ALLOWED. TRAPPING IS AN UNUSUALLY CRUEL AND BARBARIC METHOD OF KILLING WHICH WILL RESULT IN A SLOW AGONIZING DEATH, IF THE ANIMAL HAS NOT CHEWED OFF ITS FOOT/LIMB. HOPEFULLY THE HUNTERS WILL MANAGE TO SHOOT EACH OTHER IN THEIR BLOODTHIRSTY FIASCO AND THE WOLVES AND I WILL HAVE SOME SMALL CRUMB OF RESPITE.
- 3784 I believe the population is too few to allow hunting them at this time. They should still be protected like bears and only shot defending life and property, not hunted for fun and profit.
- 3785 I am not necessarily against hunting wolves with firearms, however, I feel it is SHAMEFUL that in 2012 the State of Minnesota will allow the cruelty of trapping on any living, feeling creature. It is inhumane and I would like a response as to what the DNR plans to do to regulate trapping, so this state doesn't end up with the trapping atrocities that are being seen in Idaho.
- 3786 If this is a considered "harvest" does this mean you can eat the wolf meat?
- 3787 Stop killing wolves, the balance the Eco-System you idiots! Wake up!
- 3788 this should of not been approved and I beleive it will be devastating to the wolf population due to the fact that it will turn out to be a free for all for these hunters to kill more than allowed. I am appalled by the state of mn and the dnr
- 3789 This is an absolute autrocity to our States wolves, it should NOT be allowed - neither firearm or trapping allowed. The population has remained stable for many reasons of which this hunting/trapping allowance will upset, and not just for wolves, but for other species as well. Besides all this, animals are gifts from God, and we should learn to respect them, coincide with them, not hunt/trap/kill them. Trapping is especially inhumane and should NEVER be allowed. Many animals are going to chew off their own legs to get away, die long suffering horrible deaths. Wolves are family oriented, this will completely upset the the family structure and cause pain and suffering to the whole pack. Pups will be left to die/starve due to loss of parents. Animals feel, think, are intelligent, have a language and social structure with their species as well as with other species; they ALL deserve respect, and this is NOT respectful to any life form at all. Many people are reckless and careless and will be allowed to inflict serious abuse to these beautiful sentient creatures. This is such a sad, sad event in Minnesota history and will be for decades to come. I am appauled that the DNR and the State Legislators that voted in favor did so. I was raised in Northern MN and I know trapping first hand as my father and brothers did, it is horrific what it does to the animal, completely inhumane. Mankind needs to put living feeling sentient beings above their own selfishness, greed, and desire to conquer everything. These are God's creatures, too. This is NOT how He intended us to treat them!!!!
- 3790 I am completely opposed to wolf hunting and trapping. As someone who was raised and lives in Minnesota, I see wolves as an integral part of our Minnesota history. Let's not take this huge step backwards.
- 3791 Population stable for years and yet there is a hunting season (2). Check the hunting forums and see how wildlife respectable this hunting will be-slaughter. In managing wildlife, one should also respect them-little evidence of that concept here.
- 3792 How are the grouse and duck hunting dogs going to be protected from all these wolf snares and traps? Why allow wolf trapping during some prime grouse hunting time? Limit the wolf trapping to a very narrow window within the deer rifle season.
- 3793 I'd prefer a short hunting season.
- 3794 trapping is inhumane. I do not support trapping of any animal !
- 3795 This is completely and utterly wrong! Those animals finally brought up their numbers like they were suppose to and now you want 400 of them dead?! It's outrageous! Those beautiful creatures have just as much rights to live as YOU people do! It's because of people that these wolves don't have enough room to roam free like they were SUPPOSE to. They have feelings, they have families and if you kill 400 of them then their packs will be left with pain because their loved ones were murdered because some people don't think that animals ie, dogs, cats, ect, don't have feelings and don't know what's good for them. It's because of heartless humans that this world is going to destroy itself. Apparently all these people do is care about their own kind.
- 3796 I am opposed to wolf hunting for recreation or revenge killing. I believe there are far more effective non lethal management strategies that can be used to managed any legitimate stock predation issues such as with the use of Live Stock Guardian breed dogs at the correct ratio of dogs to predator density and with protective spiked collars to mitigate any dog predation issues.
- 3797 Although wolf populations are self-regulating, there is a need sometimes to pacify farmers and hunters and allow a certain number to be controlled. Trapping, however, should be banned completely as it is cruel and inhumane.
- 3798 This wolf hunt makes me ashamed to live in Minnesota.
- 3799 If there is an over population of wolves i do not believe it should be handles by hunters. This has laways caused problems in the past. I do not believe you should be killing the wolves at all. Can we not relocate them to areas where there are no wolf populations rather than killing them? I absolutely do not support hunting any animal for any reason other than sustenance, period.
- 3800 The 5-year moratorium should have been maintained. There seem to be little done for enforcement - the honor system reigns? Good luck. How will you gather data on this hunt? I am especially opposed to the trapping season.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3801 The premise that a reduction in the wolf population in MN is needed is a total farce of which the DNR is fully aware. Damage to agricultural production by wolves is just a tiny fraction of the damage done by deer. If we look at the total cost to the economy from forestry, agricultural, deer-automobile collisions, medical costs from Lyme disease and other diseases that deer help spread to humans and animals, we would obviously be trying to encourage wolves, not limit their numbers. People I have talked to on this subject see this as a pathetic money grab and caving in to the hunting lobby on the part of the politicians and the DNR in MN, people and government agencies we are supposed to trust with the environmental future of our state! I can't help but wonder what unseen monetary interests will become visible in time. History will not be kind to the shortsighted ones who pushed this through!
- 3802 I strongly oppose hunting or trapping wolves in Minnesota. Even on the Endangered Species List, the wolf population remained stable for 10 years. The argument that the wolf population needs to be managed by public hunting and trapping is specious. The only reason for wolf "management" by public hunting is for trophy purposes. This rejection of science is further supported by the fact that the original 5-year wolf management waiting period was jettisoned as soon as possible to cater to the interests of trophy hunters. I do not think that the minimum population requirement is viable for a still endangered species, and I think we should be proud of maintaining a healthy wolf population instead of massacring it at the first opportunity like so many other states have done.
- 3803 According to your own presentation, the wolf population has remained stable on its own for ten years. We should not have a wolf hunt at all. In the very least, the original five year wait should be in effect. And if a wolf hunt does happen, trapping should never be allowed. At least deer hunters, eat the meat - wolf hunters are just hunting for trophy.
- 3804 Do not permit the hunting, trapping or killing of ANY wolves. There IS NO HUMAN CONFLICT -- THIS IS A MAN-MADE LIE to allow killing wolves for sport, and for no other reason.
- 3805 I strongly oppose this hunt. As a resident of Itasca County, living in the forest, I have no issue with wolves. They belong here more than we do. Trapping is an abomination and has no place in a civilized 21st century.
- 3806 I am greatly saddened to know that Minnesota is joining the group of states that hunt wolves and kill them for just being wolves. I fail to see why 2 separate wolf killing seasons are needed. Furthermore, I anticipate far more than the "allowed" amount of wolves will be killed. Thank you for your time.
- 3807 I feel that officials and public have been overly eager to hunt wolves. I also feel that the public and the DNR need to educate themselves much more on the population status and the behavioral status of wolves before hunting/trapping should even be considered. I strongly disagree with a season for hunting/trapping wolves.
- 3808 I hope you take my feedback seriously even though I don't support the killing of iconic wolves here in Minnesota. What I don't understand is that the wolf population has been STABLE for 10 years, to me, that doesn't justify a massive hunt. It means the wolves are controlling their populations, and efforts on our part to regulate that population is just going to land them on the endangered species list. I'm deeply disappointed that the DNR (Department of Natural RESOURCES) doesn't recognize wolves as an important resource to the state of Minnesota outside of hunting. It's been stated that hunters are interested in the heads and paws as trophies. They aren't going to be using the pelts to stay warm in the winter or consuming the meat. In fact, a dead wolf is going to be LESS of a "resource" to an individual hunter than it is ALIVE as part of our natural landscape. I also believe that using traps is an unfair and cowardly way to gain these trophies. You said it yourselves, wolves shy away from human contact, so again, I'm not clear on where all this contact with humans is taking place that is prompting this massive slaughter. But if you absolutely must have a wolf skull to add to your trophy collection, you should have to get close enough to shoot it. It's already incredibly disrespectful and in poor taste to kill wolves, an animal that is synonymous with our state, has deeply spiritual implications for our Native American communities, and is the living ancestor of our pet dogs that live and hunt beside us, but to then allow a person to merely set a tortuous trap for the animal and walk away is absolutely disgusting. I'm appalled at the stance you, the DNR, has taken on this issue. If you won't exercise your authority to protect a population that has demonstrated it can regulate itself for a decade, who will? And for what? A nominal license fee? Is the amount of money you're making for the wolf hunt a great deal more than it will cost to have to study the depredation rate and determine when wolves are too close to being endangered again, and then having to list them and reverse everything? Don't insult the people of Minnesota by stating that your long term goal is to protect the wolf. It's clear that's a far lower priority than appeasing hunters and making a few bucks. Oh, and I didn't see ANYTHING meaningful in your plan about enforcing the end of the wolf hunt. Requiring hunters be proactive and assuming they will check your website or even their emails is weak and will allow hunters to continue to hunt beyond the end date with the tidy excuse of "I just didn't know since I didn't check my email..." This whole wolf hunt, both your backwards justification for it, and the way you plan to enforce it, would be a funny joke if it wasn't so darn tragic for wolves and our State.
- 3809 I live in the Arrowhead region of N MN. I have not seen a wolf in 10 years. I am a hunter and spend considerable time in the woods. I also frequently fly over N. MN at low altitude and have not seen any wolves. I really question that we have 3000 wolves. This a very bad idea.
- 3810 This is 400 wolves too many. NO wolves should be hunted unless there comes a day where they are walking around on two legs brandishing guns, snares and traps for hunting humans. THE WOLVES ARE NOT FOOD. They should NEVER be hunted.
- 3811 JUST SAY NO TO KILLING PREDATORS. THEY ARE LIKE US, AND ARE PUT ON EARTH TO KILL PREY ANIMALS. WE NEED THEM.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3812 There should be no hunting or trapping of wolves. Hunters and trappers will find ways to take more than allowed for longer than allowed, and you can't control greed or thrill kills. You can't control the hunters.
- 3813 I in no way condone the hunting or trapping of wolves.
- 3814 I am totally against hunting the wolf as they regulate themselves according to food availability. This is all about your dam deer hunters and about money. I think the DNR has totally lost the purpose of their establishment. You know and I know that when you reach your so called quota that there will be an immense amount of illegal hunting and trapping that will lower the numbers even more. It has been proven that with out the predator everything suffers. Let God manage the wolf like he has always done.
- 3815 If the wolf population has remained steady, why do we need to kill so many? If we must have a wolf hunt, I would propose we only have the early hunt for the first year to see how it goes, then consider adding a second hunt the next time.
- 3816 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves
- 3817 I think that the whole thing needs 2 b trashed and a new one made. If we kill all the wolves off then we will suffer later. Our kids will suffer. We need 2 find other ways. These people that want 2 hunt the wolves don't do it because the have live stock killed. They do it because they want 2 make money on it or because they r killers. Look at what man has done 2 animals n the past. How many animals r no longer around. Wolves don't kill people. Wolves only kill what they need 2 feed the pack. Please reconsider this. For gods sake at least if they do kill wolves at least do it n a humane way. Thank u 4 reading this.
- 3818 The management goal of a population of 1,600 wolves out of a population of 3,000 is far too low. You're proposing to virtually halve the population. That's insane. Additionally, allowing a hunting season so soon after the species was federally delisted is a very disturbing move. This is a species that just over a year ago was federally endangered and now you want to allow hunters to take 400 of them in a single season? How does that make any sense? Stop letting politics influence wildlife management. Management decisions should be based on science, not the whims of state legislators who aren't educated in wildlife and ecosystem dynamics. Finally, trapping should not be allowed. It's inherently cruel and has been banned in many states. They're indiscriminate and can result in the taking of non-target species including family pets and protected species such as lynx or golden eagles. How do you propose to track the incidental take of these animals as a result of legalizing their use during the wolf season? Traps and snares result in brutal, inhumane deaths for animals and shouldn't be allowed at all in Minnesota.
- 3819 Please don't allow trapping. Hunting is one thing but the trapping is inhumane.
- 3820 Wolf hunting is an extreme tool for wolf management. Wolves are apex predators, and functionally do not normally overpopulate or diminish the prey base to levels below sustainability. There is no naturally justifiable reason for a wolf hunt, and only the usual artificial, and poorly justified, reason for this would be to maximize prey species for human hunters. If a human hunter of deer or elk cannot compete with the natural predators, or is otherwise too lazy to get out and work for his prize, then maybe he ought not hunt. Moreover, random shooting of wolves disrupts families, starves cubs and creates random lone wolves, who are more predictably likely to negatively interact with human activities. Wolf hunts are bad management, bad ethics and bad ecology. The legislature made a serious mistake, and the wildlife managers should do all they can to minimize the folly wrought by the lame-brained politicians.
- 3821 This should not be taking place at all. Sneaking in the deletion of the 5 year moratorium on the hunt after delisting them was a horrible and unethical move.
- 3822 This is NOT a survey about what we think of this hunt that is nothing more than a slaughter of a creature that is so necessary within our eco-system. This is about hunters who are hungry to hang yet another 'trophy'. SHAME ON MINNESOTA for being so ignorant. While I had plans to go to Minnesota on vacation this summer and also looked into 'summering' in the state, I will NOT be doing that. I doubt any of the legislators have seen a wolf or other animal in a trap or snare, the damage, the excusiating pain it causes. I doubt you understand that when you slaughter members of a wolf family, there are often pups who will starve and die, thus you are also murdering them. Pathetic, uneducated, non-caring politicians and government agencies that are causing the SLAUGHTER of a needed animal so that you can all pad your pockets with blood money from the special interests. SHAME ON YOU.
- 3823 There is zero point in hunting wolves. I deer hunt, and I view this only as an attempt by the MN DNR to raise more money. Do NOT kill the wolves, we need them. I harvest MORE than my fair share of deer. I will protest this hunt as much as I can.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3824 Public wolf hunting and trapping are bad ideas. The wolf population is too small and the rules too lax. The decision creating a season does not consider how recent inventions can speed up the decline of the population. These include high powered rifle with scopes for long range shooting, trail cameras for gathering information normally not known by hunters, remote deer stands reached easily by ATVs, and cell phone communication between hunters. Fewer game wardens and unreliable statistics on illegal hunting and trapping allow for major miscalculations on numbers taken. Public trapping & snaring of wolves will accidentally destroy or injure fox, bobcats, coyotes, and domestic dogs. Trapping is open 24 hours and is easily hidden from view. Any wolf carcass should be left for disposal at the DNR station. IF THE HIDE IS KEPT BY THE HUNTER OR TRAPPER, IT SHOULD BE REGISTERED AND PERMANENTLY TAGGED SO THAT IT COULD NOT BE SOLD WITHOUT THE NUMBER. Otherwise there will be illegal and uncontrolled trapping or hunting for profit. It is a poor comparison to keep hearing that the hunting season in Montana produced three dead wolves and that the low kill count will also apply to Minnesota. In 2011 the National Park Service reported 98 wolves in Yellowstone. The population density surrounding Minnesota's wolves is high compared to Montana. 3000 wolves is not a large number and disease and legal and illegal hunting and trapping could upset those figures quickly. The DNR's tilt toward hunting is creating a large divide between hunters and environmentalists. Hunting and trapping wolves as a sport can only turn off the youth of the state. The greying baby boomers will retire their rifles and the state will have to seek other means of revenue.
- 3825 I am against ANY hunting, trapping or poisoning of wolves, I think the wolves should be left ALONE, they help with the ecosystem
- 3826 Trapping is cruel and inhumane. It should be illegal in Minnesota. I don't believe wolves should be hunted.
- 3827 I oppose any Wolf Season
- 3828 You people disgust me! Your planned extermination of wolves is wrong! And your survey sucks!
- 3829 Minnesota is wrong to allow wolf hunting. There is no possible reason for this outrage. The entire "war on wolves" is disgusting. Apparently a "predator" is something that gets to something you want before you do. Remember, wolves hunt to live. Unlike humans, they do not live to hunt. We are the only species guilty of that. Shameful.
- 3830 From the UK: We are relocating to Minnesota this year - although we don't have hunting in England (we had pretty much killed everything by the 1700's) we nevertheless respect the tradition of hunting in America. Trapping however is quite another issue - we find it hard to understand why a civilised country would allow this - it is not stewardship, it is barbaric. Please reconsider the trapping issue.
- 3831 I am strongly against hunting of wolves in the state of Minnesota.
- 3832 This is wrong!!! they were just taken off the endangered list and even before you can let the ink dry, YOU CAN HUNT THEM NOW! I'm sickened by Minnesota and i will do whatever it takes to not let this happen! if that means i have to get 6,000 people together and buy each and every license out there to save the wolves lives, i will! you're just causing more problems. the younger wolves are gonna step up and start hunting if anything starts to happen to the older wolves! and there are so many DISHONEST people out there that MN could make their "quota" and people are still hunting them! there is no reason to be hunting wolves, there is no use for the meat or anything. Minnesota is just a fuckin greedy state and wants to make more fuckin money off people... so now they can go out and shoot wolves! WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE! YOU MAKE ME SICK!
- 3833 I'm appalled that legislation has been passed allowing the hunting and trapping of wolves. As you know, they've only recently been taken off the endangered species list and now people will be hunting them as if they're overpopulated like deer. Furthermore, trapping is inhumane not only to wolves, but to other animals (including dogs) that will be trapped as well. Wolves aren't the problem. People who are ill-informed about the true nature of wolves are. In addition, does the DNR really have the staff to monitor the hunt so that no more than 400 are taken. I spend a lot of time in the north country, and have had the misfortune of hearing hunters brag about their illegal hunting. I sincerely request that there be public meetings about this. I suspect the reason there aren't any planned is because most people object to this new effort to kill wolves.
- 3834 I am against this. They just came off the endangered list. I would prefer to find ways to move them back to the wilderness. They are not killed for food, just as a trophy. What a waste. Also I fear the funding to keep a handle on this will be such that the DNR cannot monitor it correctly and then too many will be killed. Why can't we be more tolerant and leave well enough alone.
- 3835 While you are governed by the legislature and must follow their guidelines it is up to your department to enforce the law and make this hunting as humane as possible. Traps should not be allowed. While I am against all hunting of wolves I do understand keeping the population under control, preventing starvation and all that. The issue is with the trapping. Perhaps here is where you could stop inhumane treatment, and step up to prevent unnecessary "sport" killing. Thank you.
- 3836 Are you kidding me?!? I strongly oppose wolf hunting season. I am disgusted!
- 3837 I don't like hunting or trapping wolves. If the population has been steady, then what is the problem? If Wolves must be killed, I can live with the hunting, but I am completely opposed to trapping. It is inhumane.
- 3838 I think this is very foolish to hunt and trap Wolves. I think many innocent dogs will be harmed in the traps and I feel that the number of permits issued is far too many. We spent years getting these animals off the endangered list only to turn around and hunt them as they are just returning?? This all seems so stupid, its almost unreal that this is even going on.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3839 I have never been so embarrassed to be from Minnesota. To murder an animal legally - an animal that has no food value and offers the killer nothing but a trophy just makes me sick. The thought of seeing wolves draped over the hoods of trucks will be the most horrific site that a Minnesota child will ever see. I contacted all of my Legislators with my objections throughout the season and not one person ever responded. You should all be completely and totally ashamed of this decision.
- 3840 I am strongly opposed to the wolf hunt. The sole purpose of the DNR is to PROTECT our natural resources. Funny how that equals a wolf hunt. It's just a matter of time before the wolf is hunted to the brink of extinction in Minnesota and we will once again hear cries to do something to save them. Stop the wolf hunt!
- 3841 As a MN hunter that tries to balance hunting with remaining humane I can't believe that trapping is allowed in MN and allowed for Wolf's. Not only is this a very bad way to die, it creates a perfect opportunity for groups to legitimately protest the season. I certainly will.
- 3842 original 5 year moratorium on hunting and trapping wolves should be reinstated.
- 3843 DO NOT allow wolf hunting/trapping. All the hype about wolves being harmful to livestock are just that--hype. If wolf hunting is allowed to proceed set license fees extremely high: \$1,000 +.
- 3844 I do not support the decision to impliment a wolf hunt for MN in 2012. There are many valid reasons for holding a 5yr moratorium after removing a species from the endangered list, plus as stated, our wolf population has remained unchanged for quite some time.
- 3845 I can't believe you will let people trap the wolves. That is very cruel and should not be allowed. Also somebody'e kid or pet may get trapped and injured or killed.
- 3846 I do NOT think there should be hunting/trapping of wolves in MN
- 3847 I would like to know how Dave Mech thinks this Wolf hunt will benefit the wolves, when it is they who are losing their lives for no reason. Shooting them is bad enough, but traps should be outlawed across the U.S. They are a cruel way to kill an animal and I would love to trap a hunter or two in one & see how they like it. I am sick to death of people crying Wolf and thinking they have more right to this earth than the wolves do.
- 3848 As a hobby, I plan to spend the remainder of my life using every legal means possible to ensure that every elected official and state employee who had a hand in this travesty loses that position. Regarding "wolf expert" David Mech, I know plenty of senile old fools who would love to testify in front of the legislature on any subject. Shame.
- 3849 I do not agree there should be a wolf killing season. Especially not in such an inhumane way as trapping is, which is also thought to be what will be most successful. This data states the wolf population has remained good for many years, and that success rates at controlling depredation are low. We do not need to interfere with the wolf population by killing them off to "maybe" save livestock that should be properly secured in the first place. I feel like the desire to hunt wolves is largely to sell their fur and make profit out of animal torture.
- 3850 I am completely and utterly against the hunting and trapping of wolves in our state. They are a natural part of our environment and need to be left alone. We have worked too hard to bring the wolves back here, and I feel we are taking several steps backwards by bringing them into the sport of hunting. To see them hunted and mounted as trophies is enough to bring tears to my eyes. I fear for the repercussions of hunting our wolves, and I am embarrassed of the state I have called home for so many years.
- 3851 NO HUNTING OF WOLVES!!!!
- 3852 I DO NOT SUPPORT THE KILLING OF WOLVES FOR SPORT OR POPULATIUN MANAGEMENT!!!!
- 3853 I am writing this note with a sense of disgust that you are claiming it is a good thing to pass a law allowing humans to shoot and trap beautiful animals that we have worked hard to protect from hardship and threatened extinction. The wolf does not deserve to be cruelly trapped and left to a painful death if the trapper doesn't show up for days to put him out of his misery. Nor does he deserve to be shot for sport. We owe the wolf more respect than that. I find it sad that our legislators found it necessary to pass a law allowing shooting and cruel trapping of an animal we all worked to keep from extinction. What happened to the 5 year waiting period? Can't the DNR find license money any other way than to exploit the wolf to obtain it? I am ashamed of the DNR. I am a nature lover and find great satisfaction being in the woods. What about the dogs or other animals that will wander into these traps? I could go on, but I think you understand how I feel... ..
- 3854 I do not support wolf hunting so soon after removal from endangered species list.
- 3855 The late season will be a serious deterrent to those who enjoy grouse hunting with dogs. The ability to enjoy returning to the woods after firearms deer season will be diminished by the potential for a dog to be caught in a trap intended for wolves. A single season for wolves which coincides with the firearms deer season should be enough to satisfy the pro wolf-hunt constituency without casting a cloud over the enjoyment of late-season small game hunting. As if concern about anaplasmosis and Lyme disease from deer ticks during the fall hunting season was not enough, now we have to worry about our dogs getting caught in traps or snares. A loud and politically influential minority has the potential to commandeer the forests for a substantial portion of the hunting season.
- 3856 I vehemently oppose wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota. Killing an animal just for the sake of killing it, for "sport" and not for food, is barbaric. We deserve better in Minnesota!
- 3857 This hunt is an outrage, the result of underhanded legislation during the 2011 special session.. The 2012 legislation ties the DNR's hands, but the more restrictive, the better. Any penalties you can impose, should be imposed. Records of problems should be meticulous..

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3858 This survey is a farce! There is no option provided for someone who is not going to hunt or trap to add their opinion. I also feel that after 30+ years of protection it is moronic to allow them to be hunted!! I would suggest that in the future any surveys offered are reviewed to allow a true sample of respondents opinions, if that is what you are truly attempting to gauge with this survey.
- 3859 I'm opposed to the hunting of wolves. We should be learning from history, not repeating it. There has been years of conservation work and this decision was a huge step backwards.
- 3860 This is barbaric. If the wolf population has been about the same for 10 years, why the need to change it? Trapping should not be allowed as it is inhumane.
- 3861 I cannot believe that the DNR reclassified the wolf as a small game animal just to get around the five year moratorium on hunting after they were delisted from the Endangered Species list. This is underhanded and disturbing. Additionally, why are you not enforcing existing laws against killing wolves? This is a sad, sad situation. I am a resident of northern Beltrami county and wolves are not a harm to anyone.
- 3862 To Whom It May Concern: A hot debate right now in Minnesota with the decision to allow hunting and trapping of wolves. As someone said, we saved them to kill them. Indeed. Wolves and other animals are part of our surroundings and it is up to us to figure out a way to get along with them, since we are invading their habitats. Where are wild animals supposed to live? We keep taking away their space. I do not believe killing them is the answer but I am especially against trapping. SOMEONE has to speak up for these animals. I assume the people for this decision have watched videos or seen an actual live animal or wolf stuck in one of these traps and the suffering, torture, panic and anxiety it is experiencing, and the circle of blood left from it trying to go release itself. Who is going to monitor that trappers check their traps every 24 hours? Each MINUTE is hell for a trapped animal. In this day and age of our being more aware of animal cruelty, this fits the bill. How can reconsider this decision be changed? I believe in letting nature take its course. Wolf hunting is being compared/lined up with deer hunting. Do we allow DEER to be trapped? This is foolish. What do people want to do with the wolves they kill? Certainly not to eat them, as they do with the deer. I rarely have the courage to voice an opinion to a group but this is something I feel very strongly about and from what I have heard and seen, I am in the majority, according to the DNR's own website. We need to listen to the majority of the state and not allow trapping of any of our precious wildlife that are a blessing from our Creator. We cannot keep using that as our solution. Thank you for your time.
- 3863 I am vehemently opposed to wolf hunting!
- 3864 I hope the 5 year moratorium on hunting wolves will be reinstated - let's see how they fare first before starting an immediate trap/hunt.
- 3865 Registration fee should be higher, around \$100.00. Hours should be the same as for deer hunting. Trapping should not be allowed. All hunting should be restricted around wolf preserves and radio-collaring areas.
- 3866 This seems way too soon. We had legislators deciding the fate of wolves? If wolf numbers and their distribution have remained relatively stable for the past 10 years and have been well above the federal wolf recovery population goal since the late 1990s, and this is a good thing, then why are you suggesting a 13% thinning rate? What, who, and why was this decision put into place so soon? You state there was little public display of negativity to this - how could there have been? You pushed through a season faster than anything else the state gov't has ever accomplished. I hunt and will teach my children and grand children to enjoy and appreciate this past time as much as I do but I am completely against this new law. Protecting your live stock from predators is one thing but opening up a season of something so rare and just off the endangered list seems premature. You also run the risk of the federal gov't taking more control back when they realized just after they released the power to the state to manage the population, you decide to kill off 13% of them.
- 3867 I am ashamed of the state for rushing this through with no public hearings or waiting period. This can only mean that you know most people are not in favor of hunting or trapping wolves. Where is the democracy?
- 3868 I do not support wolf trapping or hunting. Its going to be a very sad day for them. Why not take extra measures to protect the farm animals and people. Put up better fencing around the livestock or educate people on wolves. They are not dangerous. Just trying to find food and its too bad they have to compete with the deer hunters and thats probably part of this action.
- 3869 I think it is wrong to hunt wolves so soon after the endangered status has been lifted. What if it is a very hard winter and more are lost than planned and more than planned are hunted? Then there is a bigger loss in the population than planned thus putting them in an endangered status again.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3870 I do not agree with establishing a wolf season in Minnesota. I believe it will cause new problems, as alpha animals will be killed, resulting in a higher proportion of younger, juvenile animals which may prey on livestock. The wolf population has remained relatively stable in Minnesota for the last 10 years, so I do not see any reason to implement a hunting season at this time. The previously approved wolf management plan had said that there would be NO hunting season for at least 5 years if the wolf was delisted, but the state legislature has ignored that by pushing for the proposed hunting season. Minnesota used to be considered to be a progressive state in terms of wildlife management, but now it appears that misguided political and economic interests are driving the process similar to the actions being seen in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Wolves play a critical role in maintaining prey populations and their habitats and must be protected. Most Minnesotans, and US citizens in general, appreciate wolves and are beginning to understand the important ecological roles they play. I am extremely dismayed that the Minnesota legislature has fallen prey to special interest groups lobbying to reduce wolf populations, and has directed the DNR to implement a hunting season, including trapping and snaring which endanger many other non-target species including pets and humans.
- 3871 I wish the original 5-year waiting period were kept intact.
- 3872 This is horrible idea, especially the trapping. It is cruel and to what end do you use a dead wolf for??
- 3873 Minnesotan's should not be allowed to hunt or trap timber wolves. Hunting for the purpose of food is acceptable but to kill animals for the sake of just killing them is wrong. I can not express into words my disappointment in our states elected officials for approving this reckless plan to hunt and trap timber wolves so shortly after them being delisted. There should be absolutely NO baiting and ATV/snowmobiles allowed when hunting/trapping the wolves. If hunters want to "hunt" let them find their game without artificial means. Violators of baiting and tracking wolves with machines should be heavily fined, have their weapons and vehicles seized. Trapping should be outlawed state wide it is inhumane and abusive to animals. There is NO reason to have 2 hunting seasons and a trapping season on wolves. The DNR needs to restrict hunting and trapping to 1 short season. As you know many wolves are killed each year illegally and this now will give these unconscionable people a justifiable green light to shoot wolves year round. There is NO reason to lessen the fines as stated, the fines should be increased because people are allowed to hunt wolves now. Hopefully you will not allow mother wolves to be killed if they have babies with them, and the babies should not be included as fair game. Hunters have rights and so do non-hunters so please keep that in mind. I know the DNR has no authority to override the law but you do have the authority to lessen the impact of this insane plan to hunt and trap our timber wolves. Please take the most restrictive route for the first season when making your decisions regarding this matter and respectfully take the comments made by citizens into serious consideration.
- 3874 Why has your agency so quickly forgot about Chronic Wasting Disease? This was a quick plan, and a bad one. TABLE THE PLAN to allow hunting
- 3875 You have done a terrible dis-service to Wolves by opening hunting on them. Wolves historically have received a bad rap. I would not be so quick to believe the farmers and public about Wolf damage in the state. The politicians have no clue about the family group of Wolves and how they live and have lived for centuries. You (DNR) should have supported the Wolves (protected) in keeping them on the endangered list. They are the epitome of life in the wild. You have opened up the door to more poaching of the Wolf than has already happened. It is really a shame that you think you need to step in and mess with nature.
- 3876 This is a huge mistake that i will fully participate in protesting. Please do not open a can of worms that you will NOT be able to control. People are idiots and there is no way you can regulate to the 1600 minimum. Its called a food chain, let things happen naturally or we will all be sorry for it. They hardly have enough land as it is, but killing them on land that technically belongs to them is just another instance of humans being self-serving and short-sighted. Why you possibly think this is a good idea shows your lack of foresight and ingenuity. Figure something else out. Don't kill the wolves because you're lazy.
- 3877 I hope something can be done to delay the wolf hunting and trapping season until the results in WI and other states can be studied. This presentation is disengenious in that it says this wolf hunt is consistent with the wolf management plan as the agreed upon plan had a 5 year wait. I know that wolves are not a problem to farmers in my area - I live in Beltrami County northeast of Bemidji, and I know that the wolf hunt & trap season is offensive to my Anishinabeg friends and neighbors, who were not consulted by the wolf hunt bill's authors. The Commissioner of the DNR should explore every legal option to delay and prohibit the hunting of wolves in MN. We don't hunt loons, we don't hunt owls or eagles, even though they are all predators, make scary noises at night, and may appear in scary childrens' stories and cartoons. Th delisting of the wolf was a mistake for Minnesota and I believe conservation biologists have made a mistake pinning their hopes on management of extensive wildlands for endangered charismatic megafauna like the wolf instead of preserving habitat for all of the species that reside with in it and vital ecosystem functions. Without the wolf to help preserve Northern forests as a protected species, what must we now do to protect the headwaters of the Mississippi and ensure clean and drinkable water for the Twin Cities? The DNR must begin to think in these terms.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3878 First off, the survey seems to only apply to hunters, not people who aim to protect wolves or who are against the hunting/trapping proposed. I would like to see some hard, clear evidence of wolf predation in Minnesota and the "conflicts" mentioned. I have lived in Minnesota my entire life and have not had or heard of any problems with wolves. Coyotes are the nuisance, they have no fear of humans and actively go onto properties harming livestock and pets. Wolves have a natural, healthy fear of man and account for only a minimal amount of predation on livestock. I can understand a season on wolves by shooting with firearms, though I do not approve. Any amount taken will be seen by the wolves as numbers needed to be replaced. Hunting is not the most successful strategy since any hunted animal will reproduce more to make up for the lost numbers. Non-lethal methods and sterilization are much more successful. It has been proven that ranches using pre-recorded wolf territory calls deter wolves from their land. And really, if people graze their livestock on public land, it is their own fault and loss if they lose an animal. I thought trapping had stopped, since it really is just a cruel and outdated tactic to taking animals. At least if a hunter is a good enough shot, the wolf will go down quickly and will feel less pain. Trapping is a whole new ball game. It always end in a slow, painful death where the animal panics and hurts itself more. The traps are not only dangerous to wolves, but to every other animal in the area, including pets and people. I am stunned that this danger was not brought up. Many hunters are not going to take that into consideration and can do little to protect anyone from stumbling into a trap. I for one would be appalled to know that somewhere I hike or explore could be set with traps. What happens when someone's beloved pet, or even child, wanders into a trap? What happens when other animals stumble into them. Traps are archaic and barbaric. They are too much trouble to be used. Next, I think this program gives hunters too much credit. It is my belief that hunters/trappers will not check daily to see if the quota has been met. They will go out and get more than the required amount and say "oops, my bad" and get a slap on the wrist for it. Also, I am worried about family dogs during this hunting season. My own family has had too many dogs killed by hunters because they "resembled" a wolf. These dogs were huskies and shepherds, out on their own property and killed for it. What will happen when this happens to other people, when hunting wolves is actually legal? I really think that the plan is far too rushed. No matter the reasoning, to not have a public hearing about this is an insult. And sure, the 400 some wolf quota will not hurt the general population. But each wolf taken will hurt its family. Wolves are very family oriented and every wolf has a part in its pack. Gandhi once said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
- 3879 I am very happy to observe that you have a quota and will then close the season. A lot of people I talk to are outraged that you are having a wolf hunting season. However, I do realize that many people cannot take into account all sides of the issue and will not think anything needs to be controlled until after people start getting killed.. I would like to see the quota lowered by another 100. It isn't like they are deer. Wolves are very family oriented
- 3880 I'm opposed to this year's hunt. The DNR should not have messed with the original plan of a 5-year moratorium before going ahead with a hunt and trapping season. I still fail to see why there's such a rush to start a hunting and trapping season this year. An accurate count of the state's wolves should be conducted first. I will try to work with upcoming legislators to get this legislation overturned.
- 3881 I feel killing the wolves is the craziest idea yet. We have worked so hard to continue increasing the wolf population and now we kill 400 of them? This is crazy.
- 3882 I am totally against a wolf hunt in Minnesota. There are alternatives to this barbaric approach to keep the population under control. Shooting them is bad enough, but trapping animals is cruel and inhumane. I thought Minnesotans were progressive and not backward like some other states where killing animals is "fun" and a "hobby."
- 3883 This is management by politics, not science. The approach is to address areas of high depredation conflict which I can support, then why are all zones open? Core habitat areas where there has been no depredation should be closed. The law states snares "may" be used; DNR should not allow snares. 400 may seem conservative, this is an arbitrary number and should be reduced to 200 total so that impact on pack dynamics and population growth can be evaluated. If depredation zones are targeted, then fewer wolves should need to be killed for depredation. The survey is also biased. I do not support the hunting trapping season as proposed.
- 3884 this has to be the worst idea that the DNR has ever had. There are no livestock in the hunting areas, the wolf's main diet consists of mice, ground squirrels, and the occasional deer...all of which we have in great abundance. Killing wolves is for killing's sake only...no one proposes to eat them like other game animals. This is simply a sell-out to the Northern Minnesota gun lobby...I know of no real hunters who are even considering this season. Bad decision by politically inspired people.
- 3885 Why would the DNR allow the inhumane activity of trapping? To have a large mammal sitting in a trap suffering is beyond comprehension for an entity like the Department of Natural Resources. Why would you be having a season anyway? Everyone knows those pukes up north gut shoot the wolves so they die away from their properties and don't get caught. Plus I always find it humorous with the worthless farmers complaining on T.V.about wolves eating their livestock and never mention they get government checks for the loss....What a bunch of cry babies.... When is Mille Lacs Walleye limit going to one fish of 17 inches???
- 3886 I oppose wolf hunting and trapping. When I think of trapping, I think of torturing the poor animal. Please do not allow hunting in Minnesota. I don't want to think of our state as the state that tortures animals - legally!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3887 I can not understand how a wolf hunting season can be deemed necessary for an animal recently removed from the endangered species list. I also struggle to understand how trapping a living creature is in the least bit humane. I find this beyond disgusting. Will people actually eat these animals or is it "for sport" only - if so, incredibly sad. Also, you speak of "harvesting" these beautiful animals as if they are a crop of corn...that is sickening. I simply do not understand this and can not help but feel our legislatures are seeking a simple solution to off-setting our state deficit. This is unfortunate and disheartening...I am ashamed of being from the beautiful state of Minnesota for the first time in my life.
- 3888 I don't believe the wolf count is accurate. there should not be a wolf hunt. This hunt is just for the sick and cruel,they love to kill. Our DNR is infiltrated by sick hunters and trappers. When will we stop this killing. There is no reason for it.
- 3889 I think its to early to allow hunting of wolves. Please wait for at least 3 years.
- 3890 I think that anyone who applies for a wolf hunting license should be required to attend an educational class on wolves before being granted a hunting license. I think the cost of a license should be \$300 for residents, and \$500 for non-residents. I do not think trapping should be allowed. If trapping is allowed, I do not think the remaining quota from the early hunt should be added to the late hunt. I do not think there should even BE a later hunt! I don't think the hunting season should be during deer season - and baiting SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED because it is not fair or sportsman-like. I also think the 5 year waiting period should still apply, since the changes were snuck in on a financial bill - also not very fair! And why are you not having public meetings on this issue? Are you that worried about the public outcry? How do you plan to enforce the no hunting at night rule if you are going to allow baiting and trapping? That makes absolutely no sense at all.
- 3891 You goddam thoughtless bastards. You can't get out there fast enough to blow away a beautiful animal that is only doing what they are bred to do. In January they were endangered, now were going to kill 400 of them. Are you calling this a harvest too. What are you going to do hang one on the wall, maybe a rug. Let's vote on whether we want the wolves hunted rather than listen to some overpaid PHD (Mech) who has decided wolves need to be thinned. FUCK YOU
- 3892 I currently do not support wolf hunting. However, in the future I would potentially support it pending further problems between human/wolf populations, including affect on farmed livestock in areas of higher wolf population. I don't believe we have reached this level yet.
- 3893 This is the most idiotic thing I have seen in Minnesota.
- 3894 This is so wrong in so many ways! The wolves should never been taken off the endangered list! Humans are moving into thier territories and destroying THIER natural habitats and hunting grounds! Wolves, bears, whatever, leave them alone, they have been on earth for thousands of years and by hunting and killing them for sport is unacceptable -shame on you Minnesota DNR! Please remind Minnesotans what your true mission statement is!
- 3895 This is repulsive and I vehemently oppose a wolf hunting season.
- 3896 I believe this is totally wrong. Wolves are needed as the large predator to keep overpopulations of wild grazing animals, as well as cleaning up the wilderness areas of dead animals. All animal populations should be at a healthy level. Simply because the wolf is off the endangered list, doesn't give us reason to begin hunting them.
- 3897 I am totally opposed to the indiscriminate killing of wolves. I am totally opposed to the trapping of any animals as it is a cruel practice that causes much suffering to the animal.
- 3898 This is an absurd move for the benefit of interest groups and disregarding the importance of these animals to the ecosystem
- 3899 I am adamantly opposed to hunting wolves in Minnesota. These magnificent creatures should be left alone. As a compromising individual I could be okay with an actual wolf hunt, but the trapping has to go. Trapping wolves is a cowardly, brutal, and unfair way to kill the animal.
- 3900 I am strongly against a wolf hunt to begin with, but since it clearly is going to happen regardless of my feeling on the subject, there are some concerns I have with the current plan. First, the trapping is a very cruel and unnecessary end to such an intelligent creature and I strongly believe that the second season where trapping is planned should be removed. I also believe it's ridiculous to be putting out 6000 permits for an estimated wolf population of only 3000 and a quota of 400 wolves. I think that the number of permits should be lowered and the price of the permits should be more than just \$30. A wolf's life is worth more than a mere \$30, and those that were interested in the hunt would more than likely be willing to pay more. I do thank you for opening up the topic for public opinion and I hope you consider everyone's input.
- 3901 I don't think trapping should be used, yet. just guns... untill it's decided that hunting isn't doing the job.
- 3902 Thank you for allowing public comment. I strongly opposed to any trapping, for wolves or any other animal. It is cruel, barbaric, and indiscriminate. I am disappointed that the General Assembly lifted the 5-year waiting period. If the wolf population has stayed the same for 10 years, then why kill any wolves? I would prefer that Minnesota impose a ban on hunting/trapping of wolves and make a genuine effort to coexist with them.
- 3903 3,000 may sound like a lot of wolves - but it isn't and as with any other "sport" hunting there will be poachers and those who feel justified to hunt out of the parameters set by the DNR. If you choose to live in a remote area you are choosing to live with the habitat that surrounds. Stop changing the habitat for human consumption and use and respect the wildlife that exists on the land and has for thousands of years.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3904 I know you are going forward with a season regardless of my opinion (based on the experience I had with my legislators, it seems everyone who had a contrary opinion was ignored), but I just wanted to say I think you are doing a huge disservice to this species by implementing a hunting and trapping season so soon after delisting. The 2001 wolf management plan called for a period of 5 years before any public taking of wolves could occur. Why the rush? Thus far, the DNR hasn't proven able to manage the deer population, which is too large and is transforming the forests of northern MN. The wolf is a species that could help control the deer population, yet you see fit to open a season on an animal that could help with this population control. I don't get it. Anyhow, just wanted to share my two cents. Good luck with your wolf season, and I really hope we, as a state, don't end up looking like idiots for railroading this hunting season through.
- 3905 I do understand that on a fairly regular basis farmers and those with livestock, especially sheep, have issues with wolves attacking their animals and pets. I do think that there are ways to help the farmers and keep wolves away from humans and more populated areas but I disagree that giving 400 over-zealous deer hunters permits to hunt wolves is going to "reduce human-wolf conflicts by making the animals more wary of humans." (Dave Mech, wolf researcher for the U.S. Geological Survey in St. Paul) I also think that more than the 400 wolf quota will be killed, because some hunters will be dishonest and kill more than their bag limit of one wolf. While others may not report their kill immediately, though they are legally compelled to do so, thus leading to excessive overkill, "because the season will be closed if the quota is reached". I worry that wolves that have tracking collars will be killed, which will seriously harm efforts to ensure the continued survival of the once threatened wolf. I think that sending hunters out freely into the wolves' natural habitat and killing them won't do anything to limit their encounters with humans. And since it is already in the provisions of the law that: Owners of livestock, guard animals or domestic animals may shoot or destroy wolves that pose an immediate threat to their animals, on property they own or lease in accordance with local statutes. "Immediate threat" means the observed behavior of a wolf in the act of stalking, attacking, or killing livestock, a guard animal, or a domestic pet under the supervision of the owner. Additionally, the owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a wolf posing an immediate threat on any property, as long as the owner is supervising the pet I really see no need to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves purely for sport. Don't let any old Joe Amateur hunt wolves, game hunting is very different than predator hunting, and if population control is necessary it should be undertaken exclusively by strictly regulated government experts.
- 3906 I don't feel baiting should be allowed at all for deer wolves or bear hunting, baiting isn't hunting. I also don't agree with trapping as the wolf could get caught in the trap and suffer for many hours before it dies or is found and shot. I also think people are going to go over board and push the limits on the legal parameters. In other words I think there will be a lot of illegal hunting happening.
- 3907 please do not allow any trapping or hunting of wolves
- 3908 I am completely opposed to the hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota for trophy purposes. I was in favor of the 5 year moratorium. I am extremely disappointed in our legislature for pushing this hunt through. The science does not support a hunt/trap. Dr. Mech states in a recent video on the DNR site that this is a social issue, not a science issue. That is just plain wrong, ignoring the wealth of research studying the role of predators in a healthy ecosystem. Moreover, it is a social issue that puts in to clear focus the desires of a small minority with the majority of Minnesotans. The DNR is not serving the majority of the MN population who value wilderness and wildlife beyond hunting. I come from a tradition of sportsmen and deer hunters, who all oppose hunting the wolf. Trapping the wolf is an abomination. Hunting the wolf risks a public backlash on against hunters generally. Hunting the wolf also puts a spotlight on the DNR, which does tremendous good work in the state. However, DNR now risks simply being known as the agents of death the killing of wolves. Not good for Minnesota. I am wholly opposed.
- 3909 Setting a season for hunting/trapping wolves before any time has passed to assess how they are doing after being delisted seems premature and ill-advised. This whole season seems to be politically motivated and not based on any scientific data and is irresponsible by the DNR. There should be a 3 yr. wait period before instituting any wolf hunting. No trapping should be allowed at all with the danger to other wildlife, pets, people. Who dares to go in the woods with the threat of being snared or having your pet trapped. Trapping is inhumane and dangerous for those of us living in the northwoods. I am disappointed with the DNR allowing this precipitous wolf hunt to be even considered, much less scheduled.
- 3910 This is horrific. We have fought so hard to regain the population and now you want to kill them. Its disgusting. Wolves are a symbol of Minnesota's beauty. They shouldn't be hunter for sport.
- 3911 The hunting and especially the trapping of wolves is outrageous. They just came off the endangered list. It has certainly not been proved that the wolves are a real threat to farmers. Allowing the hunting and trapping of wolves seems to be against everything I think the DNR stands for should stand for. Shame on the DNR, the legislature who who voted for this law and for Governor Dayton who signed it.
- 3912 Hunting for just purely political reasons is Wrong!! I am an avid deer,turkey,grouse and small game hunter. There is never a good reason to hunt anything that we do not eat!! IT is wrong period!! I if were attacked (which wont happen) or if my livestock or pets were threatened would not hesitate to shoot the problem animal but shooting for political reasons is wrong!!!!!!!!!!!!!! These animals belong in northern Minnesota as much as we do!
- 3913 I am completely against any sort of wolf hunting and this survey is directed toward hunters in the public. A lot of the questions are a double- bind that the season is already happening despite public opposition. This is a terrible idea and it is sick. There is no reason to hunt wolves.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3914 With a stable population of about 3000 wolves, there seems to be no legitimate need for the wolf hunting season and threatens the recovery of the population. Other hunting seasons have been justified as population control, since we have largely removed the predators that kept animal populations in check. Since there is no overpopulation issue occurring here, the only purpose to be served by the wolf season is to give 400 hunters/trappers another trophy.
- 3915 Please don't do this. Why would we put wolves on the endangered species list, grow the population, watch it steadily increase for 5 years, take them off the list, then KILL THEM??? I do not see how this makes sense and how it is allowable.
- 3916 I think hunting wolves is barbaric. Something we fought so hard to save is now being hunted down and killed with no regard. Wolves should be protected at all costs. We have no right to just stomp out whatever makes our lives inconvenient or "gets in our way". I understand the legislature supporting this, but I can't believe the Governor would allow for such activity.
- 3917 Leave the wolves alone. If you have a farm and the wolves threaten your livestock, you should be able to defend them by killing the wolves, but this is the only reason I can accept for killing a wolf.
- 3918 I am overall opposed to the hunting/trapping of wolves. In addition, I am concerned about the traps/snares being used for the trapping season as it also is grouse hunting season and domesticated dogs could be harmed or even killed.
- 3919 It is inhumane to trap wolves. Shooting them is bad enough. They have a social structure that is vulnerable to indiscriminate culling. Repeat, it is inhumane to trap wolves. No thoughtful, compassionate person would do that to another living being, especially not a creature that is so intelligent and social. Leaving an animal in terrible pain and unable to escape or defend itself is beyond the pale of cruelty.
- 3920 Why are you doing this? What is to happen once a person kills a wolf? I do not understand what the purpose is. People are going to shoot them just for the sake of shooting them. Why do I get fined if I run over a goose with my car when we have tons of those, too?? The wolf hunt angers me to no end because it is unjustifiable. There is NO PURPOSE!
- 3921 I strongly oppose wolf hunting.
- 3922 As someone who spends much of her time in Minnesota's wilderness areas, I sincerely hope you will reconsider endangering these prized species for the sake of appeasing hunters and farmers. I believe Minnesota can do better than this and stand out as a National leader in wolf protection. I urge you to read Farley Mowat's book *Never Cry Wolf*.
- 3923 I understand that we need to manage our growing wolf population, but disagree completely with the inhumane techniques of trapping. I know that only hunting will reduce the amount of wolves taken, but there has to be a more humane way to deal with the population. I will not vote for re-election any person currently in office who voted to approve trapping!
- 3924 This is ridiculous! Just because a species is removed from an endangered list does not mean we should kill it. I am vehemently opposed to wolf hunting!
- 3925 I am ashamed to be a born Minnesotan at times like this. I wonder how any of you would like to be held in a leg hold trap for up to a week (probably longer), starved to death and then just finally shot or tortured? It's always man's solution to any animal problem. . . let's kill off the problem. If a feed could sterilize them I'm sure you'd reject it because it wouldn't satisfy the blood hunger of so many "hunters". I got a purple heart in Vietnam and have never, and will never, hunt again. Shame on you for allowing baiting also. Trapping is so inhumane it should be banned in all forms!!! Did you know it takes up to 20 minutes to drown a beaver using underwater type traps? We also understand so little of the highly complex wolf society and here we indiscriminately take out members of those packs. It's no wonder that most will be deer hunters because they need to solve their blood thirst anyway with wolves, squirrels, rabbits. . . anything with a heart and blood. If people can buy a license to hunt them then the rest of us should be able to buy a license to save one!
- 3926 I think it is terrible that wolves are going to be hunted so soon after being removed from the endangered species list. Wolves are a sacred animal to our Native people and there should be other ways to control the population. It just doesn't seem right.
- 3927 Just plain wrong!
- 3928 Removing (in 2011) the waiting period before allowing a wolf season was a mistake. Trapping of wolves is disgusting...do you realize there are countries that do not allow any trapping? It is an extremely cruel practice. The current population of wolves should be allowed to stabilize naturally. It is not necessary to have a hunting season for them.
- 3929 I don't believe there should be ANY hunting/trapping of wolves in Minnesota. Trapping is cruel and some die an agonizing death.
- 3930 I don't agree with the Hunting and Trapping Season for Wolves. I am especially opposed to the trapping/snare portion. The snares and traps will catch animals that are not targeted. In addition, traps and snares are inhumane. Bypassing the 5 years waiting period demonstrates a lack of trust I have for the DNR. Definitely not a department worth supporting. The wolves are removed from protection and right away the DNR jumps in and proposes the Hunting and Trapping Season. As they say - Man UP and stick to your word. Wait 5 years then decide.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3931 1. This is a very poorly constructed survey. In the first question, I indicated that I do NOT support wolf hunting or trapping in MN, yet I was still forced to answer questions regarding wolf hunting and trapping in order to complete the survey but was not offered a "not applicable" answer option. 2. I do not believe that wolf hunting and trapping will be beneficial to our state nor to the delicate wolf population. I feel that there is very little data regarding the actual threat that wolves pose against livestock and domestic pets (or at least very little data that I could find in my research on this topic). How was it determined that wolves are killing enough livestock to be detrimental to MN farming? Are we as a state really willing to potentially drastically reduce the numbers of an apex predator because some people have lost their domestic pets? I do not feel that the "protection from wolf depredation" offered to farmers and pet owners by this hunting season is a good enough reason to put the wolf population in danger. Another concern is that this legislation puts far too much responsibility on the hunter. Expecting all 6000 licensed hunters to register all wolf kills seems to me to be a lofty goal. How will the numbers be verified? How can you be sure that a hunter only killed 10 wolves and not 40? It appears that, under these regulations, the entire MN wolf population will be regulated by hunters instead of conservation officers. Additionally, the trapping allowance has potential to be a major issue. Wolves are social animals and travel in packs. They roam the same territory and hunt together. Therefore, with very few traps, hunters can wipe out entire wolf packs in a very short time. This leads not only to less natural predators in a certain area which could contribute to a rise in prey (deer, rabbit, elk, moose, etc.), but also could lead to undocumented kills (i.e. wolves left without a pack and therefore less likely to survive).
- 3932 I hate that this was passed. I believe that if wolves has self policed their own population for the last 10 years, they will continue to do so. I also believe that a population of 1600 is too few and is an issue with inbreeding which will affect the health of our wolf population. I think it's a huge mistake to allow this. I do NOT see how this will help our farmers. There is no way to ascertain that the wolves taken were any problem to humans. This is despicable of Minnesota. I am deeply saddened.
- 3933 I do not agree with hunting wolves and I believe there should be another method of handling the so called wolf problem. The wolf's home range should be protected and restrictions should be placed on live stock in high wolf population areas. Live stock and farming of animals that offer food to wolves should be limited to other areas of the state where there are no wolves currently or their numbers are minimal. The Red Lake Indian reservation in Minnesota has declared its lands a wolf sanctuary and has left its discretion of problem wolves up to Conservation Officers, as these cases may arise. I think the States can do a little more to save the wolves then put a season on them, only to silence the voices of only a few that have magnified certain situations. This season is in violation of and is very disrespectful to native american's beliefs and culture. The wolf is animal that is sacred and holy in the minds of all native americans. There is prophecy of great importance that is directly affected by the population of wolves, also the wolf (Timber Wolf) is a clan animal of both the Ojibwe and of the Dakota nations and many families are closely linked to the wolves. If a more humane management plan can not be implimented, all tribal lands, trust lands and lands with use of fructury rights should also combine and create wolf sancuary lands.
- 3934 This HUNT is totally INSANE,what in the world will they do with the dead Wolves. YOUR ALL idiots,
- 3935 I think that, as originally planned, the wolf numbers should be accurately accounted for before opening a hunting season. I believe the first wolf hunt should be delayed until this is done.
- 3936 I see this only as a desire to sell more deer hunting licenses. I hunt deer. Success has nothing to do with the presence of wolves. Additionally, the fact that you would lower the fine for illegally taking a wolf is rediculous. Preference should be to law abiding citizens, and increasing the fine to further deter illegal behavior.
- 3937 I oppose hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota but I am pleased that the MN DNR is taking a conservative approach by setting a low quota.
- 3938 As a biologist, wolf hunting triggers an immediate red flag for several reasons. There is still moose hunting allowed despite dwindling populations. Why? So we can eat the endangered moose meat? You don't eat wolf meat, so, what's the point of killing them? To "manage" them? If we didn't kill back the wolf and predator population, we wouldn't have such an overpopulation of deer. It seems that people like to stick their fingers in the cookie jar rather than allow natural balance between predator and prey relationship. This whole wolf hunting process seems very rushed and driven by over eager hunters to halve the wolf population--it just recovered! Government money should be focused on helping livestock raisers implement better fencing to keep their animals safe, not to eliminate a historically persecuted wolf. Education on how to keep livestock and pets safe should be included. Steeper penalties should be increased to discourage hunters from shooting out of season. How does the DNR plan to protect dogs and pets from unattended traps? Ask any dog owner, they've all had scares or tragedies of pets caught in traps. Will the traps that are allowed kill the poor wolf instantly? Or will it suffer or chew its leg off to free itself? Can the DNR protect and enforce northern breed dogs from being shot? Last year, a woman's two pup german shepherds were shot and killed on her own property; even after she told the drunken hunters they were loose. My father had a coworker who trapped coyotes, the man told him that one time a 'coyote' was trapped in a foot trap, as he pulled his rifle out to kill it, it sat and shook paw, he killed the dog anyhow. I hope the DNR realizes they are opening a can of worms by allowing wolf hunting and trapping.
- 3939 I think 2012 wolf Season in completely wrong. Don't kill our Wolves.
- 3940 When does bald eagle season open?

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3941 This is a joke... Minnesota has worked so hard to save wolves, and now that they're not on the federal protection list, you want to kill them. Your plan is also to "notify" every hunter that the season is closed after the quota is met... like this is really going to stop people from shooting wolves. You'd be far better off limiting the number of licenses you'll give out to just 400 people, than to open it to everyone, and shut it down when the quota is met. This isn't a light switch or water valve you're trying to turn off... this is some VERY poor planning by this state and the DNR.
- 3942 I do not support trapping of any animal. It is a cruel and inhumane way to "thin the herd" so to speak. Hunting is bad enough but trapping is immoral. Not only might a wolf have to suffer for days before put down, but other animals also can get trapped and suffer. There is no good argument that I have heard for allowing trapping. Trapping should be banned... period, for any animal, including wolves. Although I hate hunting, I understand the reasons to control the populations so I would much rather see hunting allowed without the trapping. Please don't allow trapping. I would hate to have someone's beloved dog get caught in a wolf trap like so many other dogs have been killed in those body traps shown on the news recently. NO TRAPPING EVER please. Thank you.
- 3943 It is not right to issue 6000 licenses when there are only 3000 wolves. There are enough hunters out there who will take at least one and probably more to brag about it. DNR can't be everywhere and check everyone. The wolf population could very easily be decimated this first year. Badly thought out. There should not be a season on wolves.
- 3944 This hunt is unnecessary. It appears to me to be only for sport, for the pelt and not the meat. I say we don't hunt them. There will be people who abuse this and we will be right back where we were with the wolf being endangered.
- 3945 I feel you are opening up a kill on site situation. Even with a lottery for a license you are going to have people killing wolves and leaving them lay just because they don't like them. I know many people that have seen wolves in the woods and said they couldn't get a clear shot otherwise they would have killed it. Believe me, I will be calling TIPS if I hear of any being shot, and I will expect to have the shooting looked into if they do not have a tag. If you already have federal trappers working with the farmers that are having loss of livestock do to wolves and in the last year and a half they have killed 240 wolves why would you need to open a season? You are giving out 6000 tags for this hunt, do you REALLY think that people are going to check your web site to see if the quota has been met? You are going to hear time and time again that they didn't have phone or computer access and didn't know the season had been closed. If you are only going to allow 400 wolves to be killed then you should only give out 400 tags. If the quota is met, fine if not, oh well. My feelings are, leave them be but if you have to let the federal trappers handle this with the farmers AS NEEDED and let the rest run free like they have since before man.
- 3946 Only farmers should be allowed to hunt or trap wolves on their land. Most deer hunters have no clue as to harvesting hides which will not be prime during the deer season. This is "wanton waste" and the DNR Commissioner should be charged with this violation upon the first wolf harvested in November. If a farmer is having a problem he should have the right to protect his animals otherwise it's bullshit.
- 3947 I think that it is ill advised to have a hunting season on a species that was just removed from the endangered list the previous year. How do think wolves became endangered in the first place???? Through hunting and trapping! The numbers that the DNR are setting as bagging limits are just a guess at this point. Imagine having a hunting season on the BALD EAGLE a year after it was taken off the endangered list!! I think the DNR should wait at least 5 yrs and do head counts each year to really know if the wolf population is remaining stable. The line that "public input is only being taken via THIS survey" is ludicrous! And it is likely against state constitutional statutes. Any citizen can write to the DNR expressing their thoughts and views on any subject at any time.
- 3948 Good luck in monitoring the hunters out there and making sure only 400 wolves are killed, or is that 1600 wolves??? You have 6000 licenses available? You do the math.
- 3949 It is my belief that those who oppose the hunting of wolves are not being heard. The legislation that legalized this hunt was brought on by the few local livestock owners and over ambitious hunters .
- 3950 trapping is inhumane! Why can't we just have a hunting season?
- 3951 Since it is predicted that demand for licenses will far exceed the the supply by the thousands, why not up the cost of a license? With budget issues, wouldn't it be prudent to take advantage of opportunities that can bring more revenue into the DNR?
- 3952 This whole thing disgusting and cruel. Hunting is bad enough. Allowing trapping is unconscionable and causes pain and suffering to these beautiful animals. It's torture and every one of you that goes along with this is an accessory to the horrible fate that these wolves will suffer for no good reason. You people make me ashamed to be a Minnesotan.
- 3953 Shooting is one thing, but trapping is a whole different approach that is completely and utterly inhumane and disgusting. I understand that it is already a law - wow, the MN legislature could do nothing more than approve killing (not a shock), however, I don't have to live in a state that is so gung-ho to repeat a sad page in American history; "Talk sense to a fool and he calls you foolish" - Euripides.
- 3954 I'm against the whole killing of wolves thing. I believe that they have every right to be here as well as we do.
- 3955 To some extent, I understand the need to help control the wolf population in Minnesota to avoid human-wolf conflicts and, more importantly, poaching. However, as wolves cannot be used as a food source, some or most of the animal will be wasted; that is a shame beyond words. I do not agree with trapping. Trapping is an extremely inhumane method of killing, and would cause the animal an agonizing amount of pain before death. If the state of Minnesota is determined to have a wolf hunting season, please consider making trapping, at least, illegal to save wolves an undue pain and torment. Thank you for allowing the public to comment on this controversial plan.

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 3956 I think it is horrible that the State of MN would allow the slaughter of the wolf an animal with so much native heritage to the northern MN! First we protect the wolf from extinction and then turn around and open up the hunting (harvesting) of them. If there is such an issue with the northern farmers/ranchers then allow them the right to shot to protect their livestock.
- 3957 I find this to be a highly foolish idea, as both a citizen of Minnesota and as an passionate animal lover. The reason the wolves were originally put on the list because hunters and trappers drove them to dwindling numbers. Yes, perhaps new rules and precautions have been put in place, but nothing is fool proof. We are messing with a entire species here. Who are we to make them fight for their lives even more than they already do? We take their food, their habitat, almost everything they need to live. Now we are going to take their family members? Almost every species that has been driven to extinction has been because of the carelessness and the frivolous nature of humans. And we keep expecting things to change, yet we do not change. Is that not the very definition of insanity? Also, there is a difference between hunting for deer, and hunting for wolves. We can use almost every part of a deer. The hide can be made into goods, the meat can be consumed, and so on. With wolves, what is the purpose? Bragging rights, a pretty pelt, or just to fulfill ones need to violently kill these gorgeous creatures for sport? We hunt deer to control the population that is growing so fast we have no other way to minimize it, as they have very few natural predators here. And one of the major predators of these creatures are wolves. So we track and kill them? It is a vicious circle, and we keep it turning. I hope you take these thoughts and considerations into mind, and do not allow this disgusting trend to pick up once more. Thank you.
- 3958 Wolves should not be hunted or trapped (trapping is cruel and should not be allowed). There is no need for people to hunt wolves. As your site says, the population has not gone up, so there is not an overpopulation. They are not a food source like deer or fowl. Instead of hunting them, we should be promoting their increase in numbers to help keep the overpopulation of deer in check. Let nature take its course and let the balance happen naturally.
- 3959 I am against wolf hunting and I don't like the way the questions were worded that didn't allow one to vote for no season at all instead of varying lengths of season.
- 3960 I do not approve of hunting wolves since they have families similar to ours, and they are just off the endangered species list. I do not approve
- 3961 dont hunt wolves
- 3962 I could not be more opposed to a proposed wolf hunt. How about instead of killing some wolves, kill less deer therefore allowing the wolves to naturally reduce the size of the herd and eliminate the weak and sick. How about it science?
- 3963 This is ridiculous. More rednecks with guns, just what Minnesota needs. Stop hunting wolves.
- 3964 I am a hunter and gun owner. I hunt most animals. I do not have a personal affection toward wolves whatsoever.. but I do not support the season unless fines are increased a lot for poaching wolves. I know poaching of wolves happens year round in Minnesota, and as a hunter I feel this is going to be bad news for us.. I think it will open the gates for poachers. Best of luck.. but this is an uninformed mistake by lawmakers and the DNR.. and a sad step in the wrong direction for pro hunters. Shame on you guys.
- 3965 Trapping is cruel and unethical. I strongly oppose the wolf hunt, and I live in NW Beltrami county.
- 3966 I am a wildlife biologist (phd) not employed by the state, and I think this is asinine. There is no science supporting a hunt like this. The impacts on pack dynamics and overall population dynamics--as shown by Smith et. al. out of Yellowstone--show that this kind of a hunt changes the fundamental ecology of this species and its system. Your display of cowardice--and I am looking at you Commissioner--is extremely distressing. For shame. The mismatch between quota and licenses is idiotic, one cannot compare hunting success across regions like this. These animals are naive now, with little fear. One only hopes that the population estimates are based on better science than the bear numbers of years past (whoops!) and that the first day of hunting does not see the 400 quota blown past. I hope the DNR shows more courage and ethics when the call for a 30% quota comes next year. Asinine. No better word can possibly apply. Simply asinine and cowardly.
- 3967 All ONLY TROUBLE MAKING WOLF Packs to be Killed by that Farmer etc. Better to Catch Packs and MOVE them to places they really are needed in other States Countries etc.
- 3968 You should fully implement the 2001 Wolf Management Plan which called for no public taking of wolves for 5 years after delisting
- 3969 I oppose releasing the wolves for hunting this season, or next. Give the wolves a longer chance to build a population and regain a foothold in our state. Its the least you can do. Money should not be worth more than our states natural resources and inhabitants. THEY were here first.
- 3970 This process has been rushed and slipshod. The DNR is failing in it's mandate to safeguard Minnesota's natural resources.
- 3971 Hunting wolves is morally bankrupt, how would you like it if your dog was hunted? Wolves have families that care about each other this is essentially no different than a member of one of our families going missing without rhyme or reason.
- 3972 I am deeply saddened and disappointed that wolves will be hunted this year. We are playing a very dangerous game with a species that has come so close to extinction. Who are we to think that we can control the wolf population best? Over time, wolf populations will control themselves naturally. They don't need to worry about being trapped and shot.
- 3973 I don't support trapping or hunting for an animal that was just removed from the threatened/endangered list.

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- 3974 This survey is ridiculous. It assume that one agrees with your goals. 1. You an implemented an open season on wolves with virtually no penalty for killing a wolf out of season. It is now kill on sight in Minnesota! 2. Trapping is disgusting! It should be outlawed in the US. Trapping maims and tortures numerous animals, pets and people including children. It is barbaric! Shane on Minnesota! 3. If you want to reduce predation from predators educate the farmers! It is well known that most wolf predation is due to bad animal husbandry. But of course that isn't your goal.
- 3975 Do not allow the hunting of wolves. Why must there be this now - when Minnesota has never had wolf hunting. And trapping? How cruel to torture these beautiful animals. It is also thought that when the lead of a pack is killed, immature males will assume the lead. This will cause a great deal of trouble for the group organization and perhaps cause even more trouble for isolation from wolf packs. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW WOLF HUNTING IN MINNESOTA!
- 3976 Do not allow the trapping of wolves. It is amazingly cruel and unnecessary and I am ashamed of the MN DNR for allowing and considering the trapping of wolves. Please reconsider and do not allow the trapping of the wolves.
- 3977 I absolutely oppose, deplore and despise a hunting/trapping season for wolves. What wonderful things do you have planned for the state's wildlife next???? An aerial hunting season on wolves??? How about flying in baby harp seals from Canada and letting hunters club them to death??? What is wrong with you, aren't you responsible for protecting the wildlife? I still feel wolves are endangered and we have no business whatsoever to kill them!!! I HATE HATE HATE how the DNR has forsaken MN wildlife for the republican "wolves" in the state legislature, maybe a hunting season should open on those "wolves" seats in the legislature that support this atrocity. If wolves (the natural predator of deer) were allowed to come back in more sustainable numbers, then perhaps the deer population would come under control. Oh, but wait a minute, if the deer population were to come under control, then the poor hunter/killers wouldn't have anything to shoot with their big guns. I feel the DNR is falling victim to the "big bad wolf" syndrome where people are prone to believe wolves to be bad or evil, thanks to centuries of fairy tales and mythology. Get your head out of the sand and your hands out of the legislature's pockets and take care of our wildlife!
- 3978 This season is a serious mistake and should be rescinded as soon as possible.
- 3979 Your slide presentation stated that the wolf popuation has been stable for the last decade. That means that there are enough checks and balances to control the population. There is no need for a wolf hunt. Why did they remove the 5 yr waiting period. I can only hope that you find yourself snared or caught in one of these traps. If I find you, I'll shoot you and put you out of your misery. Better yet, I think I'll just let you suffer. You bastards
- 3980 Wolf hunting is a travesty. Trappers should be forced to spend an hour or two in their own traps- so they can see what it is like. About as much "sport" as shooting a dog... Oh well, if there wasn't a wolf season, hunters would have to pursue other wily creatures, like Mourning Doves. Shame on Minnesota!
- 3981 Yes, I don't understand why deer hunting and wolf hunting would be at the same time there are enough people in the woods just for deer hunting. Also, I do NOT believe in trapping any animal this is an inhumane procedure for the animal, I am against Trapping.
- 3982 Why is trapping being included in this season? Seems inappropriate, while I do not hunt I fully support it but I cannot support trapping.
- 3983 Allowing wolf hunting is a bad idea. The ONLY way I would be for this is if there were no traps or guns allowed, just bare hands hunting. It's only fair.
- 3984 A lot of deer hunters I know have in the past, and will in the future shoot wolves weather they have a license or not. I think having a hunting season so soon after they come off the endangered list is really a stupid idea.
- 3985 I know the dnr is responding to the legislature, but I am opposed
- 3986 PLEASE don't allow this to happen!!
- 3987 NO WOLF HUNTING IN MINNESOTA
- 3988 I am absolutely discusted by the idea of killing wolves for sport.
- 3989 Yes. I want to know why Minnesota needs a season for Timber wolves? The state does a great job by making the wolf an endangered species, brings the population back, and now we want to start killing them again, why is the question? The public would like an honest answer please. I do not support this Wolf Season and I am spreading the word to my friends and co harts so they can voice their opinions as well about this horrible idea. Has the DNR ever heard of the balance of nature? The wolves are back and it balances out with the deer and the other wildlife. Let nature be and let it take it's course as it were. Thank you for listening to my comments.
- 3990 I see no legitamate purpose for wolf hunting. If a farmer or rural resident can show that wolves are harassing or preying on livestock or domestic pets; I would think that could be handles on an individual basis.
- 3991 NO TRAPPING NO TRAPPING NO TRAPPING NO TRAPPING HOW CRUEL-DO NOT LEGITIMIZE CRUETLY TO ANIMALS
- 3992 I know the decision has already been made, but if the wolf population has been steady for the past decade, I don't think they should be hunted since they just came off the endangered list.

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- 3993 None, other than voicing my strong disagreement with the hunting of wolves. I personally feel that a wolf season presents an opportunity for those with a vendetta against these animals to legally take their lives without cause. Other animals (deer, ducks, pheasants, elk, fish, and etcetera) can be eaten, with the entire animal used for a productive purpose. With wolves, the only logical reason to hunt them is for "sport." It seems premature to open a season to "control wolf populations" when it is not yet even known what is a sustainable number of animals. As the top predator in Minnesota woodland, wolves are vital to the strength of our local ecosystems. They do not reproduce quickly and genetic diversity is essential. If we cull from the population before we are completely confident in their long-term survival, we are essentially removing valuable animals from the gene pool. Moreover, I find it difficult to believe that hunters would be able easily distinguish between sex and age level to determine the most logical animal to cull from the pack. A wolf season could easily result in the net loss of young, healthy, breeding stock. Thus, I do not agree with wolf hunting at this time.
- 3994 Do not agree with trapping wolves. This is an inhumane practice.
- 3995 I think it is wrong to hunt wolves, period.
- 3996 There should NOT be a wolf season at all. The DNR should honor the pledge it made to not hunt for 5 yrs. after wolves were taken off the endangered species list. With that kind of deception how can we believe the season will be limited to 400 wolves? Our DNR totally mismanages everything it touches. Why are we still allowing a moose season when their numbers are dropping at an alarming rate? Hunters in MN have to shoot anything they can: sandhill cranes, mourning doves and now wolves. The only consolation is that they will probably, and usually do, manage to shoot each other, too, so at least the number of hunters will decrease along with wolves and moose. Real bright bunch, these hunters.
- 3997 This survey is really poorly drafted. I DO NOT support wolf hunting or trapping. This should be the first question which makes all others irrelevant.
- 3998 3600 wolves are not very many. Have you taken into consideration the fact of disease, harsh winters and natural loss of wolves...How are you going to control people with 6000 licenses. Do you really think they are going to tell you if they have killed wolves. Trapping is a danger to human and domestic animals...Why are you allowing trapping. I don't feel the wolves should have ever been taken off of the endangered list...This is a major set back...Tell our governor NO...NO...NO....You cannot control poaching that goes on...Why are we doing this? The wolves are NOT bothering you are they...people need to be wary that wolves are around if they are camping, etc. Why does the government think they have to control everything?!!
- 3999 Hunting these wolves is bad enough. Trapping is just downright cruel. I am not for this at all. -Scott Hanson
- 4000 I never heard an outcry for a hunting trapping season. Was the decision based on a revenue need? It will become regrettable. Trapping is too cruel.
- 4001 I am against wolf hunting/trapping in Minnesota, and I sincerely hope when the bloody images of dead wolves hits the media, that the MN DNR, hunters, & trappers will have a huge public relations nightmare on their hands! Shame on you all for this unnecessary and eco-damaging hunt.
- 4002 I wish the DNR followed up with the original intent of making the gray wolf not hunt-able for 3-5 years after this delisting. Although I agree all species need to be managed I believe that with the science available, the wolf is still too fresh to hunt. I am a hunter and appreciate all wildlife. I would hate to see a species so fresh off the endangered list become endangered once more only after a couple of years. Licenses aid in wildlife preservation but i am not convinced that in this situation with the gray wolf they are helping.
- 4003 I'm appalled by this new law to allow hunting of such an animal. I've lived 40 years in the state of MN and have yet to see a wolf. Allowing trapping is even more disgusting. Shame on the DNR which I've supported for years. This new law and the disastrous Minnesota State Parks reservation system release has forever damaged the DNR in Minnesota.
- 4004 Harvest is a polite way of saying the killing and murdering of these innocent wolfs...And trapping is one of the most insidious, barbaric, inhumane devices on the face of the earth. And I suspect the state of Minnesota is slaughtering these creatures only for the revenue under the guise of "management" Shame on them.
- 4005 While I think it is extremely irresponsible for the legislature to disregard the well developed process for wolf management, I recognize the DNR has to comply with the new law. Given that, I think a more conservative approach to length of season, and number of licenses should be taken. If a smaller harvest does not impact the overall population, it could be increased to this level at the five year mark.
- 4006 They just came off the endangered list so, why don't you just kill them all and wipe them off the face of the earth while you're at it. I really am upset with you people about this whole thing. Yeah you're inviting public opinion but you don't care, in fact, you could care less. When an agency doesn't want a public meeting about something it just translates to your mind is already made up, you just have to make it look like you value peoples' opinion. And you don't.
- 4007 this will get completely out of hand when people find out it is open season on hunting wolves. leave the wolves alone before you find them again on the endangered list. These are beautiful animals and this is cruel to hunt and trap them, you are asking for problems, farmers have to leave their animals in the barns or other buildings at night, wolves are not the only animals that affect all their problems.
- 4008 This is so wrong! How can you go from removing wolves from endangered list to hunting them the same year...that is outrageous! Stop the hunt!

Summary Q10 Comments for Q1 = "No"

- 4033 I applaud your conservative approach. While I see no need for a wolf season this soon after delisting (despite its several delays), I understand that the DNR proposal is more palatable than what some legislators would have pushed down the public's throat. Please remain conservative with your seasons and error on the side of caution and concern for the species and the special significance wolves have in Minnesota.