




## Wolf 2012 Public Comment

Summary for Q1, Response "Yes"

### 1. Do you support hunting and trapping for wolves in Minnesota?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	1,542
No		0.0%	0
answered question			1,542
skipped question			0

### 2. Do you support the DNR proposed season structure and implementation for a limited fall 2012 season?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		86.7%	1,327
No		13.3%	204
answered question			1,531
skipped question			11

### 3. What options do you favor for length of the early season that coincides with firearms deer season?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Coincide with open firearms deer season based on deer zone		61.4%	902
16 days across both deer firearms zones		31.5%	463
9 days across both deer firearms zones		7.0%	103
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,468</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>74</b>

### 4. Which license will you apply for?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Early season		36.9%	555
Late season hunting		22.2%	335
Late season trapping		10.2%	153
I don't plan on applying		30.7%	463
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,506</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>36</b>

**5. Do you support the proposal to have a late wolf season in addition to the early wolf season?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		92.7%	1,317
No		7.3%	104
answered question			1,421
skipped question			121


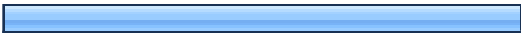
**6. The length of the proposed late season is:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too short		42.5%	619
Too long		5.1%	74
About right		52.5%	765
answered question			1,458
skipped question			84



**7. The start date of the late season is:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too early		7.3%	108
Too late		14.7%	217
About right		77.9%	1,147
answered question			1,472
skipped question			70

**8. Hunters and trappers need to receive some advanced notice before the season is closed when the target harvest quota is reached. The DNR will put out the season closure notification via the website and through a toll free telephone message. Which of the two following alternatives do you prefer?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
When this message is activated by 10 p.m., the season would be closed that day and no hunting would be allowed the next morning.		22.2%	331
<b>Closure notification would be sent by early morning before legal shooting hours, allowing hunters and trappers to hunt or trap that day. The season would close at the end of the day on which closure notification was sent.</b>		77.8%	1,159
		answered question	1,490
		skipped question	52

**9. If you are selected to hunt or trap wolves in 2012, would you submit your email address to a list server so you would receive a text or email message announcing the season closure once the target harvest quota is reached?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		89.2%	1,327
No		10.8%	160
		answered question	1,487
		skipped question	55

## 10. Do you have any additional comments?

	Response Count
	775
answered question	775
skipped question	767



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1	Good job getting a season on wolves, they really need to be managed!	Jun 21, 2012 12:00 AM
2	This is a great idea.	Jun 20, 2012 10:34 PM
3	this is long overdue for MN - we look like a joke to other states and provinces with wolves/seasons. I think your 3000 estimate number is low! They are wiping out the deer and moose herds up north and moving farther south where theres no big woods for them. Isnt our mismanaged whitetail herd worth more in the DNR's eyes? Moose herd - oh yah thats right we dont have one anymore! Open the season up and kill some wolves. Let the trappers, hunters and guides of MN make some much needed money off these things and knock the number of them down! and yes the 400 quota number is a joke but at least its a start.	Jun 20, 2012 10:34 PM
4	Would like to see more opportunities available for hunters and trappers. Also would appreciate more tags available.	Jun 20, 2012 9:50 PM
5	As a deer hunter in NW Minnesota, I've seen firsthand wolf predation on the deer herd in some local areas. I welcome state control of the wolf population and feel it is long overdue.	Jun 20, 2012 7:27 PM
6	We need to let the wildlife professionals manage wolves and not the animal rights groups. The wolf population has gone FAR beyond the numbers recommended by the wildlife professionals and hunting/trapping is a legitimate management tool, especially in light of the fact that wolves are getting more and more bold about approaching livestock, pets and people.	Jun 20, 2012 6:44 PM
7	I am not in favor of allow trapping, just firearms hunting.	Jun 20, 2012 6:08 PM
8	The DNR know how to handle this leave it out of the legislatures hands they will mess it up. We have very committed people working for Minnesotas DNR.	Jun 20, 2012 5:51 PM
9	The late season should run until February 15th. Private land should be regulated the same in both zones. Places where cattle have been killed by wolves: it would make more sense to have state trappers monitor wolf activities and harvest them before they kill cattle and those loses have to be reimbursed by the state. Where cattle are on pastures and wolf depredation occurs, the burden of proof for the farmer is too great. It is extremely hard to discover cattle killed by wolves within the allotted 48 hours, especially calves or younger livestock. Why not sell as many tags as the public will buy - hunting/trapping could still be stopped when the allotted number was reached? That money could be used to help reimburse farmers for losses as well as hire state trappers.	Jun 20, 2012 5:19 PM
10	This season is long overdue! We have too many wolves in No. Minnesota!	Jun 20, 2012 4:10 PM
11	Finally,some true management instead of just listening to the tree huggers. Now try this plan with wood harvesting. Northern Minnesota has the worst looking forests I have seen with the exception of some of the Isabella area and the hardwoods along Lake Superior. Please ,less worrying about what tree huggers feel and more forest management that really works. Thank you [REDACTED]	Jun 20, 2012 3:35 PM
12	Would the DNR consider allowing extended snare check days for the wolf season?	Jun 20, 2012 2:09 PM

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13	no	Jun 20, 2012 1:46 PM
14	The state of Alaska uses "special closures" for many of it's seasons. The public is responsible (even in remote areas) for knowing if the seasons are open or not. I have never had a problem with it and don't foresee many problems here, once the public is used to the system. Try not to make it too complex. Radio, DNR website, text messages and toll-free numbers should be all that is required. I hope it is a success.	Jun 20, 2012 1:34 PM
15	No	Jun 20, 2012 11:47 AM
16	The quota will never be met unless people are allowed to hunt both seasons and maybe not even then.	Jun 20, 2012 11:38 AM
17	Why not just tie an arm behind the hunter's back instead? You could have had an unlimited # of licenses and still cap the quantity of harvest at 400. DNR COULD have had MILLIONS of dollars in additional revenue. Good luck - the chance of a few thousand hunters and trappers taking 400 wolves is remote. Just look at Montana or other western states and you will see taking a wolf is no easy feat. Sell unlimited licenses and once the quota is reached, the season is over. No need for complicated rules and regulations.	Jun 20, 2012 11:35 AM
18	I have no problem with the early or late seasons, but I would prefer that one license be valid for both seasons rather than requiring a separate license for each season.	Jun 20, 2012 10:54 AM
19	THE CURRENT PROPOSED WOLF SEASON IS APPROPRIATE.	Jun 20, 2012 10:41 AM
20	I think this is a GREAT idea. I hunt in clearwater county and they are over populated.	Jun 20, 2012 8:50 AM
21	Why limit the number of licenses when there is a harvest quota? Let as many people hunt and trap as possible.	Jun 20, 2012 8:45 AM
22	quota for number of wolves is way to low should be at least 1000 for first season	Jun 20, 2012 5:30 AM
23	why not eliminate more wolves. seems they were sustainable @ 500 animals you just don't need 1500 hundred of them. let alone there offspring for the summer	Jun 19, 2012 10:07 PM
24	Please figure out a way to prevent the proposed anti-hunting strategy of having large numbers of anti-hunters apply for the licenses, which will result in fewer wolves being taken. I hunt in an area near International Falls, and it is IMPERATIVE that the number of wolves be reduced. One suggestion would be to require proof that an applicant has purchased a hunting license within the past 5 years, have a firearms training number, or some type of similar requirement.	Jun 19, 2012 10:04 PM
25	I fully support hunting of wolves. Hunting of every kind, BUT TRAPPING SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. It is cruel.	Jun 19, 2012 9:30 PM
26	raise the quota allow more for trapping allow farmers free range for livestock protection	Jun 19, 2012 8:14 PM
27	season closure should be posted in all newspapers state wide and announced	Jun 19, 2012 6:54 PM



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on TV and Radio

28	I think you should run the season until the qouta is met, allow baiting as well.	Jun 19, 2012 6:13 PM
29	we have hunted our land for 16 years and last year we saw multiple wolves while hunting for the first time ever. all the hunters in our area complain of the same thing, seeing wolves and no deer.	Jun 19, 2012 4:55 PM
30	Don't allow any out of state hunters.	Jun 19, 2012 4:04 PM
31	No leg traps!	Jun 19, 2012 3:56 PM
32	No wolf refuge necessary in BWCA.	Jun 19, 2012 3:26 PM
33	I support the DNR.	Jun 19, 2012 2:52 PM
34	I do not agree with the wolf season being part of the deer season.	Jun 19, 2012 1:57 PM
35	I would like to have archery season included in the wolf hunt. I had the opportunity last archery season. Saw 12-18 wolves.	Jun 19, 2012 1:57 PM
36	The professionals at the DNR should be in charge of wolf management. Not special interest groups and not the Legislature.	Jun 19, 2012 1:34 PM
37	the season is a good thing no matter the format	Jun 19, 2012 1:15 PM
38	Good work getting the wolf off the endangered species list.	Jun 19, 2012 1:01 PM
39	I think the early season is a good idea, but I also think that the late season should not start till the end of december and run through february. This reason is that I would love to harvest one of these animals in the full coat.	Jun 19, 2012 1:01 PM
40	It is about time.	Jun 19, 2012 12:55 PM
41	About time our State and DNR take control our OUR resources!!!!!!!	Jun 19, 2012 12:48 PM
42	I feel that 400 wolves is to few of a number to be taken inMN, as a rancher I feel that having two zones is to few. I feel that the upper portion of MN could be in its own zone and possible be allowed to take more wolves, We have lost cattle to these predators, that is our income being lost and a very difficult way to try and protect our investment and income by a short season that is not guarantied to help solve the problem. May I suggest that each rancher that has had a depravation to be allowed to work with one of our skilled Federal trappers that have the knowledge of how to trap these predators. If we allow just anyone in to trap, the wolves will become almost impossible to trap, once a wolf has had a near entrapment they become much more difficult to lure in. Is this what we want? That then will make the Federal trappers job much more difficult and time is also an issue along with money/fundings.	Jun 19, 2012 12:36 PM
43	Well Done!	Jun 19, 2012 12:22 PM
44	Have the season extended untill the quota is reached or the end of March when pelts are still prime. Allow hunting and trapping to start at the same time. I thought this special funding for this program was suppose to be self supportive	Jun 19, 2012 11:45 AM

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when first announced. Now there is money being taken out of the deer hunting license fund. Why doe this fund always get raided????

45 Great Job DNR! Jun 19, 2012 11:22 AM

46 I don't think that trapping should be allowed. It is to inhumane. You'll end up with lame & maimed wolves. Jun 19, 2012 11:17 AM

47 I think there should be one continuos season starting Nov. 1 and running through at least the first week in Feb. Jun 19, 2012 10:54 AM

48 If the season quota is not met, the season should be extended until the quota is met. Jun 19, 2012 10:52 AM

49 i personally believe that there will be very few shot and that most of the kill will be by trapping. and do not make the fee too high as we hunters pay enough already. Jun 19, 2012 9:55 AM

50 I believe that an unlimited number of wolf hunting and trapping licenses should have been allowed to be purchased over the counter and have the wolf season end when the 400th wolf was harvested and registered. This would eliminate MNDNR staff time in handling the application, drawing process and license issuing process. From all the hunters and trappers that I know all would be purchasing a wolf license. I believe the state would make much more money using this process versus hunters/trappers applying for a wolf license and then issuing only 6,000 licenses. If hunters/trappers would be allowed to strictly purchase a license over the counter I believe 200,000 wolf licenses would be issued. At \$25.00 each that would be \$5 million dollars. Using the application process if 200,000 people apply for the 6,000 license with a \$10.00 application fee that would be \$2 million. 6,000 licenses issued at \$25.00 each would be \$150,000.00. This process takes in a total of \$2.15 million. This is about \$3 million less than issuing licenses over the counter without much MNDNR staff time. Jun 19, 2012 9:21 AM

51 Thank you for finally allowing a wolf hunt. The job of restoring the wolf numbers was a great success and I know our DNR will now manage the wolf population successfully. We have way too many up in Ely area. I strongly believe this may help restore the Moose numbers. Just one factor, but a very important one! Thank you!! Jun 19, 2012 9:18 AM

52 I fully support the DNR in their efforts to manage wolves. I believe they're using common-sense approaches with good data. If anything, I feel that the quota should be higher than 400 but I understand that the DNR is taking an incremental approach, playing it "safe" rather than go too fast and cause problems. Good work. Jun 19, 2012 8:42 AM

53 I often don't look at my e-mail for days. A mass txt message by phone is the easiest way to contact me. Jun 19, 2012 8:15 AM

54 The quota needs to be raised up to at least 800 to 1000 Jun 18, 2012 10:31 PM

55 I would love to be able to hunt a wolf in minnesota in my lifetime, I am 61 years old and have hunted since I was 10, and have never missed a season. Jun 18, 2012 10:12 PM

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56	Not that I am a wolf hater but I think there needs to be more than 400 wolves harvested. I think trapping will be WAY more successful than hunting	Jun 18, 2012 9:18 PM
57	I support thinning of the existing wolf numbers. I don't think email notification is a good idea when getting close to the quota numbers. Set up a 1-800 number to call in on. Many don't have internet at hunting shacks and property in the Northwoods.	Jun 18, 2012 8:59 PM
58	I believe the wolf season is a great idea. We need to control the population before it gets out of control, like the coyotes.	Jun 18, 2012 8:56 PM
59	I am very excited to hunt wolves in Minnesota. If drawn for a license, I plan to spend an entire week of December hunting for them. I recognize this is a very new season for Minnesota. In future years, I hope there are even greater chances of obtaining a license and successfully harvesting a wolf.	Jun 18, 2012 8:40 PM
60	message on cell phone call should be option	Jun 18, 2012 8:16 PM
61	I believe the goal of 400 is modest, and would be in favor of a higher number in future years. The goal should be to have 1500 to 2000 wolves in the state. That would be plenty to keep the deer population in check. We have a great deer state, and need to keep it that way. A large number of wolves is not needed.	Jun 18, 2012 8:03 PM
62	No internet or cell coverage in the area hunting. Would have to drive to a spot to call - texts do not always come through until you get back into your "home coverage area" so it would be easier to call an 800 number to listen to a recording.	Jun 18, 2012 8:00 PM
63	Make the season a little longer.	Jun 18, 2012 7:15 PM
64	400 is too small of a number, it will not lower the excessive number of wolves in the state. the DNR is being much to conservative and should be REQUIRED to to use all methods necessary to reach at least this number. More licenses should be issued and they should not worry about the exact second the quota is reached. If it goes 10 over--simply rebalance the number next year-let the licenses just play out. I am not anti-wolf, but there are TOO MANY and we should manage for 1500. Also I really do not appreciate being treated like a little child w/ the repeated misrepresentation of the number of wolves in the state. Much of this overall problem is because the DNR is either flat out lying or incompetent when referring to the outlandishly low number they are married to. The wolf population is almost out of control. Grow some balls and manage the situation like you are supposed to and the way your constituents expect and demand you to. [REDACTED] ( Always available and willing to discuss my stance w/ those pro and con.)	Jun 18, 2012 5:00 PM
65	what are the regs gonna be as far as hunting over a bait. will it be like bear hunting	Jun 18, 2012 4:41 PM
66	I think the reported population estimates are too low.	Jun 18, 2012 3:57 PM
67	The target quota is way to low and should be expanded upwards to approximately 1,000 animals. The permits should be for both early and late	Jun 18, 2012 3:29 PM

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season. Extend the season later into the winter. I love and respect the wolves we have and don't intend to hunt them but I also know we have too many currently in the state. I suspect our resident moose herd would greatly benefit from a reduced wolf population.

68	The wolf season should not be held during firearm deer season. The woods are crowded enough already. I believe there will be too many deer hunter vs. wolf hunter conflicts. The season should be either during muzzleloader deer season or after it.	Jun 18, 2012 1:27 PM
69	not at this time	Jun 18, 2012 1:25 PM
70	Second season should be longer so the pelts are prime.	Jun 18, 2012 12:46 PM
71	were i hunt out of dora lake mn, the wolves are so numerious that we saw no deer through the first 4 days of rifle season. you have many resort owners in trouble up there. the wolves are eating all the deer. all you have to do is howl at night and you can get numerois responses for the wolves	Jun 18, 2012 12:33 PM
72	Its about time a season was put in place to help control the increase in wolves, thank you!	Jun 18, 2012 12:22 PM
73	although I have no plans to hunt wolves in Mn. I understand that managing the wolf population is necessary. This is a very delicate subject for many who wish to manage the population of wolves and those who wish to totally protect them. I would hope every caution is used to limit the harvest for the first 2 years to make certain the plans are effective. I am also concerned about a regulation implemented to suddenly close the season based on harvest amounts. I see major problems with hunters being notified with anything less than 24 hours notice. This could lead to failure of hunters being informed in time and wolves being killed illegal;y. Then the general public would cry foul understandably. This creates distrust and dislike for the hunters and unhappiness from hunters of general public. Please consider a greater time notification for hunters when closing the wolf hunt so everyone benefits.	Jun 18, 2012 12:08 PM
74	As a landowner and farmer with livestock it is critical that we implement this rule, we have defintly seen a big increase in the presence of wolves around our area and farm in Pine County.	Jun 18, 2012 12:06 PM
75	The proposed season is too conservative and the licenses are too expensive. All tags should be over the counter at a low price similar to what the western states have done. Have a quota that is realistic and will actually reduce the wolf numbers. Why limit the number of tags if there will be a quota system in place?	Jun 18, 2012 12:00 PM
76	Don't like the lottery. "Wolf lovers" will apply thus potentially limiting the number of hunters and trappers that really want to take a wolf. Season must remain open beyond Jan 6 to be sure quota is met. End season late Feb. or mid March or when quota is met. Snowy winter months (Jan/Feb) are best months to snare. 600 is too few trapping permits. A person should be able to hunt or trap. Can require to reveal method of taking wolf when registering. Why limit opportunity? I believe the season as proposed that requires hunters and trappers to choose one of three options will reduce number of permits sold. It is going to take lots of time on average to get a wolf. Why no public meetings, except for the one in	Jun 18, 2012 11:54 AM

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Roseau? Federal trappers currently take about 200 per year. Need to figure out a way to keep them trapping and reducing depredation.

77	This is a crock of crap season that you guys have come up with. It interferes with archery deer season, and the pure intent of the licenses and lottery system is to make money from the looks of it. People will have so much money tied up in acquiring their tags, they'll do anything and it will be worse than the most annoying "buck fever" idiot in the woods. I'm totally in favor of allowing wolf hunting, but make it \$20 (what deer should be, just like turkey shouldn't be - they should be free on your own land without requirement to allow the public to harass you), and have it in the winter when it's not legal to hunt other big game. The lottery should be free too.	Jun 18, 2012 11:43 AM
78	I think you are grossly underestimating the population, particularly in the NE part of the state. 400 wolves isn't even going to make a dent?!?	Jun 18, 2012 11:33 AM
79	A harvest quota of 400 is not enough. Open the season earlier and let it run until the quota is reached. Don't make us choose between hunting or trapping. The goal is to harvest a set number of predators.. regardless of the time it takes or the methods we choose.	Jun 18, 2012 11:24 AM
80	Having cycled between a deer being chased by two wolves on the Mesabi trail last weekend, very near our cabin/development (NE of Giant's Ridge), it seems that wolves are expanding their range quite close to heavily-inhabited areas. Makes me think twice about walking the Mesabi trail unarmed with my 7-year old daughter, even though I know the risk is low.	Jun 18, 2012 11:11 AM
81	Am happy to finally see a season. I do not think we will harvest many wolves. The wolves have taken over in our area, our deer population is way down. I believe that the deer the wolves do not take, just leave the area.	Jun 18, 2012 10:18 AM
82	I agree with the management of wolves in Minnesota via a limited hunting season. It appears that this hunting season idea was well thought out and should be a success. I attended a presentation on wolves at the Woodland Conference held in Duluth in early March. This hunting season should result in an "ecology of fear" in the wolf population. I think this will be a very positive thing.	Jun 18, 2012 9:14 AM
83	There should be no limit restrictions in zone B of the Wolf zone, There should be more wolfs allowed to be taken in the first years of the hunt when the wolfs are not affraid of humans yet.	Jun 18, 2012 8:54 AM
84	We need this wolf hunt, too many wolfs!	Jun 18, 2012 8:42 AM
85	I believe the late season should have the same amount of licenses as the early season. This is when the pelts are prime and would make a great trophy.	Jun 18, 2012 8:04 AM
86	No	Jun 18, 2012 7:37 AM
87	Your moose management and once in a lifetime hunt is a failing joke and wolf management must be part of your equation.	Jun 18, 2012 6:59 AM
88	Looks like sound management is being applied to this endeavor	Jun 18, 2012 6:58 AM

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89	The EARLY season hunt is a clear MISTAKE! Wolves taken during this time will almostly entirely be oportunity kills that will not appreciated by the hunters. Wolves taken during the early season will be taken during a time when their pelts are NOT in their prime condition. The early season needs to be eliminated. A longer late season hunt is more appropriate.	Jun 18, 2012 5:37 AM
90	I would recommend both the online and telephonic check in for seacon closure as well as sending out a text message and email. This would assure notification is swift and accurate and would mitigate any ignorance of season closure.	Jun 18, 2012 3:19 AM
91	There should be surplus licenses.	Jun 17, 2012 10:33 PM
92	It's about time it finally started.	Jun 17, 2012 9:23 PM
93	I think this is a great idea. I fully support it. I do not think it should be open to non residents. I feel the people that do not go up north and do not live up here should have no input on this subject.	Jun 17, 2012 9:14 PM
94	Good luck with establishing the seasons. looking forword to years worth of proper Mgmt	Jun 17, 2012 9:06 PM
95	don,t make it to difficult	Jun 17, 2012 9:04 PM
96	The method like SD has for cougar hunting works well there. I believe they can keep hunting untill either the quota is filled or the end date occurs. I know a couple SD hunters who do this and they feel its working for them.	Jun 17, 2012 8:56 PM
97	Once you register a wolf if you got one would you be entitled to keep the pelt of the wolf?	Jun 17, 2012 8:33 PM
98	text would be preferred can't always access the internet in Northern MN	Jun 17, 2012 8:25 PM
99	The wolves have been hard on many other forms of wildlife.	Jun 17, 2012 8:00 PM
100	the 400 wolf limit should apply to the primary range only.the number taken in the rest of the state should be limited by season length only, not any set quota.	Jun 17, 2012 7:02 PM
101	Am very glad a wolf season is being set. Deer numbers in Northern MN are extremely low.	Jun 17, 2012 6:36 PM
102	Closure notifaction of the hunting season if you hunt out of town and have no outside contact but by radio does make it diffucult to know the number has been reached if it is not put out on the radio sations, will this be done?	Jun 17, 2012 5:17 PM
103	Wolf hunting is very important to keep wolves from over harvesting deer, moose and elk. Keeping a balanced population of all should be the goal. Right now there are far to many wolves.	Jun 17, 2012 3:09 PM
104	It is about time we have a season;. We have small dogs and young grandchildren. We have seen and heard wolves on our property and fear for the pets and granchildren's safety.	Jun 17, 2012 12:30 PM
105	I do not support the early season to coincide with the deer season as the animal's pelt is not prime yet. The only purpose to shoot one is for a personal	Jun 17, 2012 12:03 PM

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wall hanging and to shoot one with a high powered rifle causes great damage to the pelt. I do support the late season for hunting and trapping. It would coincide with the muzzler loader season.

106	I believe the legislature did not consider the wanton waste law presently in place when the early season was determined. Wolves value is in fur and the season should occur when the pelts are prime. To do otherwise only taints the image of the hunter.	Jun 17, 2012 10:15 AM
107	I'm not a hunter of wolves, but I recognize the need for some measure of control of wolf numbers. My suggestion is to start with only an early season for a couple of years and evaluate whether that fulfills the need, which is the maintenance of the overall wolf population. Then, if the numbers are still increasing, a late season could be employed, although I don't like trapping in general, especially when there is no way of forcing people to check their traps frequently. Another idea might be that hunting and trapping would only be allowed in areas where wolf population has become a problem (i.e.; near population centers).	Jun 17, 2012 9:52 AM
108	more licenses should be available. The quota could remain at 400 while allowing more hunters a chance.	Jun 17, 2012 9:23 AM
109	keep the cost down you'll make more money in the lone run, about the same as deer or bear.	Jun 17, 2012 8:33 AM
110	To The Hunt.	Jun 17, 2012 6:42 AM
111	I would not be opposed to any of the above hunting/trapping seasons as presented nor would I be opposed to the notification process either way.	Jun 17, 2012 2:26 AM
112	The Harvest from hunters will be very small compared to that of trappers	Jun 16, 2012 11:21 PM
113	I am glad they are having a season to reduce the population. I do think it has reduced the deer poulation around the Lake George Paul Bunyon State Forest area	Jun 16, 2012 11:07 PM
114	I am so thankful that the legislature has decided to allow good scientific management to dictate the process for the wolf hunt, rather than allowing well intentioned but uninformed special interests to derail the process. The wolf recovery is a great success. It is time to continue our role as wildlife stewards and put balance back into the forests of Minnesota.	Jun 16, 2012 10:22 PM
115	I beleive the range should be extended down highway 71 from Park Rapids to Menahga, Over East, through Huntersville township. Own property on highway eighteen, 1/2 mile east of town proper, have seen plenty of wolves in the area!	Jun 16, 2012 9:25 PM
116	the concern of hunters that are out of cell phone range, don't have access to a telephone or computer during the season. There should be a plan in place using local radio stations to broadcast the season closing. I hunt in a particularly remote section of st. louis county with no electricity or cell phone service. we do have battery operated radios. another option would to have game registration stations post when it would be closed. also for better sucess rates the number of early season liscensed issued should be increased. once the first shot is fired it will be pretty hard to come across a wolf except by pure luck.	Jun 16, 2012 9:20 PM

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117	Having lived and hunted wolf in Alaska, would definitely agree that the harvest is a by product of hunting other game. I had approximately 3 opportunities to harvest a wolf but declined to do so for the simple fact twice I had moose coming in to me and the third time I had a herd of caribou coming in. If not I would have pulled the trigger. Even though I have enjoyed viewing the wolf in its natural habitat, boundary waters, around Crane Lake, etc, I support the opening of a wolf season for the control of what could be a population on the cusp of exploding. When in the course of one days grouse hunting, I can hear three differant packs on the hunt, there may be too many to support without the ecosystem collapsing, Thank you for the opportunity to voice, what is after all, one man's voice.	Jun 16, 2012 8:53 PM
118	First, I hunt an area without e-mail access and no reliable telephone connection. The notice would have to be broadcast on local radio stations (i.e. KAXE, Grand Rapids) in order to reach remote areas. A designated time in the evening (19-21h00) or morning (05-06h00) would be our designated wolf season control.	Jun 16, 2012 8:29 PM
119	wolves should be treated like any other game animal. It should be illegal for non hunters to apply for a limited number of permits.	Jun 16, 2012 8:28 PM
120	I think the over all pilot polit plan for the 2012 wolf season is going to be a good plan over all. I am looking forward to finally having a chance to harvest a wolf in MN if I'm lucky enough to be drawn in the late season lottery.	Jun 16, 2012 7:34 PM
121	Season needs to be expanded due to low anticipated harvest.	Jun 16, 2012 6:33 PM
122	I have great concern with the late season trapping coinciding with hunting grouse with pirdogs.Many hunters who hunt grouse with dogs already avoid hunting during the conabear trapping season.The best solution I can offer is to run the late season wolf trapping season with the conabear season and the late wolf hunting season with the muzzleloader season.Trappers are a tiny minority in comparison with deer and grousehunters in this state. I do support trappers but the conabear season should be regulated exactly like it is in Wisconsin for the safety of the dogs we love and hunt withand wolf trapping should be regulated to prevent the accidental trapping of hunting dogs. If any dogs are killed by trappers during this late wolf season the DNR and the State of Minnesota should be held legally responsible in cival and criminal court to the full extent of the law.	Jun 16, 2012 5:46 PM
123	I'm Glad to see an organized management program. Wolves should learn to be wary for the good & benefit of all, including wolves.	Jun 16, 2012 4:48 PM
124	I have been seeing and hearing wolves in MN, NW Wisconsin for over 35 years. Their population expansion is just one more example of how well the American conservation effort works. They are very smart, and would likely be very hard to hunt effectively. I do believe that wolves just like any other wildlife speciies must be managaged accordingly utilizing hunting and trapping as necessary. The Federal government and state waited much to long to open a season on them. There is a lot to learn from collection of the carcasses and conducting the hunt itself. Good Luck hunters and reasearchers and I am looking forward to the data collected in this effort to properly manage such a cool species.	Jun 16, 2012 3:44 PM
125	It is about time wolf hunting and trapping takes place. Deer hunters have been very patient with the Federal people dragging their feet on this subject. Wolf	Jun 16, 2012 2:45 PM



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populations have been at or above goals for a long long time. Animal rights people should be happy that their goals were met long ago, and it is time to balance populations of predators as well as game animals. This should help moose populations as well, especially calf survival.

126	This is a good first step to controlling the wolf population. I think more research needs to be done to get a more accurate count of the population. I believe there is more than the estimate of 3,000 wolves. I know the deer population has declined significantly in area 170 where I hunt in the past 10 years. It isn't because of harsh Winters either.	Jun 16, 2012 2:11 PM
127	There are more than 3000 wolves In MN.	Jun 16, 2012 1:20 PM
128	Raise the quota. Way too many wolfs killing oujr deer.	Jun 16, 2012 12:36 PM
129	The season should extend to March 15th of 2013 if needed to reach the 400 animal goal. It will not only give the State a chance to achieve this first year objective, but, also, give hunters and trappers a winter outlet to enjoy this new sport.	Jun 16, 2012 12:19 PM
130	The hunting area is too far north. I have land 15 miles south of Hinckley & I have seen wolves on my land too. I don't think I'll put in for a license if the southern boundary is that far north.	Jun 16, 2012 12:01 PM
131	Public is greatly misinformed. Wolf populations are 5 to 6 times higher then the DNR is reporting. Not sure why. I live north west of grand rapids, i hunt 30 miles NW of home. The deer population in this area has been reduced by 80%. Wolf population has skyrocketed. Now i have brush wolf tracks in my yard daily instead of deer. I maybe see 2 deer a month instead of a dozen a day. I saw more timber wolves deer hunting than deer. Its very scary when the wolves are between me and my vehicle. They don't read signs that say they can't harm or kill humans. When they are on your TV screen they appear as the presentors want them to by showing the innocent parts. They are dangerous and over populated. WE don't need them. Get out of your safe envirnment and see how scared you are when you meet them face to face. How will you think when your grand kid is attacked when he thinks he is going to pet a puppy and gets his hand bit off or worse	Jun 16, 2012 10:46 AM
132	Based on my observation of sightings, tracks, scat, observations by farmers and deer kills; I think the estimation of the number of wolves is considerably low.	Jun 16, 2012 9:11 AM
133	no	Jun 15, 2012 11:51 PM
134	they should allow baiting like they do for bear!	Jun 15, 2012 11:11 PM
135	This should be a good source of revenue for the state PLUS an excellect opportunity for all of those interested in the hunt.	Jun 15, 2012 8:19 PM
136	I hunt in a group up by Two Harbors/Castle Danger MN and I think it is a great idea to thin the wolf population. By our cabin, hunting trails are full of wolf feces with deer hair. I have seen more and more wolves during deer season and snowmobile season every year. I hope the wolf season is successful.	Jun 15, 2012 8:10 PM

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137	To many in NE Minn north of Duluth.	Jun 15, 2012 7:06 PM
138	looking forward to the chance to hunt/trap wolves.	Jun 15, 2012 7:02 PM
139	bring population much lower & start to get population estimates real	Jun 15, 2012 6:06 PM
140	I would like to see more permits allowed for trappers. With the up to the minute notification system that will be in place, I don't think an over harvest will ever be an issue. I think twice the proposed number of trapping permits (including the proposed hunting permits) would still make it a challenge to harvest 400 animals in a season.	Jun 15, 2012 5:17 PM
141	I hope the data from the first wolf season will be evaluated very carefully before planning future hunting and trapping seasons. If hunting is successful enough, I would like to see less trapping permitted, because it is so difficult to trap animals humanely. However, I recognize that trapping may be a necessary management tool in a realistic plan for gray wolves in Minnesota. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.	Jun 15, 2012 5:08 PM
142	I live and hunt 20 miles south of Duluth and we have been seeing wolves on a regular basis during deer season for the past several years. I personally do not agree with the statement that the wolf population has been stable for the last ten years. I believe there are many more than 3,000 wolves in Minnesota. The wolf hunt is a very good idea and my entire family plans to apply for licenses.	Jun 15, 2012 4:53 PM
143	Baiting and Electronic calls should be allowed.	Jun 15, 2012 4:12 PM
144	None	Jun 15, 2012 3:36 PM
145	Wolf season is far over do and i like many do not want to get rid of the wolves but we do need to manage them.	Jun 15, 2012 3:14 PM
146	I HAVE 527 ACRES IN CASS CO TODAY IS 6-15-12 AND I SAW 3 YOUNG TIMBERS WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF MY HOME, GOT WITHIN 50' OF THEM. 4 WEEKS AGO MY SITZSUE DOG DISSIEPEARED FORM MY PROPERTY, THREE DAY LATER I FOUND WOLF SCAT WITH HER HAIR IN IT, THERE HAS BEEN A MANGIE WOLF SEEN NURMORUS TIMES IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS,WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO THIN THESE OUT . I'M A TRAPPER AND A HUNTER AND I THINK I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT OR TRAP ON MY OWN PROPERTY. [REDACTED]	Jun 15, 2012 2:57 PM
147	It's good to see MN going forward with a wolf season. Wolves need to be managed and this is a step in the right direction.	Jun 15, 2012 2:47 PM
148	Try it For This Year Like set Up May want to Increase next year for more resultsat Least Its A Starting point Thanks for Making It Happen.	Jun 15, 2012 2:47 PM
149	I oppose the lottery and favor UNLIMITED licenses sold. Use today's technology - cell phone message or text would work well to notify of season closure. Also need email & phone to call to accommodate everyone. WHY are those taken in Zone B included in the Quota?? That is non-wolf range! I believe the quota will NOT be reached even IF the above are incorporated !!!	Jun 15, 2012 2:46 PM

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150	Your estimate wolf population in Minnesota is way low, we have well over 3,500 in Koochiching county alone.	Jun 15, 2012 2:44 PM
151	Problem with email notification for me is that I do not have access to email when I am hunting on my land up North !!!!!!!	Jun 15, 2012 2:39 PM
152	I believe a managed hunting/trapping season is necessary to control the wolf population. I look forward to participating in future hunts.	Jun 15, 2012 2:13 PM
153	<p>The Minnesota DNR, has dropped the ball so to speak. the Wolf population in Minnesota is almost three times what the initial population of sustainable wolf population in the state can handle. these wolves which the count could actually be near 5000 animals take between 60,000 and up to 100,000 deer, moose and domestic animals yearly. If the state were to suffer a hard winter as we had in the 70's along with wolf predation, the entire Moose herd and the deer herds in north eastern Minnesota could be wiped out. Since contributions from organizations like the Minnesota deer Hunters association donate hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly to the deer habitat and Moose habitat, I feel the membership of the Chapters in the wolf zone have again been over looked do to pressure from outside of area public, and even foreign country illegal participation in these management issues. I have personally endured lies perpetrated by L David Mech, in his habitual misrepresentation of wolf facts. I implore the state DNR to re-evaluate this hunting of wolves which will NOT decrease by any thing the wolf population. We must, and I repeat MUST significantly reduce these wolf numbers to save the Moose herd in the north east NOW! And wolf numbers in the area directly west and south of the BWCA and the Voyagers National Park! These areas of St.Louis, Koochiching, Aitkin, Itasca counties have received tremendous deer herd and domestic cattle predation! Enough is enough. Reduce the wolf population by all means to numbers liveable. Most of these animals left should be left in the BWCA and the Park. Not on private lands where they are NOT wanted! In Fact I demand the state remove Their wolves from My farm immediately. Wolf Management is needed and best be done ASAP! Last year there were three different packs in hearing range on my farm last deer season. I live north of Virginia and west of Cook. Take these wolves out!</p>	Jun 15, 2012 2:08 PM
154	<p>I think it is about time that something is done. There are to many wolves eating the deer population. I think it is a joke by the time you by a bow license,rifle license, and muzzleloader. That there are not that many deer around anyway. But people like myself do it because they enjoy hunting. There are alot of people I know including myself who are avid hunters and are about ready to quit buying usless licenses and just go to the store and by meat. In my area in Isanti county there were wolves released into the wild. What in the good lords name would you people do something like that for ????? If these idiots want to have wolves around then move up to Alaska and stay out in the wild . People know they were released here because of a transmitter trailer. And the DNR notified some area farmers. If the DNR wants young people to keep hunting they should keep things like this in mind. Why would I enter a lottery and or pay for a license to kill a overpopulated animal that some idiot keeps putting into the wild again. I hope people do get permits and take care of theses wolves. But i'm not buying another license for a problem that the people issueing the license and fees are creating. Please take these things into concideration when you keep raising license fees and making new rules all the time. I love the outdoors and respect the people</p>	Jun 15, 2012 1:59 PM

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who make SMART choices.

155	Should allow archery and muzzleloaders to take wolves. The season should start earlier and be longer. Do not stop the season before it is over because the deer season ends. Make the wolf season continuous.	Jun 15, 2012 1:52 PM
156	just want to know how to apply.	Jun 15, 2012 1:50 PM
157	I think it is about time a hunt season for wolves is implemented. Where I live I see just as many wolves now deer hunting as I do deer. The deer population has significantly dropped in our area about 209 miles north of Duluth.	Jun 15, 2012 1:32 PM
158	400 not enough. 600 would be better.	Jun 15, 2012 1:25 PM
159	I have heard that the early season hunt will be too early for the wolves to have their winter fur? Is this true? If so, should there only be a late season? Is the early season to appease the deer hunters and the legislator from Cedar?	Jun 15, 2012 1:25 PM
160	I would like to see more tags sold for more revenue for our state. Keep the quota number the same just sell more tags.	Jun 15, 2012 12:40 PM
161	A valuable resource of our state that should be managed and utilized.	Jun 15, 2012 12:35 PM
162	The increased bold behavior of the wolves in our state is terrifying for people who enjoy the woods-- we are afraid to bring our grandchildren out and allow them to play unattended -leave our animals in the yard - etc -- a hunt would at least reduce the wolf population and/or possibly make them a bit more cautious about coming close to humans --	Jun 15, 2012 12:30 PM
163	Please be open to suggestions and make changes if needed next year or the following year. Please use the information from this Fall's hunt and hunters to make any "adjustments" in the future.	Jun 15, 2012 12:12 PM
164	I see no reason to have the first hunt coincide with the deer firearm's season. This is a waste. The furs will not be prime and will not be worth anything. Seems like you are doing this to appease deer hunters and not to do what is best for the resource. I will apply for a wolf permit and if I get one I will not hunt them. The early season makes no sense at all	Jun 15, 2012 12:09 PM
165	While I am a hunter I don't really plan to hunt a wolf because they are only good for their fur and I eat what I shoot. I do hunt the Bemidji area and have for over 25 years and have only seen a few wolves and I spend a lot of time in the woods all year. It does make sense to thin the packs especially in areas that seem to have more populations but the wolf pack usually does take care of itself.	Jun 15, 2012 12:05 PM
166	-Prefer to have trapping earlier when the ground is soft and easier to set traps. - Prefer that trapping season was for both seasons. -Trapping is better than snaring because the less likely of getting a non game species in snare such as deer.	Jun 15, 2012 12:01 PM
167	wolves need to be controlled to control disease, over population and predation on farm animals I think it's a wonderful opportunity to help educate the younger hunters in our state on why we need to have this hunt and others like it for all	Jun 15, 2012 11:59 AM

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	animals to control over population and disease in are great state	
168	Wolves need harvesting if sportman are to have any hunting opportunities at all.	Jun 15, 2012 11:55 AM
169	Is baiting going to be allowed.	Jun 15, 2012 11:32 AM
170	I think it's great to thin down the population too many deer have killed do to many wolfs	Jun 15, 2012 11:09 AM
171	I believe that the DNR has studied this enough. The decision to go ahead with this is correct and based on good science.	Jun 15, 2012 11:02 AM
172	Wolves are over running the area that I hunt deer on the north shore of Lake Superior I am looking forward to a reduction of there numbers and a chance to harvest a unique animal.	Jun 15, 2012 10:14 AM
173	I'd just like to reaffirm my support for a wolf season and the sensible management strategies that would encompass it. I also feel it's necessary to express my opinion in regard to the relationship between the distribution of the current wolf population and the likely respondents to this survey. While public comment is a fundamental part of policy and planning it is also important to understand the demographics and locations of those responding. Most people's views of any issue are directly related to what they perceive in their own life and surroundings. As is usually the case we often end up with the majority of comments being expressed from those who do not live in the current range of the wolves nor will they likely ever understand the complexities of managing a predatory species. I would hope the Commissioner and Agency would consider this when making any management decisions. [REDACTED]	Jun 15, 2012 10:07 AM
174	Lets control the population using science and sound management .	Jun 15, 2012 10:06 AM
175	baiting	Jun 15, 2012 10:04 AM
176	1. a person should be allowed to apply for the first season hunting tag, and the second season trapping tag. 2. what will be the baiting laws for timberwolves? 3. far too many tags are being given to hunters and not enough to trappers. the second season should be a hunting/trapping tag, open to both.	Jun 15, 2012 9:42 AM
177	I fully support the hunt. In the Squaw Lake are our deer hunting party saw 2 mature wolves from our deer stands on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the season. In addition while bear hunting in 2008 nearly all of our bear baits had wolf tracks near them or actually were in the bait sites. This was over a fairly large area. Not sure the estimate of the number of wolves is accurate. Every person I know that hunts northern Minnesota is seeing wolf or wolf sign. The wolves are getting quite brave in pursuit of deer when shot by hunters.	Jun 15, 2012 9:28 AM
178	the wolf hunt should allow for more wolves than you have allotted. wolves will breed and reproduce and if only a limited amount are taken, there will actually be more wolves out there than there already are.	Jun 15, 2012 9:27 AM
179	I think this is a needed hunt. But I think most of the wolves taken will be by trapping methods. I also believe the wolf is an important part of the whole wildlife system. But I also think there are too many at this time and need to be brought	Jun 15, 2012 9:27 AM

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down in numbers.

180	It's time to open a limited season. I imagine success will be low but wolves will be taken where the population is greatest.	Jun 15, 2012 9:26 AM
181	I've deer hunted for 26 years now in two main areas - NE of Grand Rapids and near Birchdale on the Rainy River, I have never seen a wolf while out deer hunting and can only remember one person in my party seeing one. I would be surprised if, with the limited number of licenses sold, the harvest is anywhere near what is predicted. With that said, I think the entire wolf debate is overblown by both sides, I don't think they hurt deer populations that much and I don't think they should be federally protected anymore. I'll be glad to reduce the population by shooting one during deer season if I get the chance, but that's only because I'd like less wolves in my immediate deer hunting area.	Jun 15, 2012 9:23 AM
182	Finally a plan is in place! It will be interesting to monitor success of the hunt and the impact on the conflicts with humans.	Jun 15, 2012 9:22 AM
183	It's a great plan and needs to be implemented. Don't bungle it with too many restrictions.	Jun 15, 2012 9:18 AM
184	The wolf population definitely needs to be reduced, as there are on going issues with domestic animals being killed or harmed by wolves. This is a good start on helping to get thrie numbers back in check. this is the beginning, not the end.	Jun 15, 2012 9:09 AM
185	This was a great idea to start allowing hunting and trapping wolves.	Jun 15, 2012 8:59 AM
186	They are taking over the Northern Forest. I am a Bear Hunter and the Wolves are everywhere now. Please control them.	Jun 15, 2012 8:54 AM
187	I think the fastest way to get closure messages out would be to send a cellular text to all licensees. The 2nd would be an e-mail. I think in addition you would want to put it on the web site and maybe an announcement on the 5 and 10PM news the evening of the closure.	Jun 15, 2012 8:53 AM
188	I feel that a wolf season in MN is long overdue. The population is much higher then the 3000 animal that they claim we have.	Jun 15, 2012 8:29 AM
189	I think the 400 quota is too low. Wolves are numbering well over their target number set up years ago. They are too hard on other animal populations both wild and domestic.	Jun 15, 2012 8:27 AM
190	If the 400 quota is not reached this season, the balance of non-taken wolf numbers should be added to the quota for 2013. The reasoning behind this is that manuver would allow for a quota of up to 1000 wolves per season. I don't believe that number would be reachable but at that point, a lorrery may not be required, if each year that was done. I hunt northern Minnesota in the Remer area and have seen 2 wolves since 1976, the first year I hunted there. Our group has seen only one other wolf in that period of time and we've hunted the same area every year since then. A wolf is a fabulous and rare trophy, I got one in Alaska in 2001, it stands as a full mount in my game room. The wolf draws the most interest from visitors. Thank you.	Jun 15, 2012 8:06 AM

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191	I am a fan of wolves and have written extensively about them in books and magazine articles. I have somewhat reluctantly concluded that it is better for wolves and for humans if wolves are hunted again in this state. I'm open to evidence that we cannot manage a wolf season intelligently and with proper safeguards, but right now I think there is enough talent and commitment to doing it well that I should be assured.	Jun 15, 2012 7:59 AM
192	Management of wolves will be proven to be beneficial just as it has for deer, turkeys etc.	Jun 15, 2012 7:53 AM
193	Don't like the deer season hunt but I realize the departments hands are legislatively tied. Hate non prime wolves being killed. Being a muzzle loader hunter I also do not like the prospect of people having the ability to have deer class firearms out statewide while we try to hunt deer. will be similar to " coyote" hunters out there. Also what will caliber restrictions etc be. needs to be addressed. I would like to see it set from third Sat in Dec thru Feb 15.	Jun 15, 2012 7:49 AM
194	I live between Duluth and Two Harbors and the wolf activity we are seeing is definitely at an all time high. We watched one walk across our yard two days ago while we were eating dinner. I am particularly concerned with letting my dog off the leash. I am not "anti=wolf" but it is time to put some controlls on them.	Jun 15, 2012 7:47 AM
195	The current proposal is much too conservative, but it's a start.	Jun 15, 2012 7:41 AM
196	200 wolves are too few. I suggest 800-1000. There are way more than 3000 wolves in this state. I have been hunting in the Cotton area for 10 years and they are thick as ticks, plus I have friends that hunt all over the state and they all had more wolf sign and sightings than any previous years. They also had very low deer hunting success. I used to see moose and moose sign regularly in Cotton as well. Not any more. I know there are other factors due to the declining moose population, but a yearling moose stands no chance up there.	Jun 15, 2012 7:39 AM
197	It will cost the State more money in restitution,hardly ever paid, If the population increases. It is the DNR not the general Public Who has the information to make these decisions. The Anti's should be paying restitution, They spend more on propaganda than is needed for restitution.	Jun 15, 2012 7:37 AM
198	I believe the season should be open all year, or until the quota for that year has been reached. I believe every Deer firearms license should automatically allow you to shoot one wolf. The kill rate will be very low. In 50 years of deer hunting, I've only seen two wolves, and would only have had a shot at one of the two that I saw.	Jun 15, 2012 7:13 AM
199	For the sake of all our livestock, pets, and future deer hunting, I hope the state will not give up on this effort.	Jun 15, 2012 7:11 AM
200	let's see how the first season goes and then make changes as needed.	Jun 15, 2012 6:33 AM
201	I will be hunting in a remote area with no internet or cell phone access. What happens if the season closes on a Friday and I shoot a wolf on Sunday? Am I supposed to drive 60 miles round trip everyday to ensure the season is still open?	Jun 15, 2012 6:30 AM

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202	Patiently waiting for applying date.	Jun 15, 2012 6:30 AM
203	There is too many wolves, I have to watch my dogs 9 months a year. To many cyotes also. Both speices are way to brave.	Jun 15, 2012 6:23 AM
204	I am opposed to allowing wolf hunting during the firearms deer season. Such incidental harvest does not respect the fur and sport value of the animal. I support the DNR's original proposal to have a hunting and trapping season from late November thru early January, similar to the season we now have for bobcats.	Jun 15, 2012 6:22 AM
205	IT'S ABOUT TIME !!	Jun 15, 2012 5:08 AM
206	If we do not have a good,well monitured Wolf Trapping/Hunting season THIS WILL BECOME A TRUE PREDATOR STATE !!!!!!!! Up here we see wolves almost daily in the winter,last winter I called 911 to ask about putting a HAIRLESS,severly under weight, Timber down & out of its misery. I HATE to see any animal suffer! The warden said no and it was NOT HIS job to kill mange wolves. what is his job pulling people over for speeding ?????? This man is an EMBARRASSMENT to our conservation people. That wolf suffered in sight of my family and any one driving up the Cramer Rd. What a JERK!!! [REDACTED] I HAVE GOOD PHOTOS of at least 6 different Wolves in front of my house all taken around 10 to 11 A.M. Including the mangy one that was spreading the disease . I don't believe in Total eradification, but you need a better count... your WAY low on your #s you need a formula people that live with them can use ,you'll be surprised ! The pelts are not good and prime until Mid to late October, they get better up until they get "wooly" in mid December,if you are going to let people shoot them with Deer hunting rifles,they should be made aware they blow a BIG hole in em and they will be loosing out on a nice fur Check ! As they are not edible to us (they will eat each other) it seems like wanton waste not to do all you can to make them salable. First and for most I guess is get them under control then educate the serious Trappers and Predator hunters. The average "Joe" probably will blow em up pretty bad....if not taught better. They also probably are not aware of the rancid smell these animals have. Having released a lot of them, I was very surprised to learn that it takes 200 deer per year per wolf . [REDACTED]	Jun 15, 2012 2:24 AM
207	I don't agree with having a season coinciding with firearms deer seasons. You are creating an enforcement nightmare and encouraging deer hunters to harvest a wolf without a tag.	Jun 15, 2012 12:10 AM
208	Wolves are a very valuable resource for Minnesota, both economically and ecologically. With low harvest rates in states and Canadian provinces that presently have wolf seasons; it would make sense to extend the late season till the end of January before the females enter the estrus cycle in February to March. This would allow hunters who want to make the effort, especially non-resident hunters, more time to participate in the hunt. Non-resident hunters would obviously provide increased revenue stream from license fees, food, lodging, etc. I know 6 hunters from Iowa that are interested in participating in the hunt, and their state is not shy about the prices charged to non-resident hunters. I have hunted the Minnesota firearms deer season, 20 plus years in wolf territory, and have never seen a wolf during the season. It will be the most difficult hunt for many hunters to undertake, with no guarantee for success.	Jun 14, 2012 11:24 PM



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Landowners who currently have problems with wolf predation could provide a valuable resource for the success of the program and hunter alike; functioning like that of Landowner permits. Rather than paying someone to take a wolf or wolves; have a hunter pay to take the animal; win-win.

209	I feel that it is the right time to begin hunting wolves as they are definitely affecting many of the prime deer hunting areas plus having an effect of farm animals. I believe that maintaining a reasonable size wolf population as the DNR has indicated would be more than adequate.	Jun 14, 2012 11:20 PM
210	400 is too small a harvest. It is my belief that the moose decline is attributable largely to wolves. The cows usually become pregnant and have their calves. In winter though the wolves devastate the calves. I saw where one cow tried heroically to defend her calf from the wolves but could not do it. In the summer time their chasing puts tremendous stress on the moose because of the heat. This stress predisposes their bodies to diseases and parasites. It is why they appear to be starving even when surrounded by food. So even though they kill moose at significant rates (anything greater than 5% is significant) I believe the toll is much worse because of the stress. Moose in NW Minnesota started to decline first as the number of wolves increased. The habitat is good in the NW but not as good as NE Minnesota and so the stress placed on them by the wolves affected them there first. I have hunted deer in NW Minnesota and one time had 14-16 moose pushed by me on one of our deer drives. At that time you did not see a wolf track. Now if you go back to the same spot all you see are wolf tracks. I would like the season to reflect the maximum harvest (1000 - 1500) just to protect our moose. I believe 400 is so low you won't even know there is a harvest. Government trappers took in the neighborhood of 200 or more animals each year and that was during a closed season. We certainly should be harvesting more than 400 animals.	Jun 14, 2012 11:09 PM
211	I am glad to see the limited wolf hunt. I do think though that out of state licenses should cost around \$500.00.	Jun 14, 2012 10:00 PM
212	We need to find a way to reduce the amount of wolves so I can deer hunt. Last year was just plain awful. In an area where we see 5 to 10 deer a day we say 1 or 2 in the whole week.	Jun 14, 2012 9:58 PM
213	Hope it goes as planned!	Jun 14, 2012 9:56 PM
214	I do not support nor do I want an early season during deer hunting. I support the hunting of wolves as part of a management plan 100%. Just do not put it before or during firearms deer hunting. Rather frustrating that wasn't offered as an answer to any of the questions. Gives a sense you are just ramming this down our throats.	Jun 14, 2012 9:12 PM
215	lets do this	Jun 14, 2012 9:07 PM
216	I oppose the early hunting season that coincides with deer gun season. The pelts are not prime yet.It encourages the return of old hatreds and wanton poaching/waste.	Jun 14, 2012 9:02 PM
217	DEER AND OTHER WILDLIFE FLOURISHED WHEN WOLVES WERE ALMOST EXTINCT AND WE COULD SURVIVE WITH MANY LESS THAN THE	Jun 14, 2012 8:55 PM

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218	I wouldn't apply for a license this year, I want to wait and see how the first season goes. The wolf is very secretive, success rates would be very low. I want to see if hunting & trapping regulations will be adjusted after the first couple of seasons.	Jun 14, 2012 8:16 PM
219	Get it done so we can apply!	Jun 14, 2012 7:53 PM
220	no	Jun 14, 2012 7:39 PM
221	I feel the DNR should increase the harvest quota to at least 1,000. That number is only 1/3 of the population and make the season all in one. Both hunting and trapping and do away with the early and the late season and make it all one and can take 1 wolf by any method	Jun 14, 2012 7:22 PM
222	I believe the quota should be higher 800 to 1000.	Jun 14, 2012 7:19 PM
223	I feel this a step in the right direction.	Jun 14, 2012 7:06 PM
224	Can't wait to have the chance at shooting one!!	Jun 14, 2012 6:26 PM
225	I would like to see another oversight committee consisting of the general public (hunters/trappers) because if this is left to the DNR you can bet your bottom dollar they will screw it up!!!!	Jun 14, 2012 6:14 PM
226	PLEASE do not allow trapping!!!! I realize that you feel it is more successful to trap the wolves, but it is inhumane.	Jun 14, 2012 6:07 PM
227	this is something that is really needed in our area.	Jun 14, 2012 6:04 PM
228	Season is too short, Number of tags is too low. Hunting & trapping must include the whole state. The Wolf must sustain itself. Do not take money from Deer to take care of the wolf. Establish a target number of wolves to manage to.	Jun 14, 2012 5:59 PM
229	The limit is too low.	Jun 14, 2012 5:47 PM
230	Gotta start somewhere. I'm sure revisions will occur after a year of experience with the system. Some hunters in remote locations may not have timely e-mail or cell phone contact with outside world, so notifying them could be an issue.	Jun 14, 2012 5:46 PM
231	I appreciate the lifting of the ban. There is such a limited chance of actually seeing and taking a wolf that an extended season is necessary.	Jun 14, 2012 5:37 PM
232	We have had a lot of problems with the wolves up here north of Bemidji and they have also impacted the beaver seasons. Bringing them under control will be a win-win for both the wolf and Minnesotans. Thanks for doing it.	Jun 14, 2012 5:37 PM
233	We need to bring the total number of wolves down closer to the number that we were targeting for (1,600). Everyone that pays any attention, knows we have way more wolves than the food supply out there for them. And that the 3,000 estimate is a number from years ago. The wolf is a big animal and it needs to eat!	Jun 14, 2012 5:35 PM

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234	Finally. This plan has been ready for years and thwarted by those who would take away ALL hunting. Nice job MN DNR!	Jun 14, 2012 5:31 PM
235	Great to have a hunting season, way to many wolves in the state.	Jun 14, 2012 5:07 PM
236	I think that more than 400 wolves should be taken, more like 1400.	Jun 14, 2012 5:01 PM
237	Believe the wolf population is significantly larger than the 3,000 estimate. Based on that the number on wolfs taken should be increased significantly.	Jun 14, 2012 4:58 PM
238	I will apply for a permit to hunt wolves in the early season.	Jun 14, 2012 4:53 PM
239	Besides using e-mails and cellphone I believe you are going to have to make some type of announcement over local radio, public radio channels and TV. Frankly, I know a lot of people who have better TV and radio reception in hunting camps then they do for cellphone or e-mails on computer.	Jun 14, 2012 4:39 PM
240	As you have indicated, the seasons will be adjusted by lessons learned from previous seasons. You seem to be taking a logical sequence in developing the wolf hunting experience, but from what I have read it seems like few will be taken by hunting. You will probably have to increase the trapping quota to meet your goal as shooting a wolf during the early season will result in very poor pelts - what else would you do with the carcass - eat it?	Jun 14, 2012 4:37 PM
241	There are way more wolves than mentioned and far to few tags allowed . I think it's possible to have traps out and run into bad weather not allowing to check traps and have the season close before you could check them and have one in a trap illegally .there needs to be a little leeway on this or you'll just have unregistered wolves .	Jun 14, 2012 4:36 PM
242	season should be open to anyone who wants to buy a license not just a certain number of permits when quota of 400 is reached shut it down also should be open year around way too many timber wolves they are realy hard on our deer population which is more important deer or wolves?	Jun 14, 2012 4:20 PM
243	Why not allow (the same individual) to hunt OR trap in the late season?	Jun 14, 2012 4:16 PM
244	wolves are very hard to hunt, the season should be long, skip early and late season , combine into one , history of hunting wolves shows that data already , don't spend time and money on questions asking what length of season should be because the history of previous hunts are out there already.	Jun 14, 2012 4:07 PM
245	Please consider use of electronic calls and bait . These are proven methods that work across the border. So well in fact, hunters across the Pigeon river occasionally get wolves with Minnesota tags on them.	Jun 14, 2012 4:06 PM
246	about time we get some relief from the feds. you guys are doing a good job keep on doing.	Jun 14, 2012 4:05 PM
247	Land owners should have preference to licenses A group license (one license for 4 hunters) would be appreciated	Jun 14, 2012 3:59 PM
248	None, keep up the good work.	Jun 14, 2012 3:56 PM

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249	I have hunted grouse in the Superior National forest for 35 years. I have occasionally encountered wolves during that time and enjoyed the experience. I congratulate our state authorities for a sensible and sound plan to deal with this resource.	Jun 14, 2012 3:48 PM
250	I like the way this has been handled and I am very interested in the results. I hope information will go out very quickly following the season.	Jun 14, 2012 3:45 PM
251	Its about TIME	Jun 14, 2012 3:43 PM
252	It is an ok start but eventually when the novelty wheres off and reality sets in the license will be cost prohibitive to deer season hunters. That means DNR will need to rely on trappers and a real wolf reduction target will need to be part of the focus of wolf management. There is no reason to maintain a 3500 population in Wolf zone A.	Jun 14, 2012 3:43 PM
253	I think this hunt needs to motored closely for the first few years. I think that it is going to be much harder to shoot a wolf that most people think. The local land owners and people that live with them will have the best chance. I would love to have the privilage to hunt for wolfs as that has been on my bucket list for a long time. My odds of going up to the northern part of Minnesota and shooting a wolf would be extreamly hard. I have also recieved a e-mail calling for all anti wolf hunters to apply for a licence thus burning up as many of the 6000 tags as possible. This could be an issue.	Jun 14, 2012 3:40 PM
254	This season is great for Minnesota! Great job to the legislature and the DNR.	Jun 14, 2012 3:24 PM
255	Why limit the amount of permits? Everyone should be able to hunt until the season is closed.	Jun 14, 2012 3:22 PM
256	we gots too many wolves in Mn.	Jun 14, 2012 3:21 PM
257	I feel that a season is needed so that we have checks and balances..As wolves have no real dangers except man....	Jun 14, 2012 3:03 PM
258	If managed properly a hunting season for wolves is a good thing. I support hunting wolves but want to see severe penalties for anyone violating this law.	Jun 14, 2012 2:56 PM
259	Per stats out West, and the slyness of the wolf, I don't see how we can come close to meeting a 4-600 kill quota. This being a trial for MN's DNR will show how many activists actualy work with for DNR and/or the competence of those who conider themselves DNR experts.	Jun 14, 2012 2:56 PM
260	Eliminate the early season	Jun 14, 2012 2:55 PM
261	I believe the estimated 3,000 wolves is a light estimate	Jun 14, 2012 2:42 PM
262	keep theeason open untill the desiered number of wolves harvested are harvested even if thats past deer hunting	Jun 14, 2012 2:40 PM
263	In order to protect the integrity of the lottery system only hunters and trappers having held a license from the previous year for trapping/hunting would be allowed to apply.I believe trappers living in the wolf areas of management should be given preference for the first year.	Jun 14, 2012 2:30 PM

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264	It is great MN will be managing the wolf population	Jun 14, 2012 2:29 PM
265	A friend living in Grand Marais for over 50 years has told me the DNR is FAR underestimating the number of wolves. He used to see one wolf every two or three years and moose "all the time". Now he sees wolves "all the time" and sees very few moose, mainly wolf kill carcasses. I hoping the wolf hunting will help the moose population rebound. Thank you for letting me have input.	Jun 14, 2012 2:24 PM
266	As stated in the slides, trapping will most likely result in the larger number of wolves taken. I have seen wolves while deer hunting, but they were moving too quickly for a RESPONSIBLE hunter to take a shot. I realize the legislation mandated the early season to coincide with deer hunting season, but I don't agree with this. I would like to see the early season as short as possible, and the late season as long as possible.	Jun 14, 2012 2:22 PM
267	It is about time to start managing wolves like other game species. It will be good for the species and the human population.	Jun 14, 2012 2:16 PM
268	List of eligible would have to be confidential	Jun 14, 2012 2:11 PM
269	This new hunting & trapping season is long overdue. We are finally in a position to properly regulate wolf numbers, which were getting out of control.	Jun 14, 2012 2:10 PM
270	no	Jun 14, 2012 2:05 PM
271	I have hunted deer, bear ,turkey and grouse, for over 50 years in central Minnesota, and have yet to see a wolf while hunting.	Jun 14, 2012 2:04 PM
272	I am very glad we are putting a season in place. To purchase the liense it should be over the counter not a lottery. You have the quota in place which will be hard to achieve why not open it up to everyone until the quota is reached? It would generate more revenue in liense fees and would not impact the harvast if there is a quota in place.	Jun 14, 2012 2:04 PM
273	Thank you for getting the Wolf Hunting Season a reality for Minnesota. It has been needed for a long time.	Jun 14, 2012 1:57 PM
274	We have dead cattle on our farm because of wolves this spring. They are now feeding on white tail fawns. They have shown little fear of man with one close encounter. I'll bet you don't live where I do or watch you and your neighbors lose livelyhood dollars to grey wolves do you? Kill em.	Jun 14, 2012 1:57 PM
275	Not sure what methods MN DNR is using to determine wolf population density. I am afraid you may be way low. I live on the North Shore on 50 acres near Two Harbors and I can personally identify 5-10 animals myself both by observation and trail camera use. I see more wolf's than deer often times. Many of my neighbors have lost their pets. Must say I do enjoy living in concert with the grey timber wolf. Would miss them if they were gone. But lets get this overpopulation problem under control. Thanks	Jun 14, 2012 1:52 PM
276	I have personally had a family dog killed(Four years ago) in my back yard, in the mid afternoon by wolves. It is commonplace to see wolves, not coyotes, weekly in my area. We are a transitional woods/farmland setting. Last year I located 6	Jun 14, 2012 1:49 PM

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wolf killed deer within my land. Sixty-five acres. Two of the kills were within 100 to 150 yars of my house. One just 75 yds from my grand daughters playhouse. I now carry a sidearm when I bring the grand daughter sliding and do not allow them to be without an adult. I do not let them walk the quarter mile driveway alone from the bus. I am glad to see the State finally be able to begin a plan to control the wolves. The population has started to create problems. I believe a control program is needed in order to help with a reduction in population The "hunting" season will be less than successfull. Trapping should run from late Oct till the end of Jan- early Feb. This will allow for accidentally caught wolves to be brought in for research purposes. These wolves should not be counted against the harvest quota.

277	Prefer late season so pelts are of best value. Also not applying at this time due to initial general public interest is high. Once the initial novelty wears off with the general public, then will likely apply.	Jun 14, 2012 1:37 PM
278	it is about time that we can hunt wolves	Jun 14, 2012 1:33 PM
279	why is the no bow hunting time for the wolfs i see them all the time when i am in the woods i think the state should give the bow hunter there time to and i know i ant the only on that thinks this way i dont use a gun to hunt i feel the state is pushing me out on this wolf hunting and i dont think it is fear to me and all the other bow hunter in this state we call home	Jun 14, 2012 1:27 PM
280	I think people will be surprised how hard it is going to be to reach harvest quotas. Especially after the first season. The trappers will undoubtedly end up with most of the harvest due to the nature of the animal. It is great we are finally getting this going - especially in the north, where the numbers are very high.	Jun 14, 2012 1:22 PM
281	Not to have the early wolf season with the early deer season. Only to have the wolf season start with the late season proposal and maybe run a little later.	Jun 14, 2012 1:22 PM
282	i find that it is time to be able to hunt the wolves	Jun 14, 2012 1:19 PM
283	need to take more than 400	Jun 14, 2012 1:17 PM
284	I think that baiting should be allowed for the firearm/archery hunt. With out bait it will be very hard to even see a wolf.	Jun 14, 2012 1:11 PM
285	Way Too Many Wolves in Northern Minnesota! They need to be reduced!	Jun 14, 2012 1:10 PM
286	Keep up the good work!	Jun 14, 2012 1:04 PM
287	Too many restrictions, just have an open season to all hunters. Review the numbers taken and adjust the lenght of season the following year to keep the population at desired numbers. Maybe some years you have a season and some years you don't.	Jun 14, 2012 1:00 PM
288	I'm ok with current plan, but just a late season, maybe extended some in time ,would provide the successful hunter with a nicer fur.	Jun 14, 2012 12:59 PM
289	The 400 number is to low. Plus when was the last survey done regarding the number of wolves that exist. I think the number is higher then that, just becuae	Jun 14, 2012 12:57 PM

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of the sign that I see.

290	Reduce the early season quota and provide more for the late season. The early season quota is just a "feel good" option to allow deer hunters to take their frustration out on the wolves and does not make the best use of the resource. Wolves should be treated like other furbearers and taken later in the winter.	Jun 14, 2012 12:54 PM
291	Yay, it is a wonderfully planned harvest. Good job!!	Jun 14, 2012 12:53 PM
292	The proposed season is a great thing for all involved. Wolves are terrific animals, but need to be managed like all the other animals we hunt, respect and support through licenses purchases and support of conservation groups.	Jun 14, 2012 12:52 PM
293	A wolf season during the major firearm deer season is encouraging waste and irresponsibility. Even though success rates for hunting wolves is low; it places far too many people and irresponsible hunters in the woods at the same time and encourages people to shoot animals for someone else who has a tag. a guaranteed situation which will occur often, no matter how vigilant the DNR will be. However, I do believe there needs to be a season so we can put more power in the hands of the DNR officials statewide and cut down on illegal killing cover up. However, a wolf's coat is not desirable at the time in which the early season will occur and will encourage WASTE with all of the ignorant hunters who or opposed to wolves in first place. A season should be more geared towards serious hunters who will appreciate the animal for what it is worth. Alot like all other seasons, ie..Bear. Therefore a late season hunt when the coats of these animals are in a far nicer and desirable condition will attract more serious and respectful hunters. This is the first season...Alot more care should have went into developing it and seeing how the first season played out. Far too many tags and an inappropriate approach for irresponsible people... I am a bowhunter of 18 years and very in favor of DNR and their regulations as well as the wolf reintroduction and coexistence. [REDACTED]	Jun 14, 2012 12:48 PM
294	get rid of more 400 is too little up here	Jun 14, 2012 12:44 PM
295	I think the DNR is doing a great job with this. I know a lot of the anti-hunting sentiment concerning wolves comes from people who do not understand the facts. My only hope is we can spend the same level of energy to try and find out why our moose are disappearing and do something about it ASAP! I would volunteer :D	Jun 14, 2012 12:39 PM
296	I am very thankful that this wolf hunt is finally happening. Our family manages our deer population and since the wolves moved into central minnesota we have lost many of our fawns & yearlings for the past two years. In a few years we expect deer harvest numbers to be way down compared to normal years. Last year we had many twins in the spring and by mid summer we didn't see any of them left. We found carcasses throughout our meadow and woods during firearms season and actually saw wolves from our stands while hunting. With younger kids coming into the age of hunting - I am hopeful that we will be able to share the experience with them. I know what a pack of wolves can do to herds of elk in Yellowstone - and now it is happening here. Thank you for pushing this through legislation!	Jun 14, 2012 12:39 PM
297	It's about time we finally have a season!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Jun 14, 2012 12:38 PM

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298	Good Luck	Jun 14, 2012 12:34 PM
299	Good job on planning this hunt.	Jun 14, 2012 12:32 PM
300	400 is not enough but I understand the reason for starting light. I would hope that number goes up significantly in subsequent years. 400 will not affect the total population. I also believe MN has more than 3,000 animals.	Jun 14, 2012 12:32 PM
301	Given my 30 plus years of deer hunting in northern Minnesota I have only seen one wolf while hunting. I do not believe a significant number of wolves will be harvested in the early season by casual deer hunters. Our only hope of thinning the wolf population is the late season and I think we will need to issue a much larger number of permits.	Jun 14, 2012 12:28 PM
302	Not in favor of it starting with firearms deer hunting but at least it is a start.	Jun 14, 2012 12:27 PM
303	I am a seasonal resident of northern St. Louis County. I am also a hunter, but I like seeing wolves and seeing evidence of wolves. I favor maintenance of a viable wolf population in Minnesota. I formerly hunted frequently in the area of southern Wisconsin that unfortunately became the epicenter for the CWD outbreak in Wisconsin. I have now lost all interest in returning for a deer hunt in my old haunts. I believe wolves could likely play a beneficial role in Minnesota (and other states) in slowing the expansion of CWD in the upper Midwest and other areas.	Jun 14, 2012 12:24 PM
304	Well done!	Jun 14, 2012 12:17 PM
305	I can understand the reasoning behind surrendering the carcass when registering the wolf like a person does with bobcats, but what if a person would like to keep the skull rather than the pelt as their trophy but can't because they have to surrender it with the carcass, couldn't there be a way to pull a tooth for aging? Last winter I trapped a big tom cat that I would have liked to have kept the skull but couldn't because they needed it for the research (which was a big bummer to hear), do they need the whole skull besides aging? couldn't a person just surrender the bottom jaw for aging? That's my .02 cents.	Jun 14, 2012 12:15 PM
306	require all applicants for a license to hunt or trap to pay a \$25 nonrefundable application fee. IF applicant is successfully drawn in lottery for license, the \$25 would be applied to the cost of license.	Jun 14, 2012 12:14 PM
307	I like and respect wolves, and want to keep them a part of the northwoods. At the same time, they are very numerous, especially in the northeastern portion of the state. I do not want to hunt/trap wolves, but would not object to a regulated wolf management program as outlined.	Jun 14, 2012 12:10 PM
308	I'm in favor of the wolf hunt, but believe that having the season start during the rifle is a mistake. The fur will not be in its prime & should be a SEPERATE hunting season than deer - start it in late November. You are going to have people doing "wolf drives" and the possibility of accidents will increase. The wolf is a predator and should be hunted like a predator, (ex. coyotes) at night. I hope you do allow baiting.	Jun 14, 2012 12:10 PM
309	Season should run until the end of February	Jun 14, 2012 12:08 PM



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310	Just do it!	Jun 14, 2012 12:07 PM
311	I feel that a total of 600 wolves would be a better number, and really wouldn't have a great impact on the wolf numbers. After the pups are born the following spring we would still have as many or more wolves then before the season started.	Jun 14, 2012 12:05 PM
312	It would be extremely helpful to have the DNR send a text message to hunters alerting them of the season closure/quota limit. Also, since wolf hunting is new for MN residents, could you offer some tips on what to do with a wolf post-harvest? Field-dressing tips, taxidermy, etc.? I would like to have the opportunity to hunt them, but not sure what to do with them.	Jun 14, 2012 12:04 PM
313	I feel the season should not open until the furs are prime in late november. If there is concern of an overharvest this first hunt, then it would be better to just wait until later, when alot less people would be interested in hunting. I feel alot of people will try to get licences because they are hunting deer anyway.	Jun 14, 2012 12:01 PM
314	the quota is to low we need to harvest a higher number of wolves. i live in cattle country and the amount of calves killed by wolves is getting out of hand!	Jun 14, 2012 11:59 AM
315	Looking at how fishing seasons are done in Alaska, ie. season end dates are sent via radio and emails and what not, I think that the email or message alert system used would be the next best way of implementing season closure on wolves in MN. These days everyone has some means of being alerted, so a conservationist should have no problems.	Jun 14, 2012 11:59 AM
316	I think it is important that this hunt occurs. I am concerned that you will not come close to the 400 wolves planned. My thought is once they realize they are being hunted, the will be very hard to be seen.	Jun 14, 2012 11:55 AM
317	I strongly believe that landowners in thee wolfs primary range, zone 1, should get preference of optaining a wolf tag over non land owners. Landowners that have a minimum acreage, say 100 acres or more, should me able to manage the wolf population on their property. These landowners in zone 1 are the people that are having the most problems with nuisance wolfs, and taxpayers money is being spent to have professionanal trappers remove the nuisance wolfs. If tags are giving to non landowners that hunt primarily public land, their success rate is going to be very low, and those are not the wolfs that are creating the problems for landowners. By giving more wolf tags to landowners, the DNR and the landowners both win.	Jun 14, 2012 11:52 AM
318	If you have a late season tag and the quota is filled in the early season. will you get a refund ?	Jun 14, 2012 11:51 AM
319	No	Jun 14, 2012 11:46 AM
320	The DNR has more expertise about Wolfs than I will ever have, therefore I support their recommendations.	Jun 14, 2012 11:45 AM
321	need to allow more wolves to be taken than quota will be now	Jun 14, 2012 11:43 AM
322	No.	Jun 14, 2012 11:43 AM

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323	You should allow night hunting for Wolves.	Jun 14, 2012 11:39 AM
324	Nice job lets get started.	Jun 14, 2012 11:39 AM
325	I am pleased to see the DNR finally managing the Timber Wolf population. The over population of the Timber Wolf has taken the wolf from "Majestic Status" to a status lower than a barn rat. It is unfortunate when animals are not controlled.	Jun 14, 2012 11:39 AM
326	no	Jun 14, 2012 11:37 AM
327	I would consider raising to cost of the application to lottery fee to eliminate non-hunters / radical environmentalists from flooding the lottery with applications with no intention on hunting.	Jun 14, 2012 11:36 AM
328	If I submit my email for notice of season closure, I wish for it to remain confidential and not be distributed to anti-hunting groups. I applaud the formulation of the wolf hunting season. Wolves exist in significant numbers west of Hwy 89, the western border of the wolf zone should be extended to at least Karlstad. I also believe the estimate of 3000 wolves in MN to be low. This number has been announced for years with my personal observation of an increasing wolf population north of MN Hwy 2 and especially on the MN northern border from Roseau to the BWCA.	Jun 14, 2012 11:36 AM
329	I believe this is a long overdue and necessary step to a better balance between particularly the deer to wolf ratio	Jun 14, 2012 11:35 AM
330	Where I hunt we have very poor cell phone service and no computer. So maybe it should be put on the radio and TV too when the number is getting close to the limit of wolves taken.	Jun 14, 2012 11:35 AM
331	I think it is silly to have a lottery and limit the number of permits. If it has been determined that a certain quota can be killed, then let as many people who want to hunt or trap, take part, they can still only take up to the quota number that has been set. It opens the doors for anti-hunting groups to receive large amounts of permits that will never be used.	Jun 14, 2012 11:34 AM
332	The wolf population is capable of opening of a season to harvest the resource and add revenue to the DNR budget - I support the hunt but unfortunately will not be able to join in the hunt this year. Hope all goes well and the opportunity is available for the sportsman and myself next year. Have a great hunt.	Jun 14, 2012 11:34 AM
333	There needs to be a notification process for hunters who do not routinely use or have available computer access. The phone call may be appropriate but a public announcement to radio and tv should be considered.	Jun 14, 2012 11:33 AM
334	no	Jun 14, 2012 11:32 AM
335	Will baiting be permitted for wolf hunting?	Jun 14, 2012 11:30 AM
336	Great Job. I think the numbers may be a bit conservative at 400 wolfs. You do have to start somewhere though.	Jun 14, 2012 11:30 AM
337	you should raise the number of wolf's taken and reduce the number of wolves in the state by 50%	Jun 14, 2012 11:29 AM

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338	I believe the quota on wolves and licenses is to small. There is no reason to limit the # of hunters or the length of the season as long as there is a quota. Based on the success or lack there of hunters in other areas of wolf hunting your proposal does not serve the intrest of those who buy licenses and fund thse program. By limiting the # of licenses you are depriving the DNR of funds needed to run this program. Just remember the anti's and non hunters do fund thses programs or any other consevation program.	Jun 14, 2012 11:28 AM
339	I am spectsical about how this is going to work and how "crazy" people are going to get out in the woods. I am an avid hunter myself, and I know very well all of the dangers of OTHER hunters. If they are to have time AFTER the quota is achieved, how crazy/desperate are they going to get in those final hours? What stress is this going to put on the deer population, adding additional hunters of big game in the woods? I support the idea, but am a little worried.	Jun 14, 2012 11:26 AM
340	My biggest concern with the season ending on the day that the harvest quota would be reached is notifying the hunters. I like the idea of an automated message and/or text and emails. The thing that I would be concerned with is that the areas where hunting would take place are not some of the most cell phone friendly ares, there are a lot of dead spots. Also I would be willing to venture a guess that a majority of the hunters will not have access to a computer to check whether the season is open or closed. Obviously it is the hunter's responsibility to find out whether the season is open or closed, so figuring out the best way to notify them is my concern.	Jun 14, 2012 11:25 AM
341	It will be interesting to see if quotas are met. I have been hunting for 35 years in Minn. and have never seen a wolf long enough to shoot it(if it had been legal). The trappers will have the best chances of harvest. Keep a close watch on wolf numbers as they do have a purpose in the natural cycle of deer populations.	Jun 14, 2012 11:24 AM
342	I dont believe the DNR knows how much damage the wolves have caused to wildlife in the state of Minnesota You need to get rid of more or you will lose more deer hunters who are fed up with the wolves less deer hunters less licences less revenue	Jun 14, 2012 11:23 AM
343	Wolves have been allowed to flourish for years. Little damage to their population can be done with this proposal. If anything, it is light, but is a step in the right direction. You deer population models are skewed in Northern MN. There are fewer deer thatn you estimate. A wolf season can only help.	Jun 14, 2012 11:21 AM
344	Hopefully as the season continues in next 3-4 years the quota would increase another 25%	Jun 14, 2012 11:19 AM
345	I am a hunter and trapper, and I think you are doing the right thing.....the wolf needs to be controlled not eliminated.....and the DNR has the right tools to do the correct thing.....the anti's do not have a clue what happens in the wild.	Jun 14, 2012 11:16 AM
346	Do not have computer access where we plan to hunt.	Jun 14, 2012 11:15 AM
347	I would like to see the wolf licenses cost less. The same price as a deer license would be more appropriate. Also, I would like to see more licenses available. The success rate will be so low that a lot more licenses could be sold without any additional effect on the quota. The additional revenue generated by selling	Jun 14, 2012 11:15 AM

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	additional wolf licenses could get the wolf management program sound start financially.	
348	No, thank you.	Jun 14, 2012 11:13 AM
349	no	Jun 14, 2012 11:13 AM
350	Need a higher quota. Other states have shown that the population can sustain itself when a third of the known population is harvested. Minnesota's quota is not nearly high enough for the number of wolves that are present, and if it doesn't change the wolf numbers could easily expand drastically.	Jun 14, 2012 11:13 AM
351	I think it's great that the Federal Government has put the management of wolves back into the hands of individual states and I applaud that work that the Minnesota DNR is doing to help control and properly sustain and manage Minnesota's wolf population. I suspect you'll be in for a bit of a fight with the anti's, but please keep up the good work and continue to do what's in the best interest of the wolves. Thanks again for all of your hard work and effort on this and every other fish-, wildlife- and conservation-related issue in our state!	Jun 14, 2012 11:03 AM
352	open the season and keep it open 24/7/365 until the target quota is reached. Wolves are difficult to hunt, give the hunters the time they need.	Jun 14, 2012 10:06 AM
353	400 Wolves harvested is way too few. The damage they have done to the deer and moose herds may take years before they come back in the Northeast regions of our state. No predator should be allowed to go protected and without limits. You can not have limits for the game animals and no limits on predators. It makes no sense. Deer and Moose are their food supply and they have limits.	Jun 14, 2012 9:40 AM
354	I believe there will be limited success initially due to possible inexperienced hunters and trappers. After the first season, you may find most people have a limited ability to take wolves. Allowing a larger bag limit for trappers will give opportunity for experienced trappers to help acheive management goals and possibly reduce wolf, livestock, and pet conflicts. some individuals who are proficient trappers may well catch multiple animals in one day, how do you plan to deal with this? wolves, sometimes can be difficult to release without help, and any released wolf may be more difficult to recapture later if there are conflict issues and wolf removal becomes necessary. Inexperinced traqppers may have wolves pull out of improperly set, or undersized traps, making these more difficult to recapture if need be. Perhaps some orientation or education may be necessary for inexperienced trappers. Thank you, and good luck, [REDACTED]	Jun 14, 2012 9:39 AM
355	Wolf population needs to be managed. I don't want hungry, excess wolves foraging for toddlers and pets.	Jun 14, 2012 9:36 AM
356	Keep it simple. It gets very frustrating when there are a lot of rule changes and caveates - it's not that people are intentionally breaking the rules, but it's just hard to keep it all straight.	Jun 14, 2012 9:05 AM
357	I do not think I should have to pay 250.00 for a non-resident tag to hunt wolves when I own and pay taxes on 80 ac. in an area that is covered with wolves	Jun 14, 2012 8:55 AM
358	Glad to see there will finally be a wolf season, hope it runs smoothly. Am looking	Jun 14, 2012 7:57 AM

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	forward to the chance to trap a wolf. Do think that the non-resident fee should have been much higher, we hunt out of state and pay dearly for that in most states (except WI)	
359	cant wait for the season to open.	Jun 14, 2012 7:32 AM
360	Thank you for letting responsible people manage our resources.	Jun 14, 2012 6:46 AM
361	From my under standing, this "season" should have started years ago. The wolf population in Northern Minnesota is quite a bit more than people are led to believe. Deer populations are way down. Glad it is finally happening.	Jun 14, 2012 3:32 AM
362	I think the DNR is doing the right thing by taking the conservitive approach to the first season.It can be adjusted in future hunts. Good Job!	Jun 13, 2012 10:04 PM
363	As a life-long hunter of 40 years, I whole heartedly support population control, etc. However, I want to make it clear that I completely and utterly despise trapping using things like leg-hold traps. I believe that the state of Minnesota is better than to use these contraptions that are vicious and inhumane. Please do not allow these devices which amount to no more than torture to be used on a living thing.	Jun 13, 2012 9:22 PM
364	Yes reading the first section of this survey went way to fast. Please slow the rules and regulations down if you have another survey. Thanks and have a fun but safe hunting season.	Jun 13, 2012 8:18 PM
365	Its about time this hunting season happened. Thanks	Jun 13, 2012 7:29 PM
366	There needs to be a good managed season there are too many wolf's in the state and need to be controled.	Jun 13, 2012 7:00 PM
367	I think that there will be limited success by hunters. All the hand wringing by the so called environmental groups is unfounded. Hunting wolves and trapping will not cause any significant change in the population.	Jun 13, 2012 6:32 PM
368	quota of 400 is way to low. need to reduce further and faster, deer and moose population has been devastated since wolf was protected. I pay license fees to hunt deer, not to feed the deer to wolf population. Get rid of the wolf....	Jun 13, 2012 5:10 PM
369	Though my firsthand knowledge of wolves is limited and I am not a hunter/trapper, my husband and his extended family pursue such hobbies and coexist with wolves in Northern Minnesota. Hearing stories of livestock predation and pet owners living in fear of wolf attacks I believe in allowing experienced hunters/ trappers to help control the population at this time.	Jun 13, 2012 5:09 PM
370	In Minnesota we wanted to reach a population of about 1500 animals. We have now doubled that number. It is time to put this "top of the food chain" predator in check. An excessive amount of wolves will have a major impact on farm animals and deer.	Jun 13, 2012 5:05 PM
371	Trapping should be the last resort in managing wolf numbers. Would hunting wolves over a "bait site" be effective and managable as opposed to trapping? Definitely more humane and possibly more effective than trapping. However,	Jun 13, 2012 4:59 PM

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maybe wolves cannot attracted to a bait site.

372	Why is there a lottery when there is a quota? I do believe idaho sold around 30000 licenses for its first season and only harvested around 190 wolves so i think there will mabey be 175 wolves harvested in mn.	Jun 13, 2012 4:09 PM
373	Thank the DNR for all there work.	Jun 13, 2012 3:33 PM
374	I am in favor of hunting wolves but not of trapping them. Trapping involves cruelty to the animal and prolongs an agonizing death. My preference would be for no trapping and only hunting.	Jun 13, 2012 3:20 PM
375	If quota is exceeded this year, the quota must be slightly reduced next year. Thank you.	Jun 13, 2012 3:13 PM
376	Are there really only 3000 wolves? It seems as though there are more encounters reported and persons I've talked to that have seen them in recent years, plus a further/larger range.	Jun 13, 2012 3:11 PM
377	The wolf population needs to be kept under control. Trapping is not the most humane way (versus shooting), but much more likely to be successful.	Jun 13, 2012 2:06 PM
378	The rules set up seem to be reasonable. Adjustments can be made as time goes on and actual results can be compared to the assumptions used today.	Jun 13, 2012 1:46 PM
379	I hunt deer near the BWCA by Ely. We have always had wolves (I'm 58) but never as many as we do now. Last hunting season my party of 4 saw 8 deer and 4 wolves. The predator/prey ratio is off. I am not a trapper nor am I interested in shooting wolves even though I have had the opportunity (illegally) to do so during at least 6 times during the past 20 years. Most people advise me to SSS when I see a wolf.(Shoot, Shovel, and Shut-up) I am an ethical hunter and would not consider doing so. The SSS attitude is expressed by many. I want wolves as part of the wilderness experience, just not so many.	Jun 13, 2012 1:43 PM
380	I am in favor of the wolf season but not the early season. I have hunted deer for over 40 years and have seen 3 timber wolves in that time. One was last year. On my way out I was talking with a hunter who lambasted me for not shooting the wolf. I hope in the mortality estimates are included a number of wolves that people will simply shoot and leave in the woods anyway, especially now that they are "legal". I should say that this hunter would have been greatly offended if he had been called "unethical". He had convinced himself that he was a steward of the deer in that area and that "rules are for fools and for the guidance of wise men". He actually said that. I think that the DNR enforcement will have almost an impossible time with this.	Jun 13, 2012 1:26 PM
381	Thank you for opening a season. The population needs to be controlled. I do not believe that the population will ever be in danger. People have been hunting and trapping coyotes for years without a quota, and they are not in danger, and a wolf is just as smart as the coyote.	Jun 13, 2012 1:14 PM
382	publish more information. How many wolf packs are in MN? what are the sizes of each pack? what is the location and range of each pack? provide summaries of wolf killed by cars. provide wolf survey results. a longer season with more	Jun 13, 2012 12:52 PM

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licenses is needed. wolves are obviously stalking people, what will you do when wolves kill school children?

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| 383 | I would like to be able to both trap AND hunt during the late season until a wolf has been harvested. Since traps used would be checked often , a wolf could be released from a trap if one was taken previously by gun or another trap earlier on the trapline.   | Jun 13, 2012 12:52 PM |
| 384 | I am glad to see that the DNR is working hard to seek public input. I feel that the proposed season structure should work. The biggest question I have is if there are unfilled quota from the first season would that number be added to the second season? I am also curious if this method of having an open season until the quota is filled is successful would there be consideration of doing something similar with the fisher/marten trapping season?   | Jun 13, 2012 12:43 PM |
| 385 | The harvest quota of 400 is far too conservative. 800 is more realistic. Also, the 6,000 license quota is far too conservative. 25,000 should be the minimum offered. 50,000 is more appropriate. The license fee of \$30 is ok for the start, but within 5 years the fee should drop to \$15 or less, the harvest quota should rise to 800+, the licenses offered should rise to 25,000+ and the state should be split into 2 separate zones. Zone B should be over-the-counter licenses like bear and Zone A should be split into Wolf management units with max harvest quotas per WMU. Season in each WMU could then be closed as harvest targets are reached. WMUs will also prove useful in allowing targeted wolf reduction in ag areas and in select Moose management units to study moose calf mortality in the light of higher or lower predator numbers. Bears should also be entered into this scenerio. Eventually, the low success rate of firearm wolf hunters will cause a reduction in license applications. At that time licenses will need to be reduced in price and made more available. Likewise, trapping will be fairly ineffective and cost prohibitive to pursue only 1 wolf/tag. Eventually, trappers, and perhaps hunters, should be allowed to purchase multiple tags to harvest multiple wolves. I view the current DNR wolf hunt proposal as far more conservative than is necessary under virtually any practice scenerio. However, I also realize it is "a start" and as such am willing to live with it for now. My opinion is that hunt/harvest results from the first couple years will be an eye opener for DNR staff of the inefficiency of hunters and the opportunity for greater license numbers. Wolves can be a "cash cow" if managed with economics in mind along with biology. They must pay for their own management, research and depredations. | Jun 13, 2012 12:17 PM |
| 386 | it is finally a great idea. To manage the wolf . This predator is no different from any other managed animal. Real facts will show that.   | Jun 13, 2012 12:10 PM |
| 387 | Wolves have become to accustomed to man. They show no fear & regularly come into contact with man. Wolves have been seen in towns all over the northern part of the state. This causes many people with small children & pets to fear for their safety. . For many years man has tried unsuccessfully to eradicate the wolves but has not ! There has to be a place in the world for wolves that show respect for man & a place that man shows respect for wolves. A hunting & trapping season would put back the respect for man in to the wolves without destroying the right for wolves to coexist with us !  | Jun 13, 2012 11:51 AM |
| 388 | i would prefer that the late season dates be the wolf season....eliminate the early  | Jun 13, 2012 11:34 AM |

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season that coincides with deer season. I also think that 6000 licenses is too many to allow only 400 wolf to be taken. Thanks.

389	The effort to restore wolves in Minnesota has been successful. They now need management for safety and livestock loss reasons.	Jun 13, 2012 11:21 AM
390	I would prefer no wolf season during the firearm season, but the legislation is passed. Possibly change that for future years.	Jun 13, 2012 11:11 AM
391	This first season should reveal what changes might be necessary in future years but I believe that it is a workable, sensible option at this time. Besides notification via email, it should also be broadcast by television and radio stations to reach those who are outside the range of a computer signal.	Jun 13, 2012 10:59 AM
392	Good work on the wolf season. We need it.	Jun 13, 2012 10:36 AM
393	Finally a reality?!!	Jun 13, 2012 10:34 AM
394	While I understand the need for management, I am opposed to trapping. And I would have hoped that in the early years of delisting and State management, I hoped we would have found a better, more humane way to combat depredation.	Jun 13, 2012 10:18 AM
395	Wolves populations need to be controlled in a responsible manner. This will insure a healthy population of many different animals, including both wild and domestic.	Jun 13, 2012 9:54 AM
396	I fully support the conservation of Wolves through the only tested proven viable means of a Hunting. It puts money where your mouth is and backs a proven system of management for the future.	Jun 13, 2012 9:53 AM
397	I think the early season is too early for pelt condition. The wolf needs to be regarded as more of a trophy animal (having its own season) as opposed to coincide with the deer season where there maybe more illegal party hunting involved (such as one member of the deer hunting party may have a tag, and others may shoot one for them). And being the wolf is a very smart animal, once they start hearing and noticing more human activity in the woods during the deer season, they will be very difficult to harvest. Having a later hunt will give the woods time to calm down and the pelts of the wolves will only become more prime. I am glad the DNR is able to set forth a wolf season, leave the politicians and bureaucrats out of the management side of things, thats what you guys are for!	Jun 13, 2012 9:19 AM
398	I believe this Wolf Season is a good start for the proper management of the Wolf in Minnesota. In the years to come, there could be changes implemented to the better management of the Wolf in Minnesota. By having some tags aloted for the trappers is a great thing, because I believe you will see more trapped then shot in the years after of this intial season. Thank You for a chance to harvest one.	Jun 13, 2012 8:49 AM
399	I feel both hunting and trapping are appropriate methods to control wolf populations in areas where they exceed the carrying capacity of the environment and where they are causing problems in conflicts with farmers herds. We don't need to extinct the species but we should be able to control their numbers.	Jun 13, 2012 8:38 AM



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400	Trapping is an extremely cruel way to maintain the wolf population. It should not be allowed. A shooting season is the only way it should be done. You are giving in to demands by certain segments of the population and not considering the suffering the animals go through when trapped. It should not be condoned!	Jun 13, 2012 8:03 AM
401	The hunting season is a very important tool to control these animals and give them a respect and fear of humans. That is good for both animals and humans. This is also an important for people who live in proximity to the wolf range and are affected by the damage they do to domestic animals and possibly children.	Jun 13, 2012 7:51 AM
402	Great job to the DNR in creating a reasonable plan. I believe the early season coinciding with the firearms deer season is the best way to effectively manage the wolf population. Also, thank you to the writer of the 6/13 Letter of the Day in the Star Tribune for showing me how to find this survey.	Jun 13, 2012 7:50 AM
403	I fully support the control of wolves through the use of hunting and trapping methods. I believe the actual number of wolves exceeds the estimated numbers and control methods are required.	Jun 13, 2012 7:47 AM
404	The quota numbers should be raised. Wildlife management is here to stay and the top bracket of the food chain-wolves-is most important. What is the appropriate number of wolves in MN? We have a sense for that for deer and need to manage the wolf population to a similar degree that we do deer, turkey, etc.	Jun 13, 2012 7:34 AM
405	I believe hunting and trapping wolves is a good idea.	Jun 13, 2012 7:22 AM
406	Wolves have decimated the deer herd north and around the Park Rapids area. Somethi.g has to be done. This is a good start. Limiting the doe kill would be strongly advised as well!	Jun 13, 2012 7:15 AM
407	Trapping needs to be done humanely by methods that target the wolf with minimal chances for a take of domestic dogs or untargeted species. Trapping quotas should be reduced from the proposed 600 to no more than 200.	Jun 13, 2012 7:06 AM
408	No trapping should be allowed at all.	Jun 13, 2012 6:59 AM
409	I have no issue with the eventual hunting of wolves, however I feel that after such a fight to restore them from the brink of extinction, we are being needlessly hasty in hunting them. After all, if we wait a few more years, what will we lose? They'll still be there to hunt, and are there not already rules in place allowing people such as farmers to deal with the wolves that DO happen to become problems? I also wonder about the minimum population of 1600. I would like it if information on why that particular number was chosen was widely published. It seems very low. Other than that, everything else seems reasonable. Again, I just don't see the rush.	Jun 12, 2012 11:56 PM
410	Sell them like bear tags. draw and no quota areas. some of you need to get out of your suit and tye and see what is really happening!!! Spend a little time in the woods.	Jun 12, 2012 11:53 PM
411	No	Jun 12, 2012 10:23 PM

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412	No.	Jun 12, 2012 9:46 PM
413	Trappers should be required to have some level of competence or knowledge.	Jun 12, 2012 9:31 PM
414	The populations around the Brainerd Lakes area is way more than what should be supported here and needs to be harvested.	Jun 12, 2012 9:19 PM
415	well done... making the wolf a big game animal is the way to protect them. they will be more cautious around people	Jun 12, 2012 7:09 PM
416	I think it is about time we finally control the wolf population in MN. I trap in northern MN and there are lots of wolves too many in my opinion. I don't think you should kill all of them but the population should be controlled just like any other animal.	Jun 12, 2012 6:42 PM
417	Considering wolves were just removed from protected status, number of wolves allowed to be taken should be extremely limited to measure the impact it has before allowing a fuller season.	Jun 12, 2012 5:30 PM
418	Thanks for the work on this. This is something that is overdue.	Jun 12, 2012 5:00 PM
419	This hunt is a great idea.	Jun 12, 2012 4:25 PM
420	An anti-hunting,anti-trapping animal "rights" group named the Center for Biological Diversity has posted a link to this survey on their website,and sent it out in their e-mails,asking people to take the survey,and only answer no to the first question (do you support hunting and trapping of wolves in Minnesota) The efforts of this group will undoubtedly skew survey results-maybe the survey should be limited to residents of minnesota,or even those who have previously purchased a hunting license? This group is the same group that has tried twice to get all lead hunting ammo banned,and has been active in alomost every anti-hunting,anti-trapping issue nationwide,was also an active participant in the never ending stream of lawsuits regarding wolf hunting in Montana and Idaho. Please do not allow this group to influence the proposed wolf hunting and trapping season-anti-hunters have no buisness commenting on hunting seasons etc. █ █	Jun 12, 2012 2:56 PM
421	I feel you have under estimated the amount of wolves there are in our state.	Jun 12, 2012 2:43 PM
422	A balance needs to be kept as wolves are a very important part of the ecological system, however it is in my opinion time to start managing them. We have at least one wolf pack in our deer camp area and have noticed a drop in deer population. Which is not all bad, but i do think a better balance can be found..... Thank you, █.	Jun 12, 2012 1:37 PM
423	quota number needs to be much higher. Coyote hunting proves high percentage of animals taken does not result in population decrease. Quota should be higher in southern range to reduce spread to river valleys such as Mississippi and MN.	Jun 12, 2012 12:51 PM
424	The season is needed to give wolfs some fear of humans. They are good for the overall environment.	Jun 12, 2012 12:32 PM
425	I very much support the hunting and trapping of wolves. Wolves are losing their	Jun 12, 2012 12:06 PM

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	fear of humans and resuming hunting and trapping will go a long way to reverse that trend.	
426	No trapping, too cruel!	Jun 12, 2012 11:45 AM
427	First, be sure to remember the 'right to hunt' vote in MN a few years back (~70% in favor) and do not be swayed by 'input' from animal rights activists from other states taking the survey multiple times, etc -- stay the course! I think the cleanest, most effective, and best approach for the state (more \$\$, which you guys really seem to like) would be to give hunters a more expensive 'combo' license option (wolf tag AND deer tag(s)) available over the counter. With regulated, fair chase hunting and even trapping, there is no way you will seriously endanger the Minnesota wolf population -- even when each deer hunter has the option of buying a combo deer-wolf license (just in case they happen to see a wolf while deer hunting.) Wolves still held strong back in the day when they were treated like vermin (poison, etc). And there is never-ending, natural, re-stocking potential from Canada. I know that you have to start conservatively because the hunt will be under the microscope -- but eventually...just make the combo license an option for all deer hunters. I have bowhunted deer between Cook, Orr and Buyck for about 25 years and have seen wolves on several occasions. But they're naturally nocturnal, and killing one by hunting during daylight hours will be many many times more difficult than non-hunters and animal-rights wackos imagine. Thanks for listening. [REDACTED]	Jun 12, 2012 11:43 AM
428	No, I don't	Jun 12, 2012 11:19 AM
429	I hope proper care will be taken so that the wolves have a fair chance, and there is little to no risk of overkilling the population.	Jun 12, 2012 11:10 AM
430	I am glad to see that a season is scheduled, to help balance the numbers.	Jun 12, 2012 11:00 AM
431	Why doesn't the DNR provide any opportunities to archery hunters? I feel like archery hunters are slighted during deer season as well by only getting a few days to hunt the rut before the guns come out!	Jun 12, 2012 10:54 AM
432	I would think a open season from Deer opener to Late March would be the best! I have hunted in wolf country for 10 years and the chances of seeing a wolf are mighty slim to say the least..I have seen 1 wolf, many tracks, a lot of wolf kills, I deer hunt 20 days in the woods a year.	Jun 12, 2012 10:42 AM
433	No.	Jun 12, 2012 9:57 AM
434	I know that it is impossible with this survey however public input from people who live in wolf areas should carry the most weight as they have a much better understanding of wolves densities, habits and their ability to evade humans and thrive. One can't understand that from living in a metro area reading a government or biased report.	Jun 12, 2012 7:39 AM
435	it is ridiculous to charge people \$30. the license should be free for anyone purchasing a deer license. i understand the DNR is hort on funds and this whole hunt is driven by money as much as it is reducing the number of wolves. there are way more than 3000 wolves. this hunt is a joke and i encourage all deer	Jun 11, 2012 9:11 PM

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hunters to shoot and kill ANY wolf they see on site. wolves are wrecking our northern minnesota deer hunt, killing too many livestock also. shoot shovel and shut up.

436	<p>The biggest thing I disagree with is the "closing" of the season on Jan. 6th whether the 400 quota is met or not...I do not believe we will even come close to registering 200 in the 9 to 16 day "early hunt" and I really doubt that the first year we will meet the total quota of 400 by Jan 6th, if at all...I would propose that we extend the "target" ending date of the season as the end of March....(or, whenever the quota is met)...Also, the quota is much too low, even for the first "test" season...admitidly we have no experience with wolf population management, but 400 animals won't even make a dent in this years pup production...I would also like to see a more unrestricted / unlimited season, like we have for bear, outside the wolf's "core" range...In area B implement a "unlimited" number of license, no application fees...just like bear...Let the season begin on the open of deer season and run through March for hunting and trapping alike....you could still set a quota for the B zone if the population became too low state-wide to meet federal requirements...and you could still close the season each year when that quota was met...I know...it's the first season, it's simply an experiment, you have no idea, (just like most "would-be wolf hunters), how difficult it may be to harvest a wolf...And if there will be enough "die-hard" hunters &amp; trappers out there, or if the ones that are drawn will have the "time and resources" to stick it out until they get thier one wolf! So, as I see it what we have here is a "let's try this and see what happens" approach...I think we could be a little more liberal on the "quota" ...even in the early stages of this experiment...</p>	Jun 11, 2012 9:04 PM
437	<p>I think it is a big mistake to open the season along with the firearms deer season. Too many deer hunters hate wolves and will be shooting at them just to kill them, they will let them rot and we will lose many "trophy animals" There should be no early season and the wolf should be treated as a "trophy animal" The license fee is way too low, it should be around \$100. The current proposal has 6,000 license's, this is way too many it should be around 2,000. As far as the late season, of the 2400 licenses, 1800 should be for trappers and the rest for hunters. Hunters and trappers should be allowed to keep the wolves skull to be used as a trophy. It appears that by opening the early season, many wolves will be shot and unclaimed, this will bring much bad press and may ruin the wolf season for another 40 years!</p>	Jun 11, 2012 7:27 PM
438	<p>I feel the DNR should wait the 5 years after delisting the wolf to initiate a season. Use this time to gather more information and assure you will not destroy the wolf population again.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 6:52 PM
439	<p>I am looking forward to including wolves as a managed game species in the state of Minnesota. I really hope that this season is successful so that we may continue to enjoy this priviledge. I certainly hope to get drawn and am very excited about the possibility. Thank you.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 4:22 PM
440	<p>I have no hatred of wolves. I believe the season is sound management of wildlife.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 4:15 PM
441	<p>I believe that the wolf hunt is the first step to ensure a balanced ecological fit to our wildlife.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 3:44 PM

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442	Use the media to notify hunters of close of season.	Jun 11, 2012 3:34 PM
443	It is unfortunate in my opinion that we have legislators in St. Paul with little knowledge or understanding of wildlife mandating that a wolf hunt coincide with the firearms deer season. I believe that the wolf must be managed and should be given the respect due a true trophy animal. The pelts will be far from prime when early November rolls around and simply adding a wolf tag for someone hunting deer is a poor way to control the numbers. I like the harvest quota idea and feel the season should open late November and run through late January or until the harvest quota is met. We should do away with an early season.	Jun 11, 2012 3:16 PM
444	I would like to thank the DNR on doing a very thought out plan on how to manage Minesota's timber wolf population. Allowing a 50 % harvest goal of wolves in the November deer season is a great Idea. The late season hunting & trapping season also is a great idea for the late season trapper / hunter. Thanks [REDACTED]	Jun 11, 2012 2:47 PM
445	THERE ARE TOO MANY WOLVES IN THE CROW WING AREA TAKING PETS AND FARM ANIMALS.	Jun 11, 2012 2:25 PM
446	none	Jun 11, 2012 2:15 PM
447	no	Jun 11, 2012 1:32 PM
448	A person who obtains a license should be allowed to use bait and electronic predator calls. Otherwise very few wolves will be taken by hunting. I have hunted for almost 50 years and have only seen 2 wolves while I have been hunting. However, we can generally hear them howling about 80% of the days that we hunt. I also hunt in St. Croix State Park and was surprised last year to hear wolves howl one morning every 5 to 10 minutes from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM.	Jun 11, 2012 1:11 PM
449	The people that think there are only 3000 wolves in Mn. do'nt get out of the office enough !!!	Jun 11, 2012 12:34 PM
450	1. Succesful hunters/trappers who have registered wolves in the 2012-2013 season are not eligible to apply in the future. This is a once-in-a-lifetime hunting/trapping opportunity until further data indicates otherwise. 2. Allowing baiting or not needs to be set up, with some parameters similar to bear hunting. Are road-killed deer parts allowed? 3. Late season hunters/trappers are required to wear blaze orange until the muzzleloader seer season is closed. After that is camo clothing alowed or is blaze orange contiuded to be mandatory, and if so for trappers as well as hunters? 4. Trapping hours are the same as hunting hours. 5. Is there a limit on the number of traps per individual? 6. How is trapping catch and release regulated - unlimited until a nice prime big wolf of the color desired is "harvested"? 7. Establish more specific zones so that the harvest is more directed towards the agricultural wolf conflict areas and along the Lake Superior shoreline where pooch & pony conflicts exist. 8. It is very minute and lame to write that the late season begins with "the opening of bobcat season"??? Huh? Very few people relate to that, nor do they care. Of more significance is to say somthing about wolf furs being prime, or relating it to the opening of muzzleloader deer season. More hunters may participate in the Muzzleloader deer season to co-incide with the prime hide late wolf hunting season. 9. Is electronic calling allowed? 10. The DNR approach to the wolf	Jun 11, 2012 12:27 PM

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	<p>hunt has been very non-proactive and embarrassing. Having a few legislators throw "snakes out of the bag" (i.e. season dates, proposals of the types of firearms that can be used i.e. rifles and no shotguns, ahead of anything proactive from the DNR was not acceptable to me. Thank You, and may the wolf harvest go well for all concerned.</p>	
451	<p>I would like to see a wolf tag available for the early deer season to be a group tag of up to four people like a moose tag. The tag is only good for 1 wolf however any one of the four in the group could shoot it. Reason being chances are the guy who see's the wolf from their deer stand won't be the one in the deer hunting part that has the wolf tag. I've hunted deer in wolf country for 25+ years and yet to see a wolf from my stand. Allowing a group tag makes the Wolf trophy in deer camp a better possibility.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 12:08 PM
452	<p>I think that wolf pelts are prime in early Nov. After the snow hits the ground and the wolves start sleeping in it the wetness degrades the hides more---so I would like to see the trapping season in the early season---or am I shooting myself in the foot here!</p>	Jun 11, 2012 11:16 AM
453	<p>If the wolfs were an endanger speices at one time how long before they become it again. I dont see you having a buffalo hunt anywhere. I can see the farmers who have cattle would be aloud to protect them.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 7:47 AM
454	<p>Where we hunt near Cussen, MN. We do not have Email or phone communications available.</p>	Jun 11, 2012 7:27 AM
455	<p>I am concerned about the season closure notification because i would be trapping in a remote area with no cell phone reception, but i also realize it is my responsibility to monitor the season i will just have to drive to town to check once the quota gets close to 400. I am also hoping that grapples and drags could possibly be used on the larger leghold traps. Maybe the dnr could possibly make a law to allow drags on traps with a jaw opening of 7.5 inches or larger i am just concerned that late in the season the ground is frozen and many area the ground is rock so pounding a stake is not an option. when trapping bobcats many trappers tie there traps to a tree or log and i dont think that is a good option when trapping wolves. thanks [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	Jun 10, 2012 10:37 PM
456	<p>I would like to see three rules for trapping and hunting. 1st. Registered bait staitions much like bear hunting, but without the no bacon or bones rules. 2nd. Legal to hunt after sunset. 3rd. Legal to use electronic callers</p>	Jun 10, 2012 7:00 PM
457	<p>I only hunt and shoot what I want to eat. While I support the control of wolves in terms of predation on livestock, I do not support the hunt as a sport. Wolves have a broad impact on our citizens and represent a sort of mistique that greatly enhances Minnesota. We should not tamper with this aspect of it.</p>	Jun 10, 2012 6:21 PM
458	<p>The management plan is very conservative but will be interesting to see the result. Considering how hard reaching quota is achived other western states</p>	Jun 10, 2012 5:19 PM
459	<p>NO</p>	Jun 10, 2012 3:13 PM
460	<p>As with the use of all resources consideration should have been made regarding the quality of the harvest. The furs will not be of prime value during the early</p>	Jun 10, 2012 2:33 PM

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gun season. December 1st at the earliest...15th would have been better. However prime pelts may not be your objective.....The early gun season if nothing else will certainly put the fear of man into them,something that has been needed for awhile.

461	I don't agree with a hunt. I think it should be left that if they are bothersome in the agriculture area, ex: killing cattle, a land owner should be able to shoot the wolf. I believe that would take care of a lot of the problem.	Jun 10, 2012 1:45 PM
462	There are more wolves than you think. Not enough licences are being issued.	Jun 10, 2012 12:28 PM
463	I believe the wolf population numbers reported by the Mn. DNR have grossly under estimated the actual population. Therefore I would be strongly in favor of a longer season and higher quota numbers.	Jun 10, 2012 11:34 AM
464	we need this to control the wolves that dont belong!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Jun 10, 2012 10:43 AM
465	Manage by zones, with harvest focus where conflict from depredation is highest. Maintain higher wolf densities anywhere CWD may be present, and use them as a natural control of CWD to cull sick deer from the herd. As Dr. Mech notes, most deer killed by wolves have some abnormality that makes them vulnerable to wolves. Use this for deer management benefits; don't waste this opportunity for natural control of CWD. As a deer hunter, wolves to not reduce my deer hunting success, but they require that I hunt differently and smarter, adapting to variables no different than weather, habitat, hunter density, etc. Given a presence of CWD, I'd purposely choose to hunt where there is a healthy population of wolves. Wolves are an essential component to the land, as valuable as any natural resource to be enjoyed by outdoor users. Manage them wisely.	Jun 10, 2012 10:38 AM
466	I grew up in Aitkin County in the 70's and 80's and continue to hunt there currently. Since the early introduction of wolves, there were not a lot of noticable neagative affects of this. However from the mid 90's on the negative affects of the wolf population began to surface. I hunted in an area that allowed intensive harvest for years. With very easy winters, we had an explosion in the deer population. Since the early 2000's I along with many hunters I have talked to, have noticed a steady decline in deer populations and not due to to many harsh winters or over kill. There are many area's in which hunters use food plots to manage, and hunt deer. Now there are far more wolf tracks than deer tracks in these areas. When a hunter goes out into the woods and sees more wolf scat and wolf tracks than that of deer, it should be obvious that there is a wolf population problem. With the implementation of the first wolf season, This is a good start. However, I will disagree with one belief. The wolf is not a necassity for the ecology of Minnesota. Everything was just fine in the woods of this great state till the intorduction of wolves, now you have complaints of depredation and declining deer populations. Additionally, it is not just the deer population that is affected. Wolves also kill coyotes and fox not to mention they will kill dogs when they can. Based upon my conversations with other oudoorsman and women the wolf population is expanding at a rate faster than most realize. and when you have eye witness accounts of wolf siteings in areas that are not normally inhabited, this tells us as oudoors people there is a wolf population problem. Thank you for your time. [REDACTED] Avid hunter and outdoorsman.	Jun 10, 2012 10:27 AM

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467	I do not think that you will reach you quota that you are trying to achive.	Jun 10, 2012 9:55 AM
468	I don't think the trapping season should start until January 1. Up to that time, small game hunters are still active, many with hunting dogs. If traps are out before January 1, there is a risk that many dogs could get caught in those traps, creating a negative impact on the wolf trapping season. I also feel strongly that timberwolf trapping classes should be offered. Timberwolf trapping a whole nother type of trapping. There are videos and manuals offered on line as well from the Alaska Trappers Association that are very helpful and informative.	Jun 10, 2012 9:46 AM
469	Its about time wolf hunting occurred in Minnesota. What sense does it make to pay Federal and State trappers to kill roughly 220 wolves per year? Hopefully after 5 years or so we won't have to pay to kill wolves, the population will fall enough to minimize negative wolf-human-livestock-pet interactions. I don't really understand why timberwolves were on the endanger species list anyway, There are many thousands of them in Canada and Alaska. Thank you.	Jun 10, 2012 8:25 AM
470	I do not support early season I have enough problems with road hunters now!!!!	Jun 10, 2012 8:15 AM
471	I support the season and am an avid deer hunter. However, I have little motivation to hunt wolves. I would only do it if I lived closer and had more time or did it to help a livestock owner that was having depridation problems. I oppose what the legislature did, I think the original more cautious DNR proposal was better. I oppose the people who think this is going to help deer hunting a lot. It will be very marginal.	Jun 10, 2012 7:56 AM
472	I think the structure in cumbersome, I would suggest more tags,cheaper price, keep the quota. You would have less managment,more hunter opportunity and still maintain the quota. You would raise more money, have a better chance of reaching the quota and have a better public image	Jun 10, 2012 7:37 AM
473	Non resident License fees should be equal to the highest cost of any non-resident big game fee from their home state plus a pref point system like Iowa does to us.Lets get some revenue from other states,they are raping us.	Jun 10, 2012 7:00 AM
474	I would like to be able to see the running total towards the 200 quota. That would allow hunters to plan accordingly.	Jun 10, 2012 6:13 AM
475	(1) Trapping: How will small game hunters/dogs,hikers, be protected from the late wolf season (baited?) traps? What size are these traps? What about protection for any late-roaming bear, or other fur bearers? (2) Will rifle hunters be allowed the use of bait? Unlike bear hunting, is this ethical? (3) The Blaze Orange Hat and Coat requirement from Nov. 3rd. to January 6th (except for Nov. 19 -23rd), is too long and will be a burden for deer bow hunters and small game hunters. The long season may also put more pressure, stress on deer in the early winter. (5) Therefore, get rid of the separate muzzleloader season (its really a modern gun anyway) and run the late wolf season for two weeks from Nov. 24th to Dec. 9th. (6) Its confusing having the lines for the "wolf zone (management) A, B boundary" included with the "deer permit areas/series" map. Probably get rid of them in the regulations.	Jun 9, 2012 7:58 PM
476	Would like to see trappers required to use traps, snares and methods that meet Best Managment Practices for wolves. Also, I'm not sure how trappers are going	Jun 9, 2012 7:20 PM



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to be able to trap wolves in the lynx zone if they cannot use drags. How will they be able to drive a stake if the ground is either frozen or to rocky to drive stakes.

477	Baiting, night hunting, and calling should be considered as hunting options in the future. Instead of waiting for a wolf to walk by during deer season, it would be more fun and challenging to utilize different hunting techniques to hunt specifically for wolves .	Jun 9, 2012 5:44 PM
478	I will be at my cabin for the season and do not have a computer there. Notice best be made by FM radio news radio.	Jun 9, 2012 9:38 AM
479	This limited season on Wolves in Minnesota is long overdue. As a long term hunter and trapper in Minnesota I hope that I can expect the MNDNR to make all decisions from a biological perspective and not to buckle under political pressure from other special interest groups basing their decisions on emotions. Also, as a trapper I am concerned that the majority of the quota may be reached before we have a chance to harvest in the late season. Why are we trappers who have been dealing directly with wolf issues on our traplines ( incidental catches etc.. ) been given secondary opportunity in the wolf season? As a responsible trapper I try hard to avoid all incidental catches including wolves. I do want a chance to trap a wold and do want to do so when they at their most prime condition. I do not feel it is fair though to ask us to stand at the back of the line while preference is given to rifle deer hunters in the early season.	Jun 9, 2012 8:15 AM
480	There should only be non-resident permits available if less than 6000 residents apply. If a hunter does harvest a wolf, he should be re-imbursed the fee for his license: because if the 400 wolves are not taken by licensed hunters, the DNR in their infinite wisdom will hire their buddies(ie, professional hunters) to take the balance in order to reach their "Goal." Thank you.	Jun 8, 2012 8:16 PM
481	For the past 20 years, I have supported financially the reintroduction of wolves throughout their original ranges. While I respect the need to control populations, I believe MN has gone too far with its early and late hunting seasons. Most important, I abhor any and all trapping. It is a barbaric practice that deserves total condemnation and abolishment. I will urge my state representatives to advance supporting legislation. I also question the minimum population goal of 1,600. Now nearly twice that number, today's wolf population appears to be in harmony with the environment. Why arbitrarily kill half the population? Oh, I forgot...state revenues.	Jun 8, 2012 7:20 PM
482	As someone who lives in Itasca County and spends a great deal of time in the woods (trail cameras, observations of animals and sign, etc.), the population estimate of 3000 in the state seems conservative. The hunting/trapping season will be a good start toward making wolves more "honest and wild".	Jun 8, 2012 5:04 PM
483	I have one concern with the early season. The pelts will not be in the prime once deer season starts. I believe 100 wolves should be for the early season because of the pelt issue and the remainder 300 should be for the late season. Thank you.	Jun 8, 2012 4:57 PM
484	good job DNR!	Jun 8, 2012 3:34 PM
485	I am not a hunter. I do agree that there needs to be a wolf management plan. I	Jun 8, 2012 3:22 PM

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also believe that it is naive to think that more wolves than licensed will not be taken. What is to stop someone from shooting one or more wolves, but only declaring one? You can't police everyone.

486	The wolf hunt should be expanded in the future	Jun 8, 2012 2:23 PM
487	If the target population of wolves are 1600, we should take steps to get there sooner. I don't think firearms will get that many wolves. Trapping needs to be encouraged more. I would love to trap a wolf.	Jun 8, 2012 12:47 PM
488	Be careful. Hunting a population that has apparently reached its carrying capacity is needed but should be done with caution to prevent additional issues. Mainly the decline in wolf population may cause an overpopulation of deer and other wolf foods. Additionally, with limited number of wolves in previous decades may cause a heredity concern. I do agree that individual may only take 1 wolf as this minimizes the chance that an entire pack could be eliminated. Lastly, resuming hunting of wolves may act as a catalyst to put the fear of humans back into the wolves minds; in effect reducing wolf/human interaction and decreasing the hunter success rate. Thanks.	Jun 8, 2012 11:35 AM
489	This plan severely restricts the ability to get a license for the trapping of wolves. Hunters and trappers should have equal access to the # of permits available. This plan is too complex. Since only around 400 wolves is the target number, Let there be more trapping permits. The trappers have just as much right as a hunter to get a permit. Do not restrict them.	Jun 8, 2012 9:42 AM
490	Wolves are extremely shy, move mostly in early morning and late evening. I would propose a much longer season. the success rates will be much lower than your predictions.	Jun 8, 2012 9:21 AM
491	The only reason I said I didnt support the season is that it isnt long enough and the quotas arent high enough. What do the studies say about wolf recruitment if you take 400 out of a population of 3500+ animals? I believe they say you wont even make a dent in the population. This season structure is way too conservative in my opinion and MN should do like Montana did and extend the season. One last thing....THANK YOU DNR for having a season at all!	Jun 8, 2012 8:44 AM
492	As a non resident I am very interested in a wolf season. I understand your conservative approach the first year, however I have talked to several resident hunters and they tell me the wolves are depleting the deer population very fast. I have been out west hunting big game every year and they are devastating the deer, elk, and moose populations very much in some areas. I just hope they don't do the same in your state, because most of us know that deer hunting probably makes up most of the states revenue.	Jun 8, 2012 7:37 AM
493	Very important season closure notice be served and a short time frame for compliance be established to ensure quota is not exceeded and to not give anti hunters more reason to protest. DNR plan appears sound to me.	Jun 8, 2012 7:10 AM
494	Well Done	Jun 8, 2012 1:02 AM
495	Party hunting would benefit harvest and perfectly coincide with present deer hunting rules	Jun 7, 2012 10:50 PM

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496	I would prefer hunting later in the season. You could have your early season with any open regular firearms season and closing the same way with the regular firearms seasons. Personally I would start the late hunting and trapping season on December 1 2012 and close the season on February 3 2013 or any time before if quota is met.	Jun 7, 2012 10:10 PM
497	Some management needs to occur	Jun 7, 2012 9:50 PM
498	The only problem I have with the proposed wolf season is that it is during the deer season when there is a chance that the fur will not be prime. The later season ( hunting or trapping would most likely ensure that the fur would be prime and actually worth something) I just hate to see an animal go to waste just for the sake of killing. The chances of actually shooting a wolf during the firearms season would be slim in my opinion. I have only seen one wolf during my 35 years of deer hunting in NE MN.	Jun 7, 2012 9:32 PM
499	Your Maps don't show them down into Isanti County. I'm a farmer in NE Isanti County. There have been numerous sightings of wolves in our area. I believe they have a factor in new born calves being killed. I also believe that they have had a negative impact on the deer and moose population in the northern half of the state. I believe that the minimum numbers should be reduced to a lower # than the 1600 that your slide presentation shows. I met a lot of deer hunters last year that were very disappointed with the lack of deer population/sightings and most attribute this to the wolf population in Minnesota. Keep up the wolf population and watch the # of deer hunters decrease in future years. Thank You for this opportunity to make comments! PS. I'm 64 and live on the family farm. I have never in my life time have seen wolves and coyotes here in NE Isanti County like I have now in the last few years. Coyotes are at a all time high!	Jun 7, 2012 7:35 PM
500	Why are you having a lottery when you are limiting the number of wolves taken? If you really needed the license money increase (which I supported), here is a means to get revenue with the same results. Sell as many licenses as possible, stop the hunt if and when the quota is reached. Thank you. [REDACTED]	Jun 7, 2012 3:17 PM
501	I answered that I don't plan on applying for a license so why does your survey keep asking me questions like I am?	Jun 7, 2012 2:33 PM
502	I believe this is a step in the right direction. Wolves have decimated the deer population in our area, and have actually forced us to hunt in a new area. I do not think that the quota will be reached. Where we hunted for deer, we never saw many wolves, but we heard them almost every night. I think in order to reach the quota, hunting over bait would be the only possible method. All and all, I am very pleased with Minnesota's decision on the wolf season.	Jun 7, 2012 2:10 PM
503	It is about time wolf numbers are controlled. In Northeast Crow Wing county, I find wolf kills all the time on my property, and last year I had a wolf cross a trail right in front of me while grouse hunting. If I would have had a dog with me, the dog would have been dead. Please allow at least one day's notice to close the season---a lot of us don't have access to email while we are up north, and some of us, including me, do not have text (ing) in our phone plan.	Jun 7, 2012 2:05 PM
504	I believe the quota of 400 animals is way too low. It should be around 1,000. I think the season should begin with opening deer season and remain open until	Jun 7, 2012 1:57 PM

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the quota is reached. The state would be better off without the timber wolf.

505	During legal season all livestock owners should service a free license.	Jun 7, 2012 1:29 PM
506	This season should stay opened until the population is down to a manageable no. of wolves....They have been out of control for years!	Jun 7, 2012 12:40 PM
507	I think the wolf season is {finally} a good thing. Like all of our wildlife regulations we will need to monitor and keep looking at how effective things are working.Changes may or may not have to be made like anything else.	Jun 7, 2012 10:28 AM
508	I would like to see the license valid for both early and late season for all permit holders. Please make sure we get the wolf back after we send it in for samples. Thank you.	Jun 7, 2012 9:54 AM
509	It seems like there are many more wolves in my hunting area than ever before, I seem to get the same response from other hunters across the state. If we can keep their numbers under control (an actual 3000), they will have a better likelihood of not causing so much animosity from regular hunters,farmers,ranchers and the rural pet owners.	Jun 7, 2012 8:16 AM
510	If you are selected for a license then a telephone number is all that is needed. Not that many animals are going to be killed over the quota, especially since the DNR and federal trappers take over 200 annually. License during deer season will be insignificant in the total number of animals taken. This is based on my experience of 40 years of deer hunting on the Chippewa National Forest. I have seen more wolves from a vehicle than a deer stand in this time. Sorry, but your website needs improvement on following directions.	Jun 6, 2012 6:42 PM
511	This is a great step in ensuring that our Whitetail deer population grows to where it needs to be. The past few deer seasons in area 178 by Whiteface reservoir have been absolutely terrible. I hunt both regular firearms and muzzleloader seasons and have seen more wolf tracks than deer tracks. If it doesn't have horns, I simply won't take the deer. I am not only looking out for myself but my son and other future generations that would like to hunt.	Jun 6, 2012 3:50 PM
512	Have an optional text message go out when season ends in addition to email. I would like to see a day and a half notice of season closure. example 4:00 pm notification that season ends next day. to give hunters and trappers suitable time to receive notification.	Jun 6, 2012 2:12 PM
513	Excited for the opportunity to hunt such a great animal at the same time helping the population!	Jun 6, 2012 1:46 PM
514	There are far too many wolves here in Minnesota. I have a cabin up by Issabells and I can't let my dog run free without worry. And the deer are all gone. Kill them all!!!	Jun 6, 2012 1:34 PM
515	Text messaging is another great option to give hunters, regarding hunt closures.	Jun 6, 2012 11:16 AM
516	Just glad to see the state finally woke up and got a wolf season. We've been battling wolves on our various hunting properties for the past 10 years and nothing has been done. We spend a ton of money in taxes, land preservation,	Jun 6, 2012 8:37 AM

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food plots, road maintenance only to see our deer, grouse and other wild game being destroyed by the wolf population. We've had wolves up there for years but they continue to multiply only to see everything else dwindle. Glad to see the legislature had enough complaints to get the DNR to move forward with this wolf season.

517 I would hope some requirement (such as a 2011 trapping license purchase) would be required for a person to purchase a late season trapping tag, in order to prevent every fat 612er with a few gopher traps from heading up north to attempt to trap wolves. Jun 6, 2012 7:57 AM

518 I think everyone is going to find out how hard it will be to even approach the quota. These canines are extremely elusive and smart. I think down the road the answer will be to open season at beginning of firearms, and run it CONTINUOUSLY until quota is reached. There should be no closure in between seasons. I bet only half of quota is met. Jun 6, 2012 4:46 AM

519 I believe conservation is important and must agree strongly with the 2012 wolf season. Wolves like coyotes and fox can spread mange and cause any large pack or group to become infected. Mange is a very inhumane death. Also when wolves attack farm animals the attacks are seldom reported. Most farms affected would be the northern half of the state and not the rest of the state like they portray in anti wolf hunt ads. I also believe more reports of wolves migrating to southern Minnesota means that overpopulation has forced wolves to find more food and habitat. I strongly agree with the wolf hunt for these reasons. Thank you. Jun 6, 2012 4:24 AM

520 That is awesome that Minnesota is now going to have a wolf season. I just wished I could get a wolf tag that was viable during the bear season. I have seen several wolves while bear hunting. Jun 5, 2012 7:41 PM

521 More tags should be issued than only 6000 since there's a target quota anyway, and hunter success will be very low (~1% based on Montana's seasons.) I believe that the late season should run into February when the hides are prime. Jun 5, 2012 3:32 PM

522 I really like the idea of the two seasons, guys who are just deer hunting have a chance to harvest a wolf, and people who just want to wolf hunt are not being interfered with by the regular firearms season Jun 5, 2012 1:25 PM

523 I don't think any non-residents should be allowed to apply or hunt wolves in MN. I think a season during deer season is a dumb idea. Jun 5, 2012 11:40 AM

524 I know a lot of people are not in favor of a wolf hunting season, but I know that is necessary to help control the conflict between wolves and livestock. Jun 5, 2012 10:37 AM

525 I deer hunt 20 miles south of Bemidji and own land up there and have seen a lot of wolf and coyote tracks/sign about the last 4 years and saw a wolf near my deer stand and have seen far fewer deer the last 4 years as well! I also think the MN/DNR does a great job! [REDACTED]. Jun 5, 2012 9:50 AM

526 Thanks for the wolf season, Keep up the good work Jun 5, 2012 9:09 AM

527 There needs to be a maximum number of wolves, not just a minimum. The Jun 4, 2012 10:20 PM

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quota is way too low. The seasons are too short and hunters should not have to chose which to participate in. Do not make this more complicated. Have a single season for wolves that starts and ends with small game hunting. Because hunters plan and prepare for these events years and months in advance, the season must be more flexible with the final quota and end date. End the season at midnight on Sunday after the the quota is reached. For example, if the quota were reached on a Tuesday, and the season ended that day or Wednesday to help those who have already planned and made reservations.

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I have several concerns. My first concern is that the wolf is a fur bearing varmit, not a game animal that one would consider eating, thus putting it down quickly with a high powered rifle with expanding bullets. I am afraid too many deer hunters will be carrying the so called varmit rifles with full metal jacket bullets or bullets that have very little expansion so as to not ruin the hide of a wolf and end up wounding deer. I have many varmit hunter friends that have already stated they will hunt deer with varmit rifles as they would rather wound a deer than blow a hole the size of a basket ball in a first chance wolf. Another concern is that wolf pelts are much more prime in December. My last concern is, why have a lottery when the season will be closed upon reaching a certain wolf harvest number? Have we not seen the efforts the anti-wolf delisting and anti-wolf hunting communities will go to, to prevent a hunt. Do you not think these anti wolf hunting communities will go out and apply for a limited number of these tags to keep them out of the hunters hands? I firmly believe they will. Please consider holding the season after the deer season to prevent needless wounding of deer, and promote more prime pelts. Please do not allow a lottery in which anti-wolf hunters will surely apply for and acquire tags that will never be used. [REDACTED]

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post and make aware of seasons end at all gas stations and places of commune in entire northland for all the peiople who are not up to date with technology. also make the season longer.

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Livestock farms need more options to protect their animals from wolves. A hunting and trapping season is a good start and should save the government some resources byb reducing wolf depredation losses.

Jun 4, 2012 4:47 PM

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3000 wolves are too many and far above the 1400 federal target count. Wolves are killing 60,000 deer in the 100 series management units while hunters killed 63,000 deer in the same area, the wolf range, during 2011. You need to implement a maximum wolf count similar to the State of Wyoming. Incidentally, wolves have been killed on Hwy 169 between Elk River and Zimmerman. Do you want to field the complaints from the public when wolves continue to move further south into the metro 7 county area? A decision to have unlimited wolves is a decision to have significantly reduced deer herds and loss of license revenue; we need more kids hunting deer to continue the tradition and reverse current trends. [REDACTED]

Jun 4, 2012 3:48 PM

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Since the original goal was 1,300-1,600 wolves, and the population is way beyond 3,000 wolves, this hunt is too conservative. But it is better than nothing, if the hunt actually takes place. Hopefully in the future the numbers will be increased to reduce the population to the original goal.

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533	I believe there should be more information posted as to how the current population of wolves is estimated at 3000 animals. How was that determined? There are more wolf sightings than bear sightings and there are certainly more bears than wolves in our state based on this information.	Jun 4, 2012 2:19 PM
534	Thank you for trying to work as appropriately as possible with the directive you received from the legislature.	Jun 4, 2012 11:55 AM
535	This is a good start to managing our Wlof population. I think th eestimated population numbers are on the low side. Again I think this is a good start. I have watched my favorite deer hunting area suffer to what I believe is over population of wolves in this area. I hunt the North side of Leech Lake and have my entire adult life. It is time to manage the population as I believe the population is to high.	Jun 4, 2012 9:34 AM
536	The hunt is well structured and should be successful. One missed opportunity on the public relations side is that I never see it mentioned that the federal government already kills about 100 wolves each year in Minnesota. This information should be in the first paragraph of any article about the new hunting season.	Jun 4, 2012 8:07 AM
537	I think the late season should allow you to hunt or trap wolves on the same license. Are they required to have a CITIES tag?	Jun 4, 2012 7:16 AM
538	The current wolf season proposal seems overly conservative, but acceptable for a first season trial. When/if initial season yields low harvest and poor hunter success then the wolf season should be adjusted to provide for more harvest opportunity.	Jun 4, 2012 3:32 AM
539	Out of state licenses should not be sold, Minnesota has waited a long time for a wolf season. Only Minnesota residents should be given a chance to harvest wolves.	Jun 3, 2012 6:54 PM
540	I live in the Duluth area. I see wolves on a regular basis. I do not believe that you will fill your 200 wolf quota by hunting.	Jun 3, 2012 1:18 PM
541	I don't believe that you will have to worry about reaching the goal of 400 wolves ... not at \$30 a license! I feel that the deer license should include 1 wolf - then you might get to your 400.	Jun 3, 2012 12:59 PM
542	I think the DNR has done a great job at managing the deer population for decades. I can't see any reason why they couldn't do just as good managing the wolf population.	Jun 3, 2012 12:14 PM
543	I really like the outline for the first year of the wolf hunting season. Looking forward to applying!	Jun 3, 2012 11:42 AM
544	Can bait be used and what kind? What would the shooting hours be? Would hunting coytes at night be closed	Jun 3, 2012 11:39 AM
545	I am concerned from what I have witnessed that wolves have lost their fear of man. Several times recently during past firearms deer season they have come right out in the open, and will stand and stare at you before loping off, then	Jun 3, 2012 9:33 AM

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stopping and staring back at you. This is not healthy for their survival and is just a matter of time before an ugly wolf human encounter. There have been recent incidents where they have tracked humans to their homes and have appeared in their driveways. We have seen them in the middle of our small town in northeastern Minnesota which is a concern. Thank you.

546	Q2 asks if you support the season structure however Q3 does not give the option of selecting that you do not want a wolf season concurrent with deer season. I am not in favor of a wolf season during deer season!	Jun 3, 2012 8:26 AM
547	Thanks for being pro-active in starting a wolf season!	Jun 3, 2012 6:56 AM
548	Wolves are becoming a problem especially for those of us who deer hunt. I like the idea of a season during the deer hunting season. This is the best way to effectively reduce the population.	Jun 3, 2012 12:06 AM
549	The U.S. needs to get a handle on the wolf population, it is getting just ridiculous, nobody cares about the deer and elk populations anymore! They only care about the wolf who is decimating everything else!	Jun 2, 2012 11:08 PM
550	The early season is not well thought out. the pelts will not be fully prime. Wolves should be hunted and trapped as a trophy hunt, not as an accidental kill during rifle deer season. The only reason I would not want to be notified by email is I don't have email at home.	Jun 2, 2012 9:36 PM
551	A wolf season is way overdue in Minnesota, and I do feel they'll be extremely difficult to hunt. I hope the DNR will allow hunting methods similar to taking coyotes, these methods will likely be required in order to meet the desired quota.	Jun 2, 2012 6:02 PM
552	These wolves need to be managed.	Jun 2, 2012 4:44 PM
553	There should NOT be 2 separate "hunting" seasons. All hunters purchasing a wolf hunting license should be allowed to hunt for a wolf from the opening of the rifle deer hunting season, all the way to the close of the season. The season for hunting and trapping does not run long enough. Why not let it run into January and February if the 400 quota has not been met? What difference does it make? Use some common sense!	Jun 2, 2012 9:47 AM
554	I live and hunt on my own land on the ridge above Lake Superior in Cook County. To some extent ,every year, but to a great extent in cold years, the deer from very wide areas migrate to within a mile or so of Lake Superior. The wolves follow these migrating deer. Many years most of the deer and a large percentage of the wolves native to our area are clustered in a small area that coincides with the largest human population. Deer hunters also follow. It is my worry that the wolves will be killed, legally and illegally, in this zone in numbers disproportionate to the number of wolves and their total summer range. My experience tells me that DNR estimates of the difficulty of harvesting a wolf are greatly exaggerated at least in this area. I could easily have killed a wolf each of the past ten years and expect the same will be true this year. There should be no wolf hunt within 1 to 2 miles of Lake Superior to protect the wolves, to avoid trespass problems, to protect a large number of hunters in a confined area and to show an understanding of the unique nature of the deer herd and wolf pedation in this area.	Jun 2, 2012 8:40 AM



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555	I feel that the season should be separate from the deer season. With so many hunters in the woods there may be a larger kill than anticipated. If the first wolf season doesn't result in an adequate kill next year it could coincide with deer season. Thanks for your consideration.	Jun 1, 2012 7:47 PM
556	I would supply an email address but it won't do any good because I won't be near my computer. Instructions could be more precise as to what license you need to buy before applying, I think that a Deer license for the A season a Small Game/Trapping license for the B. I will apply if a possible deer hunt in Bemidji works out.	Jun 1, 2012 4:25 PM
557	I don't hunt and don't plan to hunt but I think the DNR has come up with a great plan for our first wolf hunt. I prefer wolves not be hunted at all but I am realistic. thanks!	Jun 1, 2012 4:19 PM
558	Open the season sept. 1 with the early goose, and bear season. You would have a longer season and more people would put in for it.	Jun 1, 2012 10:15 AM
559	Fine job of navigating a too emotional issue and still being able to do the right thing and regulate as you need to based on facts and science.	Jun 1, 2012 8:20 AM
560	As a fellow natural resource manager I realize that it is impossible to please everyone and that the DNR was handed a loaded grenade with being forced to have part of the Wolf Season coincide with Deer Season. I think this is a great compromise for everyone. Things that I believe that would make this more efficient for this season and the future: 1. Receiving regulations for hunting/trapping ASAP so we can properly and legally prepare for the season. 2. To successfully reach harvest goals year in and year out I believe the bag limit will have to be more than 1 wolf per tag. 3. More licenses for late season/trapping as I believe this is when there will be a higher success rate	Jun 1, 2012 8:18 AM
561	There should only be one season and one license that allows a person to both hunt AND trap. The use of dogs to take wolves should be allowed.	Jun 1, 2012 8:12 AM
562	I think the DNR has the best interest of all wildlife as well as the landowners, farmers, and the general public evenly represented in this proposal. Don't let some Hopkins based group with a smear campaign and an animal rights agenda sway the vote. Thanks!!!!	Jun 1, 2012 7:55 AM
563	The 20112 wolf season is way too conservative. If the goal is to kill 400 wolves why not make it more open to all wanting a tag and not limit the number of tags? The DNR would sell more tags ( more money) and the 400 kill goal has a much better chance of being reached. You either want to kill 400 or you don't! Killing 400 wolves will also do nothing to control the population either. It is a feel good quota. Thanks	Jun 1, 2012 7:30 AM
564	I deer hunt in zone 1, area 157 in Hay Brook Township south of Isle Minnesota. The property is located just south of Hwy 27 and adjacent to Hwy 47. Approximately 8 years ago I was accompanied to my deer stand by three wolves early in the morning during an October archery hunt. After climbing into my stand, I heard movement in the leaves on the ground beneath and in front of me. I clicked on my headlamp and saw the first of the three standing broadside on the trail from which I had come. The other two had circled around me from my	Jun 1, 2012 12:05 AM

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right, and when I looked over I saw them. I had never seen, nor expected to see wolves in this area. I never saw those wolves during the day. Hunting those wolves during daylight hours would have been impossible. If this state is serious about decreasing the population, at some point in the future night hunting must honestly be considered.

565 i think the est. population is low and the harvest quota is to low should be closer to 600-800. I also think the wolves have hurt the moose and deer populations alot and the wolf numbers need to be seriously reduced and fast. May 31, 2012 10:47 PM

566 I am anxiously looking forward to this opportunity. The wolf is a beautiful, keen animal, the hunters will be tested to their fullest ability. I expect that most hunters will not be successful. The hunter appreciates this animals abilities more than anyone. The trophy of a beautiful wolf pelt will be treasured more than anything I own, if I get one. Thanks for providing this opportunity for the sportsman that desires this challenge. As humans have taken over the planet with populations that are massive, we must be the stewards of other living beings enviroments and populations that share our world. We can no longer rely on Mother nature, because we (humans) are over inhabiting this earth. I am in favor of a healthy wolf population in Minnesota. If the kill rate were more than expected, perhaps limiting it to just hunting (not trapping) could be an option. May 31, 2012 9:43 PM

567 Wolf season should run after firearms deer season. Not during. I feel that a bunch of wolves will be shot by people not licensed for wolf. Is there a biological reason that I am not aware of, to not run the season in December. May 31, 2012 8:33 PM

568 Make Non Resident tags for Wolves at least the same price as Non resident Bear tags or less. You can at least eat a bear. Turning in a carcass also sounds like a hassle in some areas that people might hunt. May 31, 2012 4:05 PM

569 I think the measured approach used by the Minn. DNR is the correct way to determine the outcome of the new season. I am impressed with the demeanor of the DNR with this sensitive subject. [REDACTED] May 31, 2012 4:05 PM

570 Excited to finally get a season. However, should consider higher bag limits in areas outside of traditional wolf range. Also, multiple day checks on wolf snares would be beneficial. A properly set snare will easily and humanly dispatch a wolf and a three day check would allow for more sets to be checked. I also feel like the lottery system isn't necessary because a quota is in place. Without the lottery, more licenses will be sold and the amount of wolves harvested will remain the same. With a lottery, licenses may be boughten up by artis and people who aren't as serious and may shorten the harvest. May 31, 2012 3:20 PM

571 I am concerned about ANTI hunters applying for the drawing. I suggest making it mandatory that you have proof of a previous hunting license in order to apply. Or something to keep people honest of intent. May 31, 2012 3:04 PM

572 Good Job, Well Done. May 31, 2012 2:56 PM

573 I think the early season is a mistake the wolf pelts will most likely not be in good shape because of the warm weather. There should only be a later season to match up with the prime fur conditions. May 31, 2012 2:43 PM

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574	The proposal is a great start. It can be refined in future years if needed.	May 31, 2012 1:23 PM
575	The biggest issue I foresee is that of the hunt closure notification. We hunt in an area where there is no cell coverage and no land line phone at our property. Texts, e-mail and/or web site updates are not an option. We would have to drive 30+ minutes one way to make the phone call to check the status of the hunt. I would tend to estimate a lot of similar situations in Northern Minnesota's remote hunting areas. What are the possibilities of a television or radio update on a partnered network news cast? I'm throwing that out there for consideration. Thanks for the opportunity to share my comments. [REDACTED]	May 31, 2012 12:48 PM
576	wolves like all other animals need to be managed, i appreciate that the minnesota dnr is working to do just that, I will be one of the first to sign up for a license thank you MN DNR!	May 31, 2012 7:55 AM
577	Why do you have to choose on the late season trapping or hunting? If I am using foot hold traps I will have to use a firearm to dispatch the animal. Does trapping allow you to snare wolves? If so are you going to change the snare heights in the lynx zone? Also are you going to allow wolf trapping in the Lynx zone? There are so many limitations just trapping fisher marten! Are you following any of the other states examples of what is working or not? If not you should!	May 31, 2012 5:55 AM
578	I fully support a Minnesota wolf hunting season but do not think it should coincide with the Minnesota rifle deer season. The late season will result in "hunting" of wolves and hunters willing and motivated to put the effort into learning how to hunt wolves. Early season will result in "shooting" of wolves by chance by folks hunting deer. Bear were considered varmints when they were allowed to be taken during the deer season. When a separate bear season was enacted, a population of bear hunters emerged and bears gained respect among hunters. The same would happen with wolves if a separate season was required to learn and "hunt" wolves instead of shooting them incidentally by deer hunters. A separate "hunting" season may also be more palatable with the environmental/animal rights groups and may be more defensible if environmental groups try to stop the hunting season through litigation. Wolves need to gain respect, and would benefit if it gained respect among hunters. Allowing a wolf season is the first step in gaining this respect. I just think it should be an intentional wolf "hunting" season and not an incidental wolf "shooting" season. [REDACTED]	May 30, 2012 10:08 PM
579	I hunt the third weekend of Firearms Deer Season in the International Falls area. The area I hunt has little to no cell phone reception. If I am not able to receive the message that the season is closed is there to be a fine or legal ramification if a wolf is accidentally taken after quota is reached? I have not read any information that answered my question, and hope it will be included in any publications to be released in the future. I assume that, like legal hunting hours and bag limits of waterfowl, it will be considered my obligation to know the information regardless of personal circumstances. So will the animal simply be confiscated or will fines be laid and hunting privileges revoked for incidental harvesting of wolves after quota, similar to taking larger quantities of other wild game? Other than that consideration I believe the plan has been well thoughtout and I look forward to the opportunity. From research I have done on other states' wolf management I don't think we will have to worry about the quota	May 30, 2012 4:33 PM

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being reached. To my knowledge hunters in other states have not been successful in doing so, but I welcome the challenge and look forward to the lottery.

580	I think it is a shame that there are not going to be many trapping licenses sold because this is by far the best way to go about getting a wolf!!	May 30, 2012 4:31 PM
581	I would like to see the hunting license valid for both early and late seasons. If I were able to buy a license, and pursue wolves, I would want the greater opportunity that more days hunting would allow.	May 30, 2012 3:14 PM
582	with the way of the wolf being as it is, i do free that hunting the wolf by gun is going to prove alot harder then one may think. The thick woods and terrain with the lacking of clear cuts and logging roads being closed (by the way i'm talking about the US Forest Service closing roads or old logging trails because of stress to the lynx - i mean realy find something else to waste money on) , there should be some sort of baiting permitted that is similar to hunting bears. i realy do think without some kind of aid of this sort, hunting wolves will be very hard. Just becuae one may see a wolf does not always mean that person would of had any kind of chance of making a CLEAN SHOT to kill. I've been hunting in the ely area for deer all of my life and my family comes from ely, with all of the years that i've hunted deer, grouse and bears, i would have to say that there may of been only 3 to 4 times at most that i may of had a clean chance to make a kill shot on a wolf. Now i have been bear hunting down by isabella for a number of years and helped a bear guide for the last 5 plus years and when talking with a fair number of other bear hunters, the wolves are coming into the bait stations during day light and legal shooting hours. There is only one huge issue though - you can not bait during deer season which i am a strong believer in, so the best way around the whole issue for that would be to run the season later and for which would be better anyways for the prime coat on the animal i think the season should be in Jan to Feb, that time of the year is when the animal will peak for fur prime plus there would be no interference of other seasons.	May 30, 2012 3:13 PM
583	The answers to some of the questions may change after results of the first year of hunting.	May 30, 2012 1:24 PM
584	I don't know how it would be possible, but it would be nice to find a way to make it easier for those who hunt in remote, motorless areas without cell phone reception to participate in the wolf hunt without having to worry about being notified if the season closes.	May 30, 2012 12:29 PM
585	I have a lake cabin near Longville, MN. We have two packs of wolves close to the cabin. I see wolves on a regular basis. I think your estimated population of 3,000 wolves in Minnesota is not even close to an accurate number of wolves. I think the accual population is a lot higher. Is there any way to get a more accurate count on the wolf population? It will be interesting to see the success rate this fall! Wolves have a way of staying out of sight when people are looking for them.	May 30, 2012 6:10 AM
586	Farmers with livestock should be allowed to take wolves any time if livestock is being threatened. Other than that, good job!	May 30, 2012 5:52 AM
587	quota is to small should be at least 1000	May 30, 2012 5:41 AM

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588	Please consider allowing hunting at night.	May 29, 2012 11:28 PM
589	I fully support this action to control the wolf population. THANK YOU!	May 29, 2012 11:05 PM
590	Glad to see the DNR is finally pushing the issue for a season. The area I hunt in has been totally ruined for deer hunting by wolves. We see many wolves during season and see lots of deer killed by wolves. I don't want to see the wolves totally wiped out, but they need to be controlled as there are way too many now.	May 29, 2012 10:47 PM
591	I am excited about the season in general but am not thrilled with the overlap durring the deer season. At this point though I am thankful that there is a season so lets see how it goes.	May 29, 2012 9:13 PM
592	no	May 29, 2012 8:38 PM
593	Will I be able to bait? Will I be able to use an electronic caller? I hope so! The late season should be later. The pelts would be better and hunting more of a success. Will I be able to keep the pelt? I hope so!	May 29, 2012 8:27 PM
594	RAISE THE PRICE FOR NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS/TRAPPERS. THE PROPOSED \$250 IN TOO CHEAP. SHOULD BE CLOSER TO \$350-\$400. ALSO, HOW CAN THE RESIDENT LICENSE FOR WOLVES BE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN DEER? SHOULD BE EQUAL TO OR LESS EXPENSIVE THAN DEER.	May 29, 2012 7:22 PM
595	we need a season we are losing way to many deer and other wildlife they are taking over and making it very difficult to hunt	May 29, 2012 6:30 PM
596	We completed our job in protecting the wolves. Now just like any other animal there should be a limit before they over populate and become diseased.	May 29, 2012 4:52 PM
597	Its a start	May 29, 2012 4:49 PM
598	I am applying for the late season because I will have a greater chance of getting a license. I feel most deer hunters will apply just in case they see a wolf which is highly unlikely. I feel if the quota is not reached during the early season, it should be added to the late season. If the quota is not reached by the end of the second season, it should be extended and more licenses made available. I also feel the wolf should be managed like bears and have unlimited licenses in the area outside of the core wolf management area.	May 29, 2012 4:44 PM
599	Season enacted by legislature is a joke. DNR shouldn't be told to do these things without a process with input. My opinion is we should only be targeting problem wolves by landowners or people given permission by the landowner to hunt or trap	May 29, 2012 1:11 PM
600	I am not in total support of a wolf hunting and trapping season but feel it is a necessary management tool. Minnesota's proposed plan is much more realistic and cautious than Wisconsin's plan, where they can use everything except nukes to hunt them. Good job Minnesota - a state that cares about it's wildlife and places. That si why I live here.	May 29, 2012 1:09 PM
601	Glad to see we are being proactive and pragmatic and not reactive and dramatic.	May 29, 2012 12:29 PM

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602	It is about time we had a season.	May 29, 2012 11:47 AM
603	I would like to see the wolf seasons fall after all deer seasons have ended. It should be separate from deer seasons completely.	May 29, 2012 8:59 AM
604	I think the harvest goals should be higher. also possibly include a nuisance permit system in addition to the regular season	May 28, 2012 11:11 PM
605	I've been predator hunting for 10+ yrs and I think the early season is kind of a joke... A wolf that has been unable to be hunted for years should be treated as a prize.. if they are shot by a deer hunter wearing Orange and in a tree stand in the first week of Nov. when the hide isn't prime.. is a shame, what happens then... If I'm lucky enough to get drawn, I would love to put on my whites go out and try to call one in, and if I'm successful, the hide will be tanned and treated as a trophy.. not something that would be thrown away. Thank you	May 28, 2012 10:01 PM
606	I would like to see a longer season that would allow hunters an opportunity to reach the quota. i.e. Everyone who receives a permit can hunt to the end of February in an attempt to fill the tag if the quota hasn't been reached.	May 28, 2012 8:40 PM
607	If the wolf season were to run concurrent with the firearms deer season it will only serve to drive the wolves deeper into the forests thus limiting the amount of time and accessibility to set out a proper trapline. Also, above all else, trappers should be given all the more consideration than the hunters due to the fact it gives the wolf a far more sporting chance. It boils down to man's skill and the wolf's instincts.	May 28, 2012 12:45 PM
608	I want to harvest a prime quality winter coated animal either for resale or tanned for my personal collection. I question quality of fur and bullet placement when dispatching any furbearing animal. [REDACTED] My most enjoyment now is close observation of an animal's habits and to try "outfox" the furbearer for a clean humane dispatch. Numbers and totals mean nothing to me at this stage of my life. Last comment, Snares= With proper placement no problem, for a first time wolf trapping lottery winner with a dozen snare sets, none target animals beware, no forgiveness here. Thanks for your time.	May 28, 2012 9:43 AM
609	I applaud the hunting season for wolves, but I have not seen any references to baiting? Are we going to be able to bait given they are so elusive? Also, I think a quota of 400 is too small and/or 6000 licenses. I don't necessarily disagree with 400 the first season, but I think it should be bumped up continuously thereafter. Also, from the data I've seen from other states, we're probably not going to come close to the 400 quota, so why not offer 10,000 licenses or more? More money for the state, more hunters get a chance to hunt them, and the quota is still 400, so why the limit on available licenses? Why not offer 20,000 licenses? Maybe after seeing how this season goes and if we don't reach the 400 quota, more licenses will be available next year?	May 28, 2012 9:32 AM
610	A regulated take of wolves is long overdue. At the onset of Federal protection, many were against total protection but as the year's have passed an appreciation for wolves has been solidified. Unfortunately, after so many years of waiting for delisting, some are reverting back to the old ways of thinking in frustration. Hopefully, wolves will attain the respect deserved a game animal now	May 28, 2012 9:01 AM

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that a season has been developed. Further delays in a regulated take will only aggravate those that have been patient for so long. I have doubts that the established quotas will be reached quickly if at all this first season. I suspect fewer than fifty will be taken during early firearms deer season despite many claims to the contrary.

611	My chance of seeing a wolf, let alone being able to shoot and kill it, are close to zero. So, instead of allowing deer hunters to shoot a wolf for a SMALLER fee, like the deer/bear seasons we used to have. It used to be that even though most bears were hibernating by deer season, there was always a chance to shoot one without baiting and brought some added excitement to deer hunting (I have nothing against baiting - I just don't want to shoot a bear that way). Once again the DNR limits our hunting opportunities and then wonders why hunter numbers go down. So now, nothing will change and deer hunters will continue to shoot every wolf they can and let them lay - what a waist of a good pelt and a loss DNR revenue - MORONS! The regs for the hard core hunters-trappers maybe okay.	May 28, 2012 8:20 AM
612	I feel those living in the wolf range be given preference over those who do not, but also be required to apply in their home county. This would minimize pressure in localized areas. Also hunting should be once in a lifetime like moose hunting.	May 28, 2012 8:15 AM
613	I really believe there should be more trapping permits. There aren't many trapping permits for the trappers to get the job done. It is going to take a little bit of time to figure this animal out. Weather could also be a big factor in catching the wolves.	May 27, 2012 1:42 PM
614	Glad to see DNR is taking a conservative approach. Also want to note that on our land near King Lake - over last 5 years we have noted more and more Moose and Deer kill from wolves, It's gotten to the point, where we now see more wolf's on our game cams than deer. Thank you	May 27, 2012 10:36 AM
615	The late season hunting and trapping should be one and the same. If you trap a wolf you are going to have to shoot it so what is the difference how you harvest the animal as long as the quota is not exceeded.	May 27, 2012 9:29 AM
616	I believe the DNR has a very well thought out plan and fully support the conservative stand as to harvest quotas to better understand the impact of the hunt / hunts. By leaving the quota low I feel we won't be affecting the population and it should remain more stable, thus increasing the chances of having a wolf season every year. Thank you for allowing me to give you the DNR feed back on this the first and hopefully ongoing hunting experience. Thank You [REDACTED]	May 27, 2012 6:00 AM
617	The opening of the season is too early, the furs are not in their prime for selling or even mounting. Without the full winter fur the animal is useless and will go to waste. It said to think an animal will be taken and not be used for anything the fur will be pretty much useless and the meat will not be consumed. Please set forth legislation to change the opening date to later in the season.	May 26, 2012 9:23 PM
618	I think deer hunters should get 80 % of the quota so that if the wolves are in large numbers in the area that you hunt more of them can be removed to hopefully improve the deer hunting ! I oppose the Quota that trappers get just for	May 26, 2012 6:33 PM

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the fact that they are SELLING the wolf hide ! and maybe they should pay more to SELL the hides ? All in all the plan looks to be getting there , But it dose need to be tweaked .

619 WHY HAVE A EARLY SEASON BEFORE THE PELTS ARE PRIME ? WHAT A WASTE. SHAME ON THE SO CALLED SPORTSMEN WHO WILL HUNT THE EARLY SEASON May 26, 2012 3:15 PM

620 After a few seasons pass and the majority of people (hunters and non-hunters)see low harvest registration numbers, I suspect they will realize just how difficult it is to hunt wolves. Trappers will have a significantly higher success rate given the nocturnal habits of these predators. In the near future I would hope to see a late season that (1) opens Jan 1 thru 31 (2) allows nighttime hunting like current predator regulations (3) allows calling and accepted baiting practices. As far as 6000 tags awarded via lottery, this number surely will or should rise to 20,000 tags. It's unlikely that registrations will exceed 150-175 animals based on such a small number of hunters being allowed to participate. Application fees for that many tags could help offset administrative costs related to managing the hunt or go into the fund for depredatory compensation for livestock losses. I hope some folks take time to read this, I'm not a biologist by any means but have hunted in northern Minnesota for 35 years now. Thanks for asking & keep up the good work May 26, 2012 2:23 PM

621 Your wolf management plan is way too conservative!! 400 wolf quota with a 6,000 tag lottery is silly. I don't understand why the Dnr is being so conservative on a wolf season that should have started 10 yrs ago. There are going to be too many tags out of the 6,000 that will be wasted in some form or another. I dont like how you are restricting licenses for certain parts of the season. If you draw a tag you should be able to hunt or trap til you fill your tag or the season closes. When you have to check in daily for season closure there would be very little danger of going too far over the already too little 400 wolf quota! I'm not a wolf hater...yet! I like to be outdoors and hear the howl of a wolf....it's a true symbol of wilderness! But, I don't think that wolves should be allowed to expand as they have while we do nothing. I'm so sick of the anti wolf BS and what it's done to MN livestock and wildlife that I'm quickly getting to the point where could care less if I see or hear another wolf period!! I think majority of sportsman and ranchers feel the same way! May 26, 2012 12:04 PM

622 there is no need to have a quota on hunters or trappers. you have the wolf quota. its time to bring the deer back from the brink of extinction. May 25, 2012 9:05 PM

623 1. There is no reason to limit people in the late season to either trapping or hunting. 2. Outside of the core area there is no reason to limit harvest, or limit people taken part in the hunt. It should also start on deer hunting and run straight through the end of Feb. 3. I would also be in a favor of a 3rd area, an area outside of fringe wolf habitat, I am in open farm country and we have more than one pack of wolves. This area would be open to harvest from opening of trapping until end of Febuary, with no quota and unlimited harvest per person, as to why protect something that isn't there, according to the DNR. 4. Why limit a person's chance to hunt wolves???? Let everyone who wants to buy a tag. The DNR will make more money on tags, and spend less on running a lottery. Simple enough. 5. Why be so tight with the number of tags. I would be surprised if the state kills half the limit with the poor regulations that have been put forth so far. The state May 25, 2012 3:18 PM



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has far more than the 3000 they claim to have. I could show you guys close to 20 just in Norman County that I know of, they have a den behind the farm right now, and they are not coyotes. The harvest could take at least triple the quota in the core area alone. Put some pressure on them the state is already spending tons of money on trapping them during the summer when people hunting already could help slow the problem. 6. Wolves are not the trophy money making animal that they are being made out to be. Most people will simply hope to shoot one just to say they did. Wolf hunting is going to be a game of luck for the most part. Most people don't have the skill, time or drive to kill one, it's going to be luck for a vast majority of people. 7. Why stop the season before any quotas are reached? Fur from a wolf will be prime or close to from November until at least February. It would be a good incentive for those that are out coyote hunting to have a chance at a wolf if one should happen to show up while calling. Plus they will be a little more callable during the mating season. 8. Why limit a person to one per person? I understand maybe a limit for trappers but more than one. There is no one that is going to make a ton of money hunting or trapping wolves. 9. Decide where the state wants wolves and manage that area and let the rest of the state have a liberal season. The DNR will kill every deer but won't let us hardly have a chance at a wolf, just doesn't make sense. Take some lessons from the states out west. Basically give wolf hunting a chance to get started, making it tough to draw a tag and possibly letting people buy tags that won't hunt just takes the chance for people that want to. Just like bear tags and with bear lovers buying them and not hunting. I am sure tons of anti's will spend the money to keep tags out of hunters hands. Most people won't have a clue on how to hunt them so success will be poor and based on pure luck for most hunters. Let everyone give it a whirl.

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| 624 | As a trapper, this is an opportunity long awaited. Concerning hunting, I'm not sure it is a true trophy hunt when its incidental to deer hunting. I'm optimistic however and lets see how the first season goes.   | May 25, 2012 2:02 PM  |
| 625 | [REDACTED] and I started hunting waterfowl and upland birds at the age of 12. I am now 25 and started deer hunting a few years ago. I enjoy hunting tremendously and am really excited about the wolf season. I plan on submitting an application for the early season. At least for me, I have gained a lot more respect for the animals/birds throughout nature because of observing them in their natural environment from hunting. | May 25, 2012 12:48 PM |
| 626 | Dogs should be allowed for hunting wolves just as they are used for coyotes. The whole state should be open for wolf hunting. If there are no wolves in the areas that the DNR says there are no wolves, what is the harm? If there are wolves they should be hunted for their own benefit. Hunting will increase their fear of man and keep them away from inhabited areas.   | May 25, 2012 10:16 AM |
| 627 | If you have been monitoring the opening of some western states to wolf hunting you will understand why it is important to protect the identity of, including email addresses, of successful hunters.   | May 25, 2012 8:18 AM  |
| 628 | I think this season is a good move to make sportsman happy with this subject. Many of us spend a lot of time and money hunting deer, which wolves have depleted the populations. I am all for having wolves, but they need to be controlled within certain population limits. This gives sportsman a part of doing   | May 24, 2012 8:10 PM  |

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that. Your proposed plan looks very good and well thought out.

629 What is being done to protect dogs from getting caught/killed in wolf traps. We already have a problem with this. Grouse and pheasant hunting seasons would run con-currently with the trapping. This is a recipe for disaster. I know that if one of my or a friend of my dogs get caught in a trap, the trapper can expect to get his butt dragged into court for a very expensive civil lawsuit. The DNR must implement trapping methods that protect dogs or they me be dragged into the lawsuits as well. May 24, 2012 7:41 PM

630 I hunt with very expensive dogs. I have to stay out of the woods the whole month of November because of deer season and the deer hunters theory all dogs in the woods are chasing deer. Now thanks to the late season I will have to miss all December's hunting. It was one thing worrying about coniber traps killing my dogs , now due to the late season, and all of bobcat season I'll have to worry about broken legs, large vet bills or destroying a crippled dog. This late season is state wide. .I encouraged my legislators to look at Wisconsin's trapping regulations , they have a proven track record that works and everyone is content with it., and they think of hunting dogs and the other sportsmen that are out there. But they ignored me.It seems St. Paul is a foreign country in our state. And they always want to bite the hand that feeds them.I believe the wolves that are troublemakers should be destroyed, and the others that are not bothering anything could live in peace. Do you really think the 400 that will be taken will be only the troublemakers? It will not lessen wolf problems I think the wolves and landowners will do a better job managing than the DNR. After all they are the ones doing it now. You are forcing me to do all my hunting out of state. The late season is a bad idea for everyone,except a few trappers, and it keeps everyone else at home May 24, 2012 6:49 PM

631 I understand having an early wolf season to coincide with deer firearms, but are wolves considered a nuisance animal or game animal? If being listed as a game animal and being regulated as so, then the harvest season should consist when the fur is prime for harvest. I can understand giving deer hunters the opportunity to tag a wolf but what are they going to do with it? Eat it? Doesn't make sense to manage a game animals as a nuisance or vice versa. What are the trapping regulations going to consist of? I'm willing to bet any trap capable of killing a wolf is also capable of killing a domestic dog. I'd like to see measures taken that will protect domestic dogs from being killed, and the MN Trappers Association is obviously not the party to ask for input as they clearly don't mind killing a few dogs. Snares should have a release or stop measure to prevent killing. Only leg hold traps should be allowed. No body grip traps for wolves. What is the DNR going to do to prevent domestic dogs from being killed when hunters mistake them for wolves? Here in SE MN, several outdoorsmen have reported wolf sightings and the DNR always responds that it is a case of mistaken identity, that the sightings are dogs, coyotes, wolf hybrids & etc... If we are drawn for a wolf tag we suddenly know the difference? I'm a life long outdoorsmen and have seen more than one wolf in SE MN, but the DNR always questions the credibility of the reports. Doesn't make any sense. I'm in favor of a wolf harvest in MN. Although I have an appreciation of wolves, wolves need to be controlled and need to live in fear. Too often are wolves killing livestock and hunting dogs. These things shouldn't happen. Keep the wolf population in check, but use some common sense and let nuisance wolves be killed when posing a threat without penalty, and keep the harvest season for when a wolf hide has some May 24, 2012 2:57 PM

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	value.	
632	I am satisfied with the proposed 2012 hunting season, just not sure 6,000 licenses will be enough to provide ample opportunities to harvest a significant number of wolves. The case has been made to treat the animal as a trophy animal as it should. However a majority of the licenses sold will be to the average Minnesota deer hunter with little or no predator hunting experience. I would have at least doubled the cost of the license in order to attract more serious predator/wolf hunters who would put in the extra effort to harvest such an elusive animal. I also don't see any consideration to actual wolf population densities in regards to the licenses'. I'm no wolf expert but I do own land in different parts of northern Minnesota. I may be incorrect, but I believe the farther north you go, you will find a greater density of wolves, and also a fewer number of deer hunters. So you will have a greater percentage of wolf license holders where you have the fewest density of actual wolves. Using a "zones" system similar to bear hunting, or the way the deer hunting antlerless areas are defined as it relates to wolf population and the number of licenses' available in that zone would be best. I understand wolves can have a larger home range, but it would be helpful as a starting point. That being said I am very satisfied with the way the Minnesota DNR has handled the de-listing of the wolves in Minnesota. I know just having a controversial hunt such as this takes a lot of compromise, and I'm glad Minnesota is taking steps to control its wolf population now and ensure the future of the Gray Wolf in Minnesota. [REDACTED]	May 24, 2012 2:28 PM
633	No hunting or trapping except where the safety of people and domestic animals is ensured.	May 24, 2012 1:24 PM
634	I don't like the fact of a closure when a qouta is reached. This should be no different then any other hunting season with a start date and an end date. The DNR is able to manage other animal seasons without having the possibilty of an early closure, ie bear, turkey, moose, deer. If I was drawn and had a license and the season was cut short I would be extrememy unhappy. If I hunted through the season and didn't harvest a wolf that would be fine. Just like deer hunting, don't always get a deer, but at least I don't need to worry about the season getting cut short. For that reason I will not bother applying. I am not going to spend \$30 for a tag if I may not be able to use it for the whole season. Thank You	May 24, 2012 1:13 PM
635	Are you sure that the environmental obstuctionist will not file another costly law suit shutting down this year hunt. History says they will. Be ready to refund all money for this years hunt. When you are killing around 200 by government trapping to eliminate the trouble makers you know that it is time for a hunt. You need to come down on the anti-trapping groups that were part of the reason it took so long to get this distructive animal delisted..... they (anti-trappers) are part of the reason we had to TRAP 200 of the trouble makers on the governments dime.	May 24, 2012 12:50 PM
636	After years of protecting the wolves, I would like very careful monitoring of the harvest to ensure that the efforts to protect the wolf was not in vain. I would be very conservative on the harvest quotas.	May 24, 2012 12:37 PM
637	WE SHOULD ALLOW ELECTRIC CALLING METHODS. THE LATE SEASON SHOULD REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE ANNUAL TOTAL QUOTA IS MET.	May 24, 2012 12:28 PM

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638	No	May 24, 2012 12:10 PM
639	I think you should have one lottery and if successful you can hunt both seasons.	May 24, 2012 11:55 AM
640	<p>I'm a proficient hunter and have never seen a wolf during deer season, archery or firearm, and using a lottery of 6000 applicants to take 400 wolves is a joke. This season was obviously set up by people prejudice towards anyone harming thier precious wolves. I will not pay \$30 to harvest one, and \$250 for a non-resident means there won't be many people harvesting wolves. Idaho tried what you are doing for one year and did not get close to the quotas. Now, everyone must have a wolf license to harvest one, and the residents pay \$12 and non-residents \$31.75 and both can buy two licenses. The season stays open until quotas for the separate zones are accomplished. Some are still open at the present time with the total harvest at 379. Whoever set up the Minnesota season DID NOT consult other states as has been stated in your press releases, because all the western states are similair. I doubt Minnesota has 3000 wolves, I think it is much greater. A lot of money is spent by hunters trying to harvest deer, which have been managed to bring back the herds to present levels, and now the wolves are decimating exactly what we accomplished. The same thing with the moose herd. Wolves are reducing these numbers to levels where hunting is just about unsustainable. WHY do we need 3000 wolves? 500 to 750 would be more than enough. I reccomend having an open season running parallel with archery and firearm deer season, including muzzle loader, a modest fee, \$10 for resident, \$30 for non-resident, and reduce the numbers to those mentioned above. Remember this: Before the wolves, everything flourished. With the wolves in these numbers, only the wolf flouishes.</p>	May 24, 2012 11:29 AM
641	<p>We need to require trap modifications to reduce injury to grouse hunting dogs. The larger traps required could result in foot injury to dogs. We should also go to 'cable restraints' instead of kill snares.</p>	May 24, 2012 11:08 AM
642	season is too short and the harvest goals are way to low, 400 isn't even half of what should be harvested. Unlimited licenses and higher quotas are a must	May 24, 2012 10:13 AM
643	it would be nice to have a longer trapping season with the season being when the fur is prime	May 24, 2012 9:27 AM
644	I will be applying for a wolf permit if the season is later (Mid Dec to Feb). Wolf hunting during the deer season will be a mistake. Wolf harvest is for trophy reasons and the MN deer season is too early for them to be prime. Are we just killing them to kill them? I'm not in favor of that.	May 24, 2012 8:56 AM
645	<p>I understand it was not the DNR's call, but I want to comment on the ridiculous and dangerous legislative requirement that the season be timed with the start of the gun deer hunting season. I am very concerned that the state do this right and have no controversy the first season or two, to help landing right back in court and having a halt put on everything again. There are hundreds of thousands of deer hunters out on opening weekend, and I don't think the limit on permits means a thing. Everyone who knows a person with a permit will be party hunting. I think the possibility for the harvest quota to be greatly exceeded exists, as is the certainty that many without permit will be doing the shooting. Then there's the issue of when pelts become prime. It's too early for that during the early part of the deer season. That means that the majority if not all wolves</p>	May 24, 2012 8:50 AM

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killed will not be fully utilized. Shooting for the sake of shooting and making no use of the animal is not something I can accept and I want wolf control. We can't please those who want no wolf killed, but I think there are many on the fence who will stop supporting wolf control when this becomes more well known, as I am sure it will. We need to stop these micro-managing legislators from meddling in business they know too little about!

646	Like the text had mentioned, success rate is low so I am hoping that MN reaches its goal and hunters and trappers appreciate the opportunity to be able to hunt or trap this beautiful creature.	May 24, 2012 8:12 AM
647	This Wolf season is long overdue in my opinion. Last deer season me and the rest of my hunting party saw a lot more wolf sign than deer sign, I even considered not buying a deer license this year, there was hardly any deer sign left in the area we have hunted for years. There is just to many wolves.	May 24, 2012 7:02 AM
648	the use of dogs should be method of take option	May 24, 2012 6:15 AM
649	Why not wait the previously approved 5 year waiting period? The number of wolves should be encouraged to grow and to be maintained. Any new home/landowners in wolf country should be required to sign something acknowledging they are moving into wolf/predator country and that they dogs/cats/chickens/etc.. may become prey.	May 23, 2012 10:22 PM
650	there should be no early season there pelts are not at the best	May 23, 2012 10:12 PM
651	wolf hunting and trapping should only be for people who appreciate the wolf as a trophy, and would take the time and effort to hunt or trap them. There shouldn't be a season during deer season, it kind gives them a varmint status again.	May 23, 2012 9:08 PM
652	As a trapper, and a person who has the utmost respect for wolves as a magnificent game animal, I'm extremely disappointed in the proposed wolf season frameworks. First of all, I'm strongly opposed to even having an "early season", when most of the hunters in the woods will be deer hunters - many (if not most) of whom have little or no respect for this awesome game animal. Many will just want a chance to kill the hated wolf to protect their deer - not to pursue this animal with integrity and class. I don't know why we would want to foster this kind of attitude. I'm going to assume that their (the early season hunters) harvest total will be well short of their 200 animal quota, but I worry about illegal "party hunting" of wolves. If one guy in a party gets a wolf tag, I'd be willing to bet that the rest of the group will feel free to kill one of these hated animals. How do you intend to deal with this? I feel strongly that the DNR needs to promote this animal as a "trophy" animal. I'm worried that too many deer hunters will kill them just for the sake of killing them - and not be prepared for the hard job of skinning, fleshing, stretching and properly caring for the pelt. Especially early in the season, it's going to be imperative to get those skins off quickly - and why are we promoting a hunting season well before the wolf pelts are fully prime? That's just ridiculous. December 1st should be the opening date to ensure fully prime pelts - which should be the goal. It's unfortunate that the DNR had to cave into the "redneck element" that just want to kill wolves. I know, I watched Mech's testimony at the hearings, and I could see there were a few state senators that wanted to score some points with their constituencies, but that's bad biology - basing wildlife management decisions on politics and emotion, not science. My	May 23, 2012 8:18 PM

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biggest problem with this plan is that as a trapper, only 600 licenses will be reserved for us trappers. That's just absurd. Why not 2,000? Or 3,000? How did you come up with this number? I believe on an average year there are only around 7-8,000 trappers in MN and less than 10% will be allowed to pursue this animal? Trappers are likely going to account for the majority of this harvest (or at least have the highest success rate) and only a few of us will be able to do it. I worry it'll be years before I get a chance to try to harvest one. Of course we're the smallest group and not nearly as powerful as the MDHA, so we're getting the short end of the stick. Trappers are the ones who best understand how to harvest these animals, and deal with them after the catch. Also, as a trapper, we're looking at a considerable expense just to get prepared to harvest a wolf. A hunter will only have to use their existing deer rifle to step into the woods and hunt wolves, but for me, if and when I can get a license, I'll be looking at many hundreds of dollars if not thousands of dollars of investment before I can go after them and do it right. A good Bridger Brawn wolf trap (the premier wolf trap) is \$109 APIECE, and even lesser quality MB 750's or Bridger number 5 Alaskans cost 35 bucks apiece. Add in a dozen or two power snares with heavy wolf cable you're looking at a \$1,500 investment to trap wolves. Throw in some heavy-duty wolf chain and swivels, welding, grapples and other miscellaneous wolf equipment, to do it right it's going to be \$2,000+ minimum. If a trapper can only expect to get drawn once every 5 years or so, that's just not a fair option for us. Most trappers aren't going to be willing to do it unless they feel they have a chance to be drawn at least every 2 or 3 years. And why are we even allowing non-residents to participate in this harvest opportunity? And if we do, why aren't we charging them \$1,000 for a trophy tag? I feel STRONGLY this should be a MN resident ONLY season, just like our trapping. All in all, I'm extremely disappointed in this framework for our inaugural wolf season. It feels like you're leaving your most valuable asset - trappers - out of the equation. I would at least like to see an even playing field between trappers and hunters. We don't even have a chance at the first season (3,600 licenses), and in the second season we only have a small portion of the proposed tags (only 600 out of 2,400). Obviously, politics and emotion is driving this, and not common sense. You can do better!!! Respectfully, [REDACTED]

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| 653 | I think the DNR has made an honest effort to assess the situation. I am sure we will find there need to be changes as we understand this process better over the next couple of seasons.   | May 23, 2012 8:10 PM |
| 654 | I don't want people hunting Wolves when I am trapping. They will shoot a trapped Wolf and either think they are doing me a favor or stealing the animal for them self. Have all the hunting with no trapping in the Deer season.   | May 23, 2012 8:07 PM |
| 655 | This is a thoughtful plan that appears to have been developed by natural resources professionals. By allowing hunting & trapping of wolves the DNR is developing a group of conservationists who have an interest in preserving the resource, as hunters & trappers have done for decades.   | May 23, 2012 7:57 PM |
| 656 | What are you going to do when thousands of anti wolf hunting persons apply, and flood the application process, and yet have no intent but to minimize the the number of permits that will go to people that will actually use the permit? Why is there no cost involved in the application process, or is there? A non refundable amount (like applying for a Camp Ripley permit) would be a good way to help pay the cost of the state wolf management plan. Outstate applicants should pay | May 23, 2012 7:50 PM |

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a bigger non refundable amount, as this might keep some of the anti's at bay.

657 The only issue i have with the two seasons is that the early season tags will get picked up by people that have least chance of even seen a wolf. Other then the people deer hunting the big woods. I think there should be more trapping tags! You will have more success and not so public. With some weekend hunters showing off a picture of there killed prize wolf. Then a trapper that knows how take a animal without showboating. May 23, 2012 7:46 PM

658 Thank you and I am very excited for this new opportunity. Very pleased to finally have sound science and management win out over politics and frivolous lawsuits. May 23, 2012 7:12 PM

659 Eliminate the early season, only have a late firearms and trapping season. Give a larger quote to trappers. May 23, 2012 5:03 PM

660 Ive hunted wolves in MT, and AK, it is very tough! alot of the encounters we have had were by chance, seeing them at a distance and trying to call them in with Electronic calls. We have NEVER called one in with a hand call (distress call) the ONLY way we have gotten them to respond is with Wolf vocalization. i honestly dont think many people would harvest one with out the aid of Electronic calls. Also the season needs to be open to night hunting (late season) under a full moon and snow. Just like coyote hunting, our harvest numbers are 75% higher at night, than day time sighting or shot opportunities. The topography in MN is very different than other states ive hunted them in. There will be no sitting on a mountain side glassing and calling. it would relate more to tracking, stalking and calling. im sure most of the Wolves will be harvested during the gun season by gun hunters pushing woods and taking crack shots at them, mostly wounding them, that kill percentage is VERY LOW! the way to harvest them effectively and efficiently is with the aid of calls. THANKS [REDACTED] May 23, 2012 5:02 PM

661 Hunting with hounds should be allowed. Don't agree with having it during firearms deer season. I feel you should have a completely seperate season maybe late December early January so that people who actually want to hunt the wolf can do so. Not just get a tag so that if you see one while deer hunting you can take it. May 23, 2012 4:27 PM

662 its about frickin' time! they are way too thick! May 23, 2012 4:10 PM

663 I would like to see the late season license be for both hunting and/or trapping instead of being single purpose. May 23, 2012 3:19 PM

664 I would like to allow dog trained to hunt for wolves to used under the supervision of the dog owner, similar to fox and coyote hunting with dogs. May 23, 2012 2:27 PM

665 Wolves should be treated and hunted as a special big game animal, not just a varmint to be shot as a bonus during a deer hunt. Therefore, the resident and non-resident license fees should be much higher than the proposed \$30.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents. I support a \$100.00 license fee for residents and a \$500.00 fee for non-residents. Other states, such as Montana, have a lottery system for a limited number of non-resident deer licenses, and they charge non-residents over \$500.00 (which includes upland game bird license and fishing license) if they are successful in obtaining a license through May 23, 2012 2:21 PM

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the lottery. Minnesota has a near monopoly on huntable populations of wolves in the lower forty-eight states, and serious wolf hunters will be willing and able to pay higher license fees for an opportunity to hunt such a special big game animal with such a limited supply (estimated population of 3000 wolves in Minnesota). In addition, once a hunter is successful and tags a wolf, he/she should not be eligible for any future Minnesota wolf hunting licenses. I would not support that once-in-a-lifetime limit restriction for trappers because there are relatively few trappers in Minnesota. Thank you for considering my comments.

666 I think it will be difficult for a non professional hunter/trappers to kill 400 wolves. I have been around them and they are very smart. so I don't think there is anything wrong with your quota. I also think more than that could be taken and not affect the population at all. Thanks May 23, 2012 2:12 PM

667 Map does not show Lake and Cook Counties...are they not included? The "Group of Hunters" applying for the lottery muddies things-party hunting, number of licenses purchased... Small game license is required to take small game by hunting and fur-bearing animals by trapping...wolf is defined as a small game animal....why not this small game requirement? May 23, 2012 2:08 PM

668 I wish you would give out more tags..176,000 rifle hunters in zone 1 and only 6,000 wolf tags... Why not give out more tags and have the call in system like out west for some big game animals...I like the email and txt message alerts good idea.. I think the DNR is missing out on a great chance to make a lot of money.... I want to hunt wolfs and there are wolfs in my area, but realistic my odds of getting a tag are so slim dont know if i will apply.. I hope other hunters dont feel the same way.... Give out more tags and have a mandatory call in or email or txt system..Put huge fines if a wolf is shot after the quota.. Thanks.... May 23, 2012 1:47 PM

669 I think that this is a good idea. Realistically I don't think hunters will be likely to kill many, but the option is good. Trapping will be the best bet. May 23, 2012 1:18 PM

670 I am very much in favor of a season, but I think that you should be able to do both for trap and hunt for the late season. As I trap and hunt other furbears. and want to do both as i want to be able to hunt wolves before or after checking traps like I now do for coyotes and bobcats. Not to say you can't have a trapping only license but, I strongly disagree with not being able to do both during the late season. I would even be in favor of paying more to have the option to do both. I think that during a early season trapping should not be allowed, as the fur will be much better. Not only for a pelt to sell. But also being a full-time taxidermist I know that for a mount I would prefer one later in the season, as it would look considerably better. I also believe that during the late season they should be allowed to hunt at night like some of the other furbearers. I don't think it should be allowed during the early season because it would lead to poached deer during the night. I would also be in favor of making the season longer for the late season if the quota are not meet. May 23, 2012 12:52 PM

671 I personally feel that the state should be divided like the bear zones are. You have a quota zone and a no quota zone. The people in the no quota zone shouldn't have to apply to get a license where the people in the quota zone do. This will help regulate wolves where their really shouldn't be wolves. I live just north of St. Cloud and was told several times that their is no wolves in my area, but i hate to break it to them, when i physically see them with my own two eyes, May 23, 2012 12:32 PM



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and numerous trail cams to prove they are around I feel more should be able to be done.

672	I don't agree with having an early season that is basically targeted for deer hunters to incidentally take wolves. It sends the wrong message. It gives the appearance that wolves are a species that are not important enough to be targeted and they need to be taken incidentally by deer hunters. I completely disagree. They are a trophy hunt that should stand alone rather than being coupled with the firearms deer season. I don't like the idea of essentially reserving 200 wolves for deer hunters only. Also, why wouldn't trapping be allowed in the early season? I support Nov. 3 - Jan 6 - one season with trapping open at the start.	May 23, 2012 12:29 PM
673	I understand the "limited" quota for the 2012 season...but, I really expect that the quota of 400 will not be reached by Jan. 16th...I'm betting that the season will be extended and the final quota met sometime in March of 2013 if at all...you mentioned the low success rates in other states and canadian provinces...in Manitoba...there are 40 to 50 thousand hunters that can take a wolf if they choose on thier regular hunting license...plus, who knows how many trappers...the average annual harvest in Manitoba is only 350 wolves combined hunting and trapping...we will only have about 10% of that number of hunters...in any case it will be interesting to see how the first season plays out...Additionally, I think that the quota could be set much higher...400 animals won't even make a dent in this years pups! Another thing I would be interested in seeing is a separate quota for the A wolf zone vs the B zone...set it at 400 in the A zone...and 800, (or "no quota", like the bear season), in the B zone....	May 23, 2012 11:54 AM
674	Wolves eat deer and moose. They should be hunted to the point of insignificant impact on ungulate populations.	May 23, 2012 11:26 AM
675	I do not believe there should be an early season. For sportsman and the DNR to have any credibility they should only be pursued when the pelts are prime just like any other furbearer. The only exception to the season should the protect live stock and pets.	May 23, 2012 11:11 AM
676	I like the idea of a phone calling system the night before to all licensee's i.e. the status of the quota and whether the pursuit of the wolf is over. (quota met). Some hunters and/or trappers may not have access to computer internet where they are staying during their hunt/trap.	May 23, 2012 11:08 AM
677	I think this is a really good step in the right direction for the dnr. I think in the late season hunters should be able to hunt with dogs.	May 23, 2012 11:01 AM
678	There should be hounds allowed to help control wolves. Hounds have been and are a proven tool to help control coyote populations.	May 23, 2012 7:32 AM
679	The method of take should not be limited to hunting or trapping. The license should allow both hunting and trapping. There should only be one season where both hunting and trapping are allowed. The use of dogs should be a legal method of taking a wolf.	May 23, 2012 7:09 AM
680	The DNR should require trap modifications to protect our hunting dogs. Traps should be base plated, offset AND laminated jaws, with shock absorber springs	May 23, 2012 7:00 AM

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	in chain. Snares should be cable restraints like Wisconsin requires with no power snares allowed. It's time for the DNR to take the lead in protecting our hunting dogs after the legislature failed so miserably.	
681	Trappers should have to complete a wolf trapping course.	May 23, 2012 1:03 AM
682	The use of dogs should be allowed. With the ever increasing risk of dogs being caught in body grip traps, they should never be allowed for wolves. Do not allow mechanical or power snares,	May 23, 2012 12:04 AM
683	I think it is a great thing that the DNR has put this together. Decisions made based on facts and not feelings, will have great rewards for all! I can not wait to bring my boy out trapping for wolves this year!!!	May 22, 2012 11:03 PM
684	Keep the boundaries the same as Zone 1 Deer boundaries. Have the 2nd (late) season run from Dec. 1 - Jan. 31 or until the quota is full.	May 22, 2012 11:00 PM
685	glad we are finally doing something about the wolves	May 22, 2012 10:59 PM
686	Please consider the use of trailing dogs as a method of take. Snare design and use should be carefully evaluated. No powered snares.	May 22, 2012 10:11 PM
687	As a young kid my dream was to trap a wolf.I spent my life trapping in Mn and have watched their tracks on my trap line and day dreamed on how I would trap them.But my dreams are tarnished by letting deer hunters blaze away at our awesome wolves. The trapping season is to late.Leg hold traps don't work in that cold of weather when dirt freezes. Trapping season should be in October before the blaze orange army marches against the wolves.Besides I'm also a deer hunter that does not deer hunt in wolf country so how can I deer hunt and wolf trap at the same	May 22, 2012 9:41 PM
688	Seriously.....Is it totally impossible for your department do do anything right? The HELL with a stupid lottery.let anyone who wants to purchase achance to do so.let them..Do the math...at 20 bucks a pop you will raise lots of revenue and give EVERYONE a chance at a wolf..keep the quota at 400 and shut the season down when it reaches that plateau..I live on a farm that is crawling with wolves...they are smart,smart,smart....A couple gets shot and soon they will disappear to places where people will have no chance to get one..Please change this up-coming fiasco before it starts....thanx, [REDACTED]	May 22, 2012 9:17 PM
689	This is a good start at managing the wolf resource.	May 22, 2012 8:29 PM
690	deer hunters hate wolf -so I see a great number of them applying for wolf permit. I am a serious hunt wolf only -the way the dnr has this setup I will not have much of a chance to get permit. both seasons are to late -may be to cold and to much snow -October would be gereat. nothing said about bateing -electronic calls - decoys - they are a must for wolf hunting -I am sure most deer hunters will not spend the money for this equipment -they will be hoping to run into wolf as they deer hunt. ya need three seasons -oct for serious hunters -nov for deer hunters - dec and jan for trapping only.	May 22, 2012 7:53 PM
691	I appreciate the effort put forward to manage gray wolves in our state. As a cattle rancher and avid outdoorsman in northwest MN, I have seen both the	May 22, 2012 7:30 PM

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good and not so good that goes along with living in wolf country. While I have experienced some livestock losses in the past, my main concern is for our local deer herd. The area I live in has seen a sharp decline in the past few years. I acknowledge not all of this decline is the fault of wolves, but wolf sign and sightings have increased greatly in the last few years and I feel this has had an impact that can not be denied. My one concern over the season is that the amount of hunters will not be sufficient to harvest the quota set forth by the department. I would also believe that over the counter licenses would generate alot more revenue while accomplishing the same goal of harvesting 400 wolves. From my experience working every day in the outdoors, I can say that wolves are not as easy to see as some may think. I will close with saying that I think this season is a good start, but may require some adjustments in the future. I guess time will tell. Thank you. P.S. I saw two bull elk and one timber wolf in my cattle pasture this past weekend. Pretty neat! I also found a chunk of one of my calf eartags in a wolf turd on wma land just north of my ranch. I'm not kidding. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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| 692 | Why is there a four dollar application fee.....When i asked the DNR why they were giving landowners Turkey permits, when the landowner didn't meet the requirements they said ( we know people are cheating but we don't have the manpower to check all apps)....So what are Three and four dollar application fees being used for.....And why three dollars for a Turkey and four dollars for a Wolf application....Why not the same....Please address this publically so we all know what the money goes for....  | May 22, 2012 5:11 PM |
| 693 | I don't like how there is just an early hunting season and trapping is not included in that. Also I think you are taking a smart approach with the 400 quota for the first year I think they will be a little easier to get until they start relizing what is going on. As a trapper I wish I could get more than one but that might come later. Also I think there will end up being alot of stolen animals from traps maybe after we see what goes on this year we could have the late season be trapping only just to help keep theft of traps and animals down. Otherwise thanks to all who have helped make this happen it is long over due and will be a great adventure somehting I have always dreamed of.  | May 22, 2012 4:37 PM |
| 694 | Allow baiting in the second season  | May 22, 2012 3:35 PM |
| 695 | Allow the professional wildlife management Agency manage the wolf population without non-hunting public interference.   | May 22, 2012 3:30 PM |
| 696 | I would like to see the harvest quota increased. I realize the importance of starting slow and having a low quota the first year. However, I hope to see the quota significantly increased in the next two to three years to a system that allows for the maximum number of wolves to be taken, while still insuring a viable population. I also hope to see more funds being allocated to the DNR to research and then deploy the best wolf population survey methodology possible. After living and hunting in the state's core timber wolf range for over 50 years, I personally believe there are well over 3,000 wolves in Minnesota. Taking 400 wolves out of the current state population will have a very minor effect and do little to accomplish the stated goals, I believe. | May 22, 2012 2:54 PM |
| 697 | Due to the number of wolf sightings and the freefall of the deer population in our hunting zone , I believe the wolf kill/trap quota should be dramatically raised or   | May 22, 2012 2:34 PM |

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the deer will be extinct! All 12 guys in our hunting party have seen plenty of wolves and almost NO DEER. We are ready to give it up--hunters lose again!

698	Please clarify whether or not baiting will be allowed. I have read conflicting news articles about this, but cannot seem to find any information about it on the DNR site.	May 22, 2012 2:20 PM
699	A media announcement on the 10pm news broadcasts across the state to coincide with the closure announcement on the DNR web sight would also help ensure compliance with the end of the season.	May 22, 2012 2:14 PM
700	I am all for having wolvs in minnesota. But if a hunt is regulated it may be good for habbitat and support enforcement for all wildlife. Just don't let them disapear.	May 22, 2012 1:52 PM
701	This method will not work. Restricting the harvest to a small number of people will have no/negligible effect on controlling wolf numbers. They reproduce faster than you can remove them... good luck.	May 22, 2012 1:30 PM
702	Would like to request more information on hunting methods allowed. Would calls and baiting be allowed? Any similarity to bear and coyote hunting? If calls and baiting allowed would season be set for earlier in the year? Similar to bear?	May 22, 2012 1:12 PM
703	I'm nervous that the wolf registration can take place over the phone. I really like that option for deer, but the Wolf season has a quota. This means there is a possibility that Anti-Hunters could obtain a license, and then simply call in on the 1st day of the season and falsely claim to have shot one, in order to help reach the quota more quickly.	May 22, 2012 12:31 PM
704	I feel the wolf management is moving the right directions. I don't agree that the 2 seasons should be broken up this way. I feel a hunting season should start during the firearms season and run until the end of muzzle loader season. The trapping season should then start after hunting season and run till January 31 the next year. I think the quota is going to be harder to meet than people think.	May 22, 2012 12:30 PM
705	Good Luck with this first hunting season.....Keep up the good work !!	May 22, 2012 11:59 AM
706	I find it ironic that you are being so conservative with the wolf hunt [ 6,000 licenses ? ,should be anyone that wants to buy one!] when you have decimated the deer herd in much of northern minnesota with liberal antlerless tags.	May 22, 2012 11:50 AM
707	I think this is a great way to manage the population and help the wolves live with people. I also think this will be a great way to keep the wolves we have healthy so we can avoid issues with mange.	May 22, 2012 11:49 AM
708	should have done this a long time ago--haven't had deer at our hunting shack in years but the wolves are plentiful.	May 22, 2012 11:23 AM
709	The early season is not a very good idea. There are going to be lots of hunters in the woods and lots of opportunities for illegal cross-tagging, pelts may not be prime, and it will be difficult to actually target wolves without disrupting the deer hunt. Wolf trapping and snaring have a good potential for non-target species mortality including deer and especially domestic pets. Little discussion has been provided on how trappers will avoid incidental capture and death of larger non-	May 22, 2012 11:19 AM

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target animals.

710	Try to set the season so that the fur is prime. If deer area management areas are used to determine the number of wolves taken then keep that area open until the target is met.	May 22, 2012 11:16 AM
711	the quota is backwards from my point of view and should be switched !!! first season quota should be 400 and late season should be 200 !	May 22, 2012 10:55 AM
712	This needs to happen.	May 22, 2012 10:46 AM
713	I'm not a hunter, but I used to be a farmer and complete support controlling the wolf population in this manner.	May 22, 2012 10:30 AM
714	There are a lot more wolves in northern Minnesota than you are letting on. I have hunted several areas from the gunflint all the way over to Blackduck and I have encountered many wolves over the years. A season for wolves is desperately needed or there will continue to be problems balancing the food chain.	May 22, 2012 10:29 AM
715	It makes no sense to have the late season conside with a firearms season (muzzle loader) because of the blaze orange requirements. If you want to limit hunters success, then sure make a hunter stand out like a sore thumb to a wolf so the hunter never sees one let alone shoot one. MN duck hunters just as well where blaze orange also! That should make MN duck hunting as great as our deer hunting! Its obvious that the early season is designed for the deer hunters that will not be intending to be out hunting wolfs at all but rather shoot AT one if they happen to see one while deer hunting. This almost seams like a wast of tags for the true wolf hunters that will be out hunting wolfs for the purpose of sport hunting wolfs. Sure you say that the remaining quota will extend over to the late season but that does not solve the real issue here and that is 1,800 wolf hunters will miss out on the opportunity to hunt wolfs if what you say is true that you expect 100,000 applicants. I suggest the late hunting season run from Dec. 10 to about when ever the breeding season starts for wolfs or even let the two overlap a bit. This is the time of the year the pelt is in its prime anyways and that is really why anyone would be wanting to hunt them anyways. A hunt any other time of the year and it should be considered wanton wast unless the hunter eats the wolf meat and we know thats not going to happen. Nov. 3-18 is just way too early for good quality fur. The trapping season could still possibly start Nov 24 and end the same time as the late firearm season. I don't recall ever reading any proposed ruling on use of eclectic game calls as a legal means to hunt wolfs. Yes/No? Its a no brainer....YES!	May 22, 2012 10:26 AM
716	I adore wolves, and respect them as an instrumental species in the Minnesota ecosystem. I think that Minnesota is doing a great job caring for our wolf population, and that the proposed hunting season is entirely appropriate. I will not be hunting or trapping this precious creature, but I support those that will be. Thank you to all involved for planning a conservative, realistic hunting/trapping season that will keep the wolf's best interest at its heart.	May 22, 2012 9:59 AM
717	Will baiting be allowed?	May 22, 2012 9:47 AM
718	I don't agree with the amount of permits for early and late season. Early season	May 22, 2012 9:43 AM

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is going to be all incidental shooting and in my opinion very little of it. Once the shooting at wolfs starts they will make themselves scarce. The people that will make the impact are the Trappers and the predator hunters that have experience calling. I called in 2 wolves last year while hunting coyotes. In 40 years I have never seen one from a deer stand or in the woods deer hunting. Permit quota should favor the late season so those of us that are serious about harvesting a wolf pelt can have a fair chance of drawing a permit. Giving that greater balance of permits to the early season can only have to do with making money or satisfying the deer hunters (MDHA). Also when the early season quota of 200 is not met like it won't be will the balance of that quota be tacked on to the late season. If season quota is not met will the season be extended? It could go another month without pregnant females being an issue. Another issue that will arise is the fact that after the wolves have been hunted this season they will start putting more priority on teaching their offspring the dangers of humans. Up to now human danger to wolves really hasn't been an issue. In my opinion this will make harvesting wolves even more difficult next year.....this means the bulk of harvest control will need to be put in the late season permits where people with experience can have a better chance of meeting quota.

719	email or text notification would be best	May 22, 2012 9:24 AM
720	I'd like to have the option of hunting both seasons, if I was unable to harvest a wolf in the first season, understanding of course that I would have to pay for another license.	May 22, 2012 8:49 AM
721	only one comment,,, I have deer hunted for 50 years and hunt every day of each season,,,, in recent years I have seen Timber Wolves,,, ( 7 ) in the last 3 years of which none I would have been able to harvest had there been a season.. If the Wolf season does not coincide with Deer Firearms season the DNR will never reach thier goal of 400,, There are many more than the 3000 advertised in the state but they are very elusive and the harvest will be very low if not done during a time when a lot of people are in the woods,, Trappers will have much more success than the hunter,,,, Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion	May 22, 2012 8:43 AM
722	I am glad to see common sense has prevailed, let's manage our resources according to biology, not emotions. Thank You!	May 22, 2012 8:35 AM
723	I would plan at sometime to hunt wolves in the state. I believe that it is an enormous importance to have wolves in the state and at as high a population that the habitat can support.	May 22, 2012 8:18 AM
724	I think it is about time the state starts managing wolves. Way too many near Grand Marais and all along the north shore.	May 22, 2012 8:12 AM
725	Do not do a lottery system on the different license types. Keep it simple. Let everyone that wants a chance to hunt or trap wolves buy a license. The Game and Fish Fund needs revenue help so let more then 6000 people pay the \$30.00 and non residents the \$150.00 but still manage the quota number on wolves harvested. That way it will really educate all of us on the actual hunter/trapper interest in wolf management in Minnesota. Do not let people register the harvesting of their wolf electronically or by phone. For year 2012 make them bring the wolf to a registration station to have the wolf actually looked at for the	May 22, 2012 8:12 AM

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count within 24 hours of taking the wolf. Thanks for all the great work in getting the wolf management back to the DNR in our wonderful State of Minnesota.

726 To keep anti's from saying they killed one I think registration should only be done with the dnr wildlife office or enforcement. Further more registration by phone should be stopped period. To many people register for other areas with higher harvest quotas Such as Itasca St park. in our area. May 22, 2012 8:11 AM

727 A good campain to keep the population stable. May 22, 2012 8:07 AM

728 I am not sure why the number of license is limited to 6,000. Once you reach the 400 quota the season closes no matter what, so why not sell as many licenses as possible. I also believe the 400 quota is to low. May 22, 2012 8:07 AM

729 don't let this get sidetracked in court. if the mpl's crowd is really against it offer to transplant 2 packs to mpl's. one in loring park and the other around the lakes. see if they change thier mind. May 22, 2012 8:03 AM

730 lets do this they are getting out of controll May 22, 2012 8:03 AM

731 The ratio between the number of permits issued to the harvest number allowed is far, far too disproportionate. How was this number determined? I do not hunt, but my husband is a life-long, very serious, hunter - as are most of his friends and family. Their reaction was unanimous. The DNR is setting up a free-for-all for opening day and the initial days of the hunting season. Are you not considering the safety of the hunters? This inaugural hunt will bring out infrequent hunters, first-time hunters, etc in droves. Please reconsider the number of licenses issued. May 22, 2012 8:03 AM

732 Too many wolves! One season until quota reached. May 22, 2012 7:59 AM

733 The MN Dnr has done a great job with the game and wildlife in the state from Whitetails to Walleyes and it looks like the Wolf management plan is equally well laid out for the first season. Congrats on a healthy wolf population. They are a magnificent creature, but it is time to manage them, and I look forward to carrying a license. We have several wolves in our deer hunting area and in 22 years, I have only seen 1 from the stand, and 4 on foot, all for a split second, so this will be a challenge indeed for those who hunt in the brush and woods. May 22, 2012 7:56 AM

734 Seems way to complicated. I would favor over the counter unlimited license numbers so everyone can get one but still limit number of wolves taken and seasons closure etc as in current plan. Application and drawing processes in order to get a license are more complicated and probably more costly for the DNR to operate and are disliked by most hunters I know. Over the counter would raise more revenue and please every hunter that wanted a try at a wolf. May 22, 2012 7:17 AM

735 penalties for taking wolf after the close of season should be a minimal fine (\$200) for the first couple years this program is in effect. There should be no loss of license or other penalty. There are thousands of MN hunters/trappers who do not have cell phones or internet service. We all know the published estimates of wolf populations are significantly less than reality. Killing 100 more than the limit will not affect their survival and will allow more moose calves. May 22, 2012 7:14 AM

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736	I'd appreciate details on the trapping season. Are these foot traps? If so I don't support a trapping season for wolves because trappers cannot and will not check their traps daily. Please let me know where I can get details on the types of traps used: [REDACTED] Thanks	May 22, 2012 7:01 AM
737	About time!	May 22, 2012 6:51 AM
738	N/A	May 22, 2012 6:33 AM
739	Finally!!!	May 22, 2012 2:59 AM
740	You have to be much more aggressive to even get the numbers you want. (As seen in other areas) Hunters success will be a small percentage. Be aggressive at first, expand the hunting.	May 22, 2012 1:17 AM
741	Great Job DNR and Minnesota Legislature !! Definitely overdue. Last deer season in Beltrami Island State Park the opening weekend, our crew saw the same amount of wolves as deer. (5). I doubt that you'll meet your quota with this few licenses, though. Thank you for letting us comment.	May 22, 2012 12:50 AM
742	Idaho has an unlimited tag sales. I would rather see quotas met then areas closed. Also the option to extend seasons much like Idaho did to help meet quota goals	May 21, 2012 11:29 PM
743	IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO CHECK FOR SEASON CLOSURE IN SOME REMOTE PARTS OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA WITH POOR TO NO CELL SERVICE. THIS WOLF HUNT IS A GOOD THING AND HOPEFULLY DOES NOT GET BLOCKED BY SOME BUNNYHUGGERS LIKE IT DID IN MONTANA.	May 21, 2012 11:04 PM
744	i beleave that the wolf count is much higher than 3000 wolves i think it is more like 10000 as i have seen then on the edge of towns and dead on the hiway	May 21, 2012 10:37 PM
745	you mention e mails in the highest population areas you may have no access in itasca county we either have att or verizon signal depending where you are i dont know why but thjey do not cooperate on tower usage and in some areas you have neither deer camp may not have any internet. seasons are a guess as most people have never pursued wolves late season should be after swamps are froze over	May 21, 2012 10:37 PM
746	There are more than 3,000 wolves. The ease that the 400 tags are filled will prove that. Someone has been cooking the wolf population numbers for years. I do not know why and for what means but the number is disproportionately low to what there really is.	May 21, 2012 10:35 PM
747	I think making it a lottery is a poor idea. I also think \$30 for the license and \$4 for the application is too expensive in this economy. I also think capping the license at 6,000 isn't a great idea. Although you might not sell 6,000 this year. I think wolf licenses should be sold over the counter for \$10 and unlimited. Since there is a limited number of wolves being harvested and the hunt stops than, the DNR can sell as many licenses as it wants and make a larger profit for wetlands, forests and animal conservation.	May 21, 2012 10:31 PM
748	Text message alert of season closure would be best. I'd also advise that the	May 21, 2012 10:16 PM



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DNR regulate the season closure relatively "loosely" in the first season or two until people have time to get used to it.

749	Blaze orange, Really! These animals will be harder to hunt than coyotes! Give us a chance. The minute they know they are being hunted they will disappear	May 21, 2012 8:09 PM
750	my hunting party camps in the woods and cell phone reception does not always work including email, what do you suggest there?	May 21, 2012 7:37 PM
751	It is about time that we finally get to manage the timber wolf population!	May 21, 2012 7:35 PM
752	It is very hard to determine exactly where the boundary line is located by looking at the map but there is absolutely no reason not to have the area north and west of Middle River in the same zone as the Randeem Ridge area. I think the Boundary should be north of CSAH #6 starting at the north edge of Middle River and proceed east.	May 21, 2012 7:35 PM
753	Why limit the amount of wolves to be taken but see how many people could take them if they are so plentiful anyways in the state. You and I know that the wolves are being shot illegally anyways.	May 21, 2012 7:32 PM
754	I think a wolf season would be ok, if it regulated closely. Also, it would be interesting to see how many wolves are actually taken during a season. My guess is, the harvest would be below 400 wolves. I think this would be an opportunity for farmers or other land owners to take a wolf that they have concerns with. Attacks on dogs seem to be becoming more common.	May 21, 2012 7:17 PM
755	having a wolf season during the deer hunting opener is very irresponsible of both the law makers and the DNR. I hunt by blackduck MN and I have listened to the ignorant people from those areas all they want are the wolves gone and putting a license in the hands of people like this will result in a very bad situation for the wolves. I think the hunting season is a good idea just to control the animals but, a season away from the hunting ignorant would be a better idea. January is a good month, the fur is full and worth more and you only get the people that really have the drive to be out there, not to mention they will be sober. The law maker that came up with this bill must believe the wolves are a direct threat to him because he is both weak and ignorant. Please rethink this early season it will be no good for men or the wolves.	May 21, 2012 7:08 PM
756	Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the wolf management program.	May 21, 2012 7:07 PM
757	I would like to see all zones open to a wolf hunt.	May 21, 2012 6:55 PM
758	Hunting is ok but it is ridiculous to have a trapping season while bird season is still open. Hunting dogs and traps do not go together. There has been enough dogs lost to traps lately, we don't need anymore. I hunt upland birds more than anything else with a lot of my time spent in prime wolf territory (Ely area). I don't bird hunt during firearms deer season but like to get out as much as possible after the season closes. However, I would probably cut back on late season hunting due to traps being set. Our seasons are short enough between work, family and conflicting hunting seasons we don't need it shorter yet. Do NOT have trapping.	May 21, 2012 6:48 PM

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759	I support wolf hunting to keep numbers balanced like we do with other animals like deer, moose, etc...	May 21, 2012 6:22 PM
760	I would prefer to have just one season for hunting and trapping and for it to start the last weekend in November (such as the proposed late season), reason being because the pelts will be more prime in late fall and winter.	May 21, 2012 6:22 PM
761	I bow hunt in Minnesota and over the years I believe if we manage any animals in our state and fail to manage another then we will fail in the out come of all animals. We need to manage these along with all the others.	May 21, 2012 6:19 PM
762	Yes,any species that has come under the management of professional game managers has flourished,not become endangered. Thanks for all your hard work on this.I look forward to trying to bag a trophy.	May 21, 2012 6:15 PM
763	I am concerned about the wolf hunting because they have just barely gotten off of the endangered species list. However, I am OK with it as long as there are not too many hunted - as it benefits other species. I hope and trust that the MN DNR will do a good job at keeping everything balanced in the way that is good for all species.	May 21, 2012 6:13 PM
764	The season has been a long time coming and it is great to see it happen	May 21, 2012 6:06 PM
765	There should be a preference system employed whereby unsuccessful applicants would be given preference in subsequent seasons...	May 21, 2012 5:49 PM
766	Glad to here that there is going to possibly be some action taken. Something needs to be done wolves are becoming a huge problem on the deer population. The wolf is a elusive animal why dont they open a season for them just like coyotes where all you need is a small game license, the coyote population is not hurting, I dont think it would hurt the wolf population any!	May 21, 2012 5:46 PM
767	I am very interested in hunting wolf, I will hunt the early season during deer hunting but will only hunt wolf. I am a disabled Vet and will very much enjoy this opportunity that I never dreamed I would see happening here in MN	May 21, 2012 5:36 PM
768	Wolves should be treated like any other varmint and allowed on a small game license. A \$30 fee is ridiculous, just another way for non revenue generating state agencies to fleece the public. Should abolish most DNR projects and have them run by sportsmans groups.	May 21, 2012 5:32 PM
769	It would be helpful if you had details surrounding the methods that can be used for late season wolf hunting? Can they be baited? Can decoys be used? Can they be called? Can you use all these methods at the same time? If you cannot bait or call, I will not be applying for a license. If the DNR is serious about harvesting wolves; all normally used predator hunting techniques should be legal. You need to be more clear on what you mean by surrendering the carcass. Can a person keep the pelt? The skull? The teeth? There is not enough information available in your presentation for me to let you know if I will be applying for a license for sure. Some of the things listed above will be deal breakers for me and if you severely limit the manner of hunting or the ability to get some sort of trophy/token from the kill I will likely spend my time and money on another sport/hobby during late november and december. I will anxiously	May 21, 2012 5:24 PM

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await further information regarding the hunt/trap season for wolves in Minnesota.

770	should not have early season same as deer opener!	May 21, 2012 5:11 PM
771	Issue licenses to areas based on concentrations. More wolves in an area, more licenses in that area. You should also allow people to buy licenses in the late hunt and trap if the quota is not met in the early season even if they bought a early season liscense.	May 21, 2012 5:04 PM
772	we need a season! I hunt in Floodwood,mn and the population is high we have personally seen the Deer population decline year after year. The wolves need to be regulated we should have done this years ago its way past due	May 21, 2012 4:37 PM
773	The DNR has done a great job taking all parties issues into consideration. I have osme concerns that the kill count will be difficult to ascertain and that illegal taking and non-reporting will be present some diffuculty for the enforcement division. Thank you for all your efforts.	May 21, 2012 4:13 PM
774	I feel this will be very beneficial to the state's farmers as well as the wildlife population, including the wolves themselves. I like that a limit of 400 wolves will be enforced.	May 21, 2012 4:11 PM
775	No	May 21, 2012 4:05 PM