

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress Bear Advisory Committee

Mead Wildlife Visitor Center  
Saturday, December 2, 2023  
9:30 am



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that members of the Bear Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will convene at 9:30 am on December 2, 2023, at the Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center located at S2148 County Highway S, Milladore, Wisconsin. Meetings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress are public meetings and open to participation by any member of the public.

If you would like to participate in this meeting but are unable to attend in person, please use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88607508059> or call 1-888-475-4499 (Meeting ID: 88607508059#) for the Zoom meeting. Please note that if for some reason the virtual option fails, the in-person meeting will continue as long as there is a quorum present.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### I. Organizational Matters

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

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

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

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

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

### E. Public comments

*Citizens who wish to address the committee should contact the committee chair (**Mike Rogers at 608-643-8057**) prior to **November 29, 2023**.*

### II. Information & Action Items

#### A. Citizen resolutions

- 1. Amend Black Bear Bait Regulations ([040123](#))
- 2. Chocolate Bear Bait Educational Outreach Volunteer Initiative ([130323](#))
- 3. Ban on Use of Chocolate and Cocoa Derivatives in Bear Baiting ([210123](#))
- 4. Prohibit Chocolate Bear Baits ([130823](#))
- 5. Adjust the Time Period Bear Baiting Is Allowed ([680123](#))
- 6. Reduce the Hound Training Season Pursuing the Black Bear (legislation required) ([131023](#), [680623](#))

- B. Department Information & Updates
  - 1. Research update
  - 2. 2023 bear season harvest summary
  - 3. Proposed 2024 harvest quotas/permits
  - 4. Damage/nuisance shooting permits harvest data
  - 5. APHIS-2023 human-bear conflict update
  - 6. Law Enforcement Updates
- C. Future committee meetings

III. Member Matters

IV. Adjournment

**Give Us Your Feedback:**

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

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

<b>Committee Chair and Vice-Chair:</b>	<b>Mike Rogers</b>	<b>(608) 643-8057</b>
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**NOTE: Per the WCC Code of Procedures VII.J.3, committee members must notify the committee chair or vice-chair no less than 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting to confirm your attendance.**