

BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEVENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF WOLVES IN STEVENS COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 61-2016

DECLARING WOLVES TO BE A NUISANCE IN STEVENS COUNTY

WHEREAS, wolves have been harassing and killing livestock in Stevens County since their reintroduction to Northeast Washington; and

WHEREAS, wolves have been documented and confirmed assailants on pets and livestock guardian dogs in Stevens County; and

WHEREAS, public health and safety is in jeopardy due to unknown wolf movement, activity and disease considerations; and

WHEREAS, wolf activity is negatively affecting the customs, culture, economic stability and sustainability and ecosystem function of Stevens County which includes, not excludes, the human component; and

WHEREAS, the wolf population in Northeast Washington has multiplied at a rate that overwhelms the available habitat; and

WHEREAS, those wolves are not dispersing to other Wolf Recovery Zones in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, wolf activity is negatively affecting the economic viability of livestock operations across Northeast Washington; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County citizens are suffering an undue, disproportionate burden due to wolf activity; and

WHEREAS, no citizen or group of citizens can bear the affliction placed on them by the actions of an unelected commission declaring wolves endangered; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County has the authority to declare wolves a nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners declare wolves to be a public nuisance within the borders of Stevens County.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 7th day of September, 2016.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Don Dashiell, Chairman

Commissioner Wes McCart

Commissioner Steve Parker

ATTEST:

Polly Coleman, Clerk of the Board