



H.R. 838: Western Great Lakes Wolf Management Act H.R. 509/ S. 249: National Wolf Delisting

SCI SUPPORTS H.R. 838 & H.R. 509/ S. 249

H.R. 838 – Rep. John Kline (R-MN)

H.R. 509 – Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-MT)

S. 249– Sen. Orrin Hatch (R- UT)

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION NEEDED

Safari Club International requests Congressional support of H.R. 838 and companion bills H.R. 509 and S.249.

- **H.R. 838 The Western Great Lakes Wolf Management Act of 2011** will make all wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan ineligible for listing under the Endangered Species Act and gives States exclusive management authority of wolves within their borders
- Safari Club International requests a hearing for H.R. 838 in the House Natural Resources Committee.

For more information or to become a cosponsor of the *Western Great Lakes Wolf Management Act of 2011* please contact Molly Conway (molly.conway@mail.house.gov) in Rep. John Kline's office.

- **H.R. 509 and S. 249** will exempt gray wolves (*canis lupus*) from listing under the Endangered Species Act nationwide.

For more information or to become a cosponsor of H.R. 509 please contact Eric Bierwagen (Eric.bierwagen@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Denny Rehberg's office and to cosponsor S. 249 please contact John Tanner (john_tanner@hatch.senate.gov) in in Sen. Orrin Hatch's office

Background: Recently, language was inserted in the 2011 continuing resolution that required the Secretary of the Interior to delist wolves in Idaho and Montana. SCI and its partner organizations applaud this important legislative victory but recognize that this is only the first step, because wolves need to be delisted everywhere they have recovered.

In Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, wolves have met the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recovery goals for over a decade. There are now over 4200 wolves just in these three states. The FWS has attempted to delist these recovered wolves multiple times; however it has been thwarted over and over by litigious environmental organizations and the fundamentally broken Endangered Species Act. On April 14th, the FWS again proposed delisting the recovered wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. However, this process could take years to complete as this latest attempt is likely to be challenged in court again. Legislative action by Congress is necessary to return wolf management to the States.