

Subject Wolf Hunting
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Overview

This bill would eliminate the wolf hunting season in Minnesota. Minnesota's gray wolves are currently federally protected under the federal Endangered Species Act and may not be killed except to protect human life or by federally authorized agents.

Minnesota's gray wolves were briefly delisted under the federal Endangered Species Act in 2012, but were relisted in December of 2014 due to a federal court decision. Minnesota allowed wolf hunting while the wolves were delisted and under state management. A proposed rule to delist the wolf is currently being considered. If the wolf is delisted, under current law, wolf hunting could resume.