

Summary

Meeting date: February 10-11, 2017
Agenda item: Wolf Science - Briefing
Presenter(s): Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead; Scott Becker, Wolf Specialist;
Candace Bennet, Wildlife Conflict Specialist; Tara Meyer, Private
Lands and Wildlife Conflict Supervisor;

Background summary:

The Department believes it is important to discuss this body of wolf science with the Fish and Wildlife Commission and public to increase the awareness of the scientific information available and increase transparency on how science informs the Department.

Department biologists will provide an overview of relevant or recently published peer-reviewed manuscripts related to wolf management. They will emphasize the lethal removal of wolves to address wolf-livestock conflict. The presenters will discuss body of science, strengths and weaknesses from the department's perspective, and the role that this science plays in our decision making.

This information will also be discussed with the Department's Wolf Advisory Group, as they begin their review the Department's protocol for lethal removal of wolves.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A
