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The wolves that were relocated to Isle Royale in order to help restore the wolf population on the island are having no trouble finding food through the moose and other prey on the island. With a documented 381 kills, researchers have found that the wolves have been eating the abundant moose, beaver and snowshoe hares. With winter setting in, this is a very good sign. Wishing a plentiful season to the animals on the island and hoping everyone had a happy holiday season!

From: Nancy Warren
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 3:22 PM
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Dear Committee Members,

Since I am unable to attend the Committee meeting scheduled for January 14, please consider my testimony below.

I strongly oppose HR 154 which encourages the National Park Service to establish a moose tag lottery hunt to assist in controlling the moose population on Isle Royale.

On June 7, 2018, The Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on the final Environmental Impact Statement to Address the Presence of Wolves at Isle Royale (plan/EIS).

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=140&projectID=59316&documentID=88676> The alternatives analyzed in the plan EIS were developed based on the results of internal and public scoping, agency input, and past and ongoing planning efforts and extensive public input. NPS also consulted with National Historic Preservation Act, USFWS, and Red Cliff, Keweenaw Bay, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, Lac Vieux Desert, St. Croix, Bad River, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte, and Bay Mills tribes.

Their decision utilized the best available science and represents a balanced approach to natural resource management and policy while providing for the preservation of wilderness character and continued visitor enjoyment.

In their document "*Final Environmental Impact Statement to Address the Presence of Wolves*"

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=140&projectID=59316&documentID=86353> the NPS explains that a potential moose hunt was considered but dismissed. See page 28 where they explained:

“Alternatives Considered but Dismissed from Further Detailed Analysis

Managed Culling / Public Hunting

During public scoping, some commenters advocated the use of hunting in the park to reduce the moose population and reduce herbivory on island vegetation. Public hunting would be inconsistent with existing laws, policies, and regulations for the park because public hunting is not allowed by federal statutory law at the park. The National Park Service is not considering a managed harvest because of the difficulty related to logistics, increased staffing requirements, removal of carcasses from the landscape, and the impacts to wilderness character. In addition, a public comment was submitted suggesting the National Park Service conduct non-lethal wolf hunts off-island using tranquilizer darts to provide wolves for introduction. Due to logistical constraints and animal welfare, this element was not carried forward for detailed analysis. As a result, hunting and managed culling was dismissed from further consideration. “

I support the decision of the NPS and you should as well.

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