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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; requiring statewide wolf population survey; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.646.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.646, is amended to read:

97B.646 WOLF MANAGEMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Wolf management plan.** ~~(a)~~ The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture, shall adopt a wolf management plan that includes goals to ensure the long-term survival of the wolf in Minnesota, to reduce conflicts between wolves and humans, to minimize depredation of livestock and domestic pets, and to manage the ecological impact of wolves on prey species and other predators.

Subd. 2. **Wolf mortality.** ~~(b)~~ The commissioner shall compile a list that is updated quarterly on known wolf deaths, based on reporting by conservation officers. The list must specify the date and location of each wolf death and must be available on the department website.

Subd. 3. **Wolf population survey.** The commissioner must annually conduct a statewide wolf population survey to estimate the state's wolf population. The survey must be conducted statewide and not limited to the historic wolf range or otherwise limited to a portion of the state.