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# Should we allow wolf hunting?

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# **ETHICS IS FORMAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITIONS PERTAINING TO HOW WE OUGHT TO BEHAVE**

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We ought to conserve this water resource in this way...

We ought to sustain this forest in this way...

## **CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY**

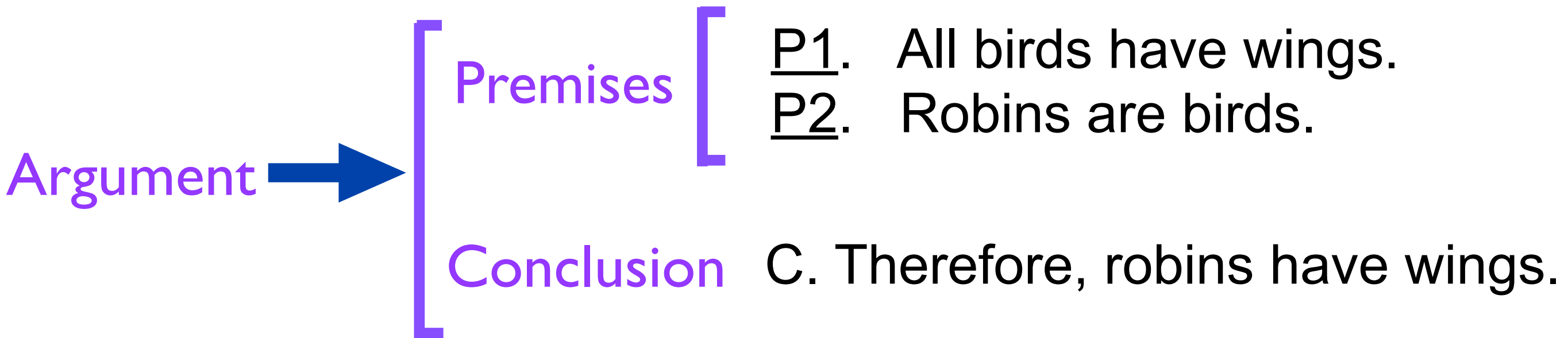
**ARE ETHICS  
IN ACTION**





# ARGUMENT ANALYSIS

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# ARGUMENTS & CONSERVATION ETHICS

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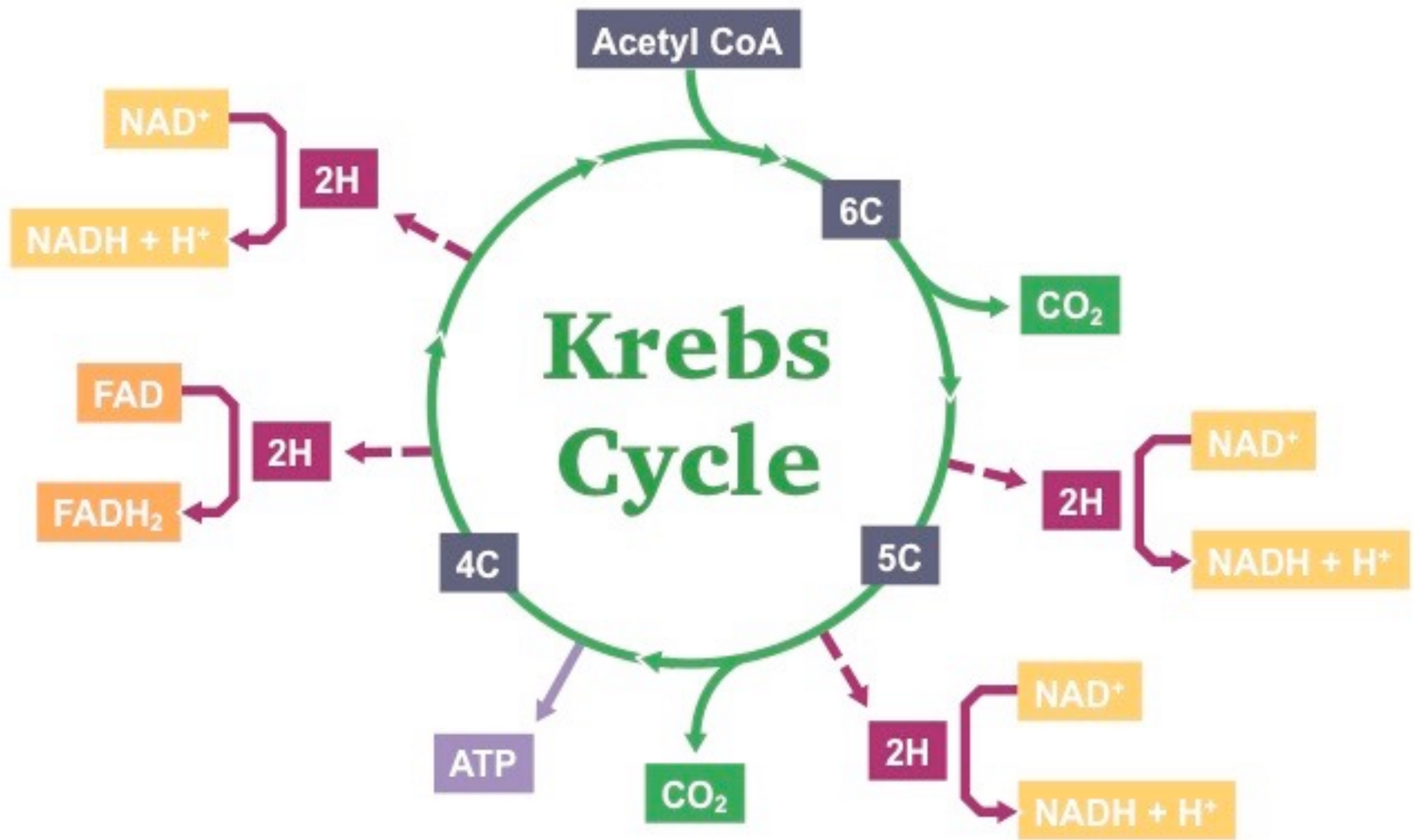
P2. We ought to be good to the environment.

C. Therefore, we should drive less.

Are all the premises true?

Logical structure valid?







# Should we promote trophy hunting of lions to conserve lion populations?

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Cecil the lion



David Macdonald





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P1. Trophy hunting supports lion conservation.

P2. We ought to support lion conservation.

C. Therefore, we should support trophy hunting.

# Should we promote trophy hunting of lions to conserve lion populations?

PREMISE	TYPE	GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION
<i>P1. We should at least maintain the current status of wild lions.</i>	Ethical	N/A
<i>P2a. Maintaining current status is threatened by habitat loss.</i>	Empirical	Yes
<i>P2b. Protecting lion habitat is a necessary and sufficient condition for maintaining current status (Sufficient in the sense that other threats are mitigated).</i>	Empirical	Yes
<i>P3a. Trophy hunting lions facilitates the protection of suitable lion habitat.</i>	Empirical	Yes
<i>P3b. Trophy hunting is currently the only means to protect existing lion habitat.</i>	Empirical	Yes
<i>P4. It is reasonable to expect that trophy hunts will be properly regulated in a manner that does not harm lions populations.</i>	Empirical	Yes
<i>P5. Individual lions possess intrinsic value. (In other words, we shouldn't kill lions without sufficient reason).</i>	Ethical	N/A
<i>P6. Maintaining current status of lion populations is a good reason to kill lions (in the context of properly regulated trophy hunting).</i>	Ethical	N/A
<i>C. Trophy hunting of lions should be tolerated.</i>		



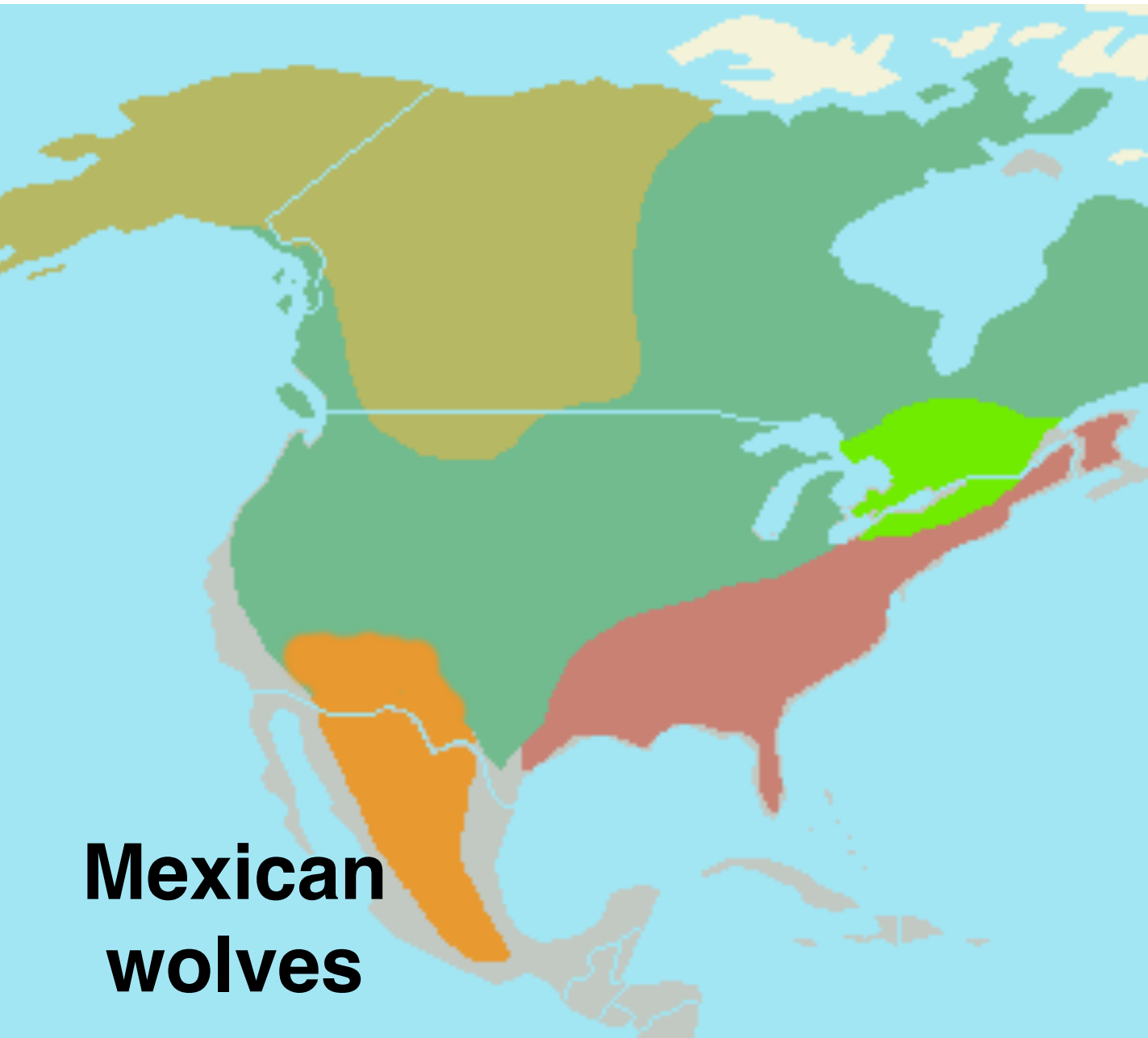
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# Mexican wolf recovery, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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# Mexican wolf recovery



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So, what is an endangered species?



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DEFINITIONS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES:  
REGARDING HOW TO  
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## Effects on Species' Conservation of Reinterpreting the Phrase "Significant Portion of its Range" in the U.S. Endangered Species Act

Viability and Societal Values When  
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## Beyond PVA: Why Recovery under the Endangered Species Act Is More than Population Viability

Framework for Evaluating Whether  
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# What is an endangered species?

Testimony before the U.S. House and Senate



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# Wolf hunting in Michigan, decade later

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Wolf Regulations as Game Species  
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 14 of 2013



***It's really about governance of natural resources.***

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**Evaluating the principles of wildlife wolf (*Canis lupus*) hunting in Michigan**

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The Little River Band  
of Ottawa Indians

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service removed wolves from the Federal list of Endangered Species on January 27, 2012, giving the State of Michigan full management authority for the species. In addition, the Governor signed Public Act 21 of 2013, granting the Natural Resources Commission the authority to designate a species as game and to establish the first open season for such a species. The Department has recommended that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) designate the wolf as a game species through Wildlife Conservation Order No. 13 of 2013. Game species designation would give the NRC authority to determine the manner and method of take regarding wolves. The 2008 Wolf Management Plan and Boardtable endorsed the public harvest of wolves to resolve

Section 6.12 of the plan indicates that lethal control measures are not effective at high wolf densities. Consistent with the plan, the Commission's management authorities encompass all applications for wolf take. The conservation of wolves unfolds in context of other wildlife resources.

In January of 2013, the Department began the public harvest of wolves to help achieve the goal of the plan. The Department also began engaging stakeholders in the public harvest of wolves as a management tool.

Public and Tribal Considerations

The Wolf Management Advisory Council (WMAC) has met twice to discuss issues associated with a public harvest of wolves. The WMAC is a diverse group of stakeholders that provides

how to attend to various stakeholders in a democratic environment...

Guiding principles. ... standards for evaluating wildlife management in Michigan appear not to ... like this will require reflecting on the ...



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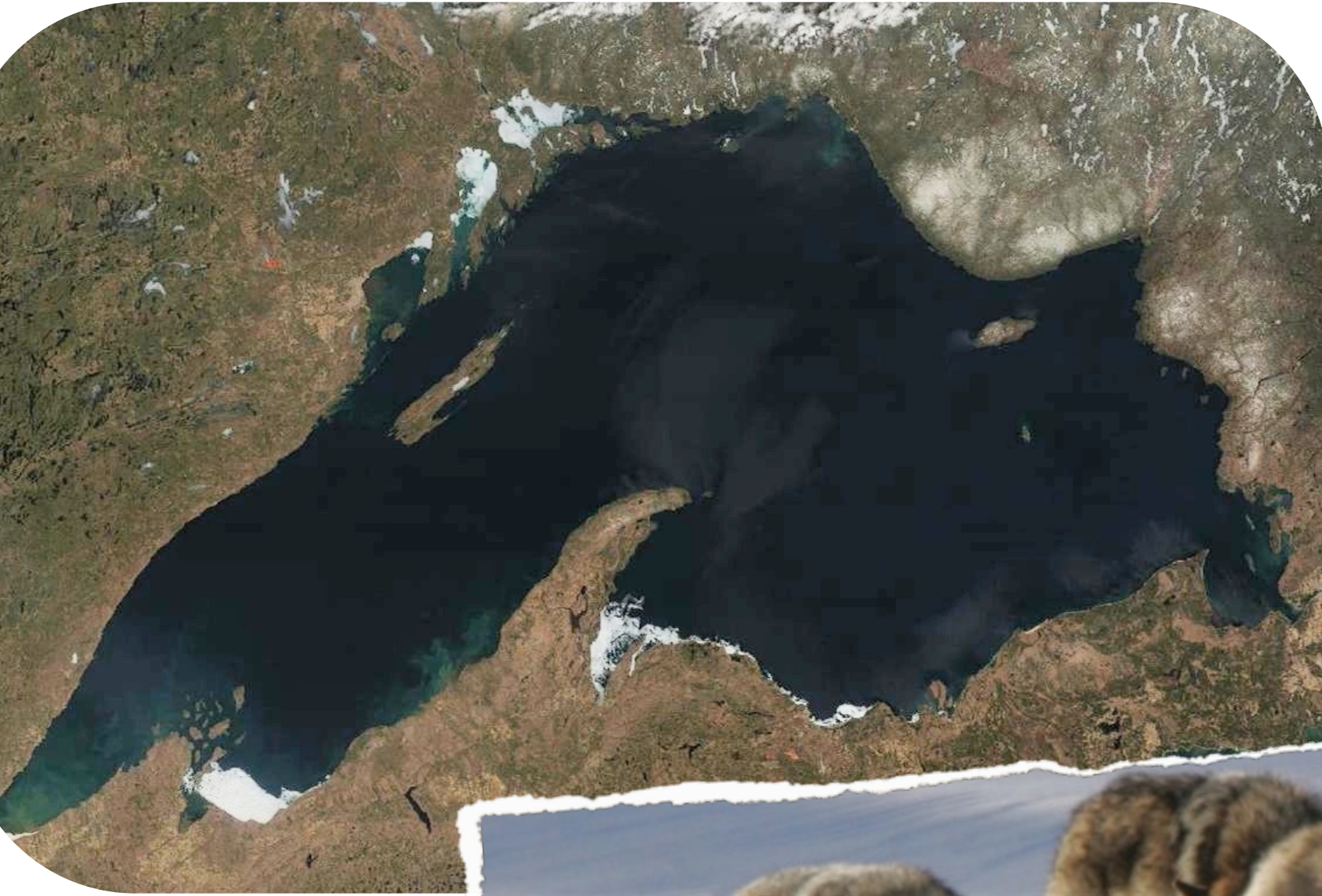


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# Isle Royale wolves

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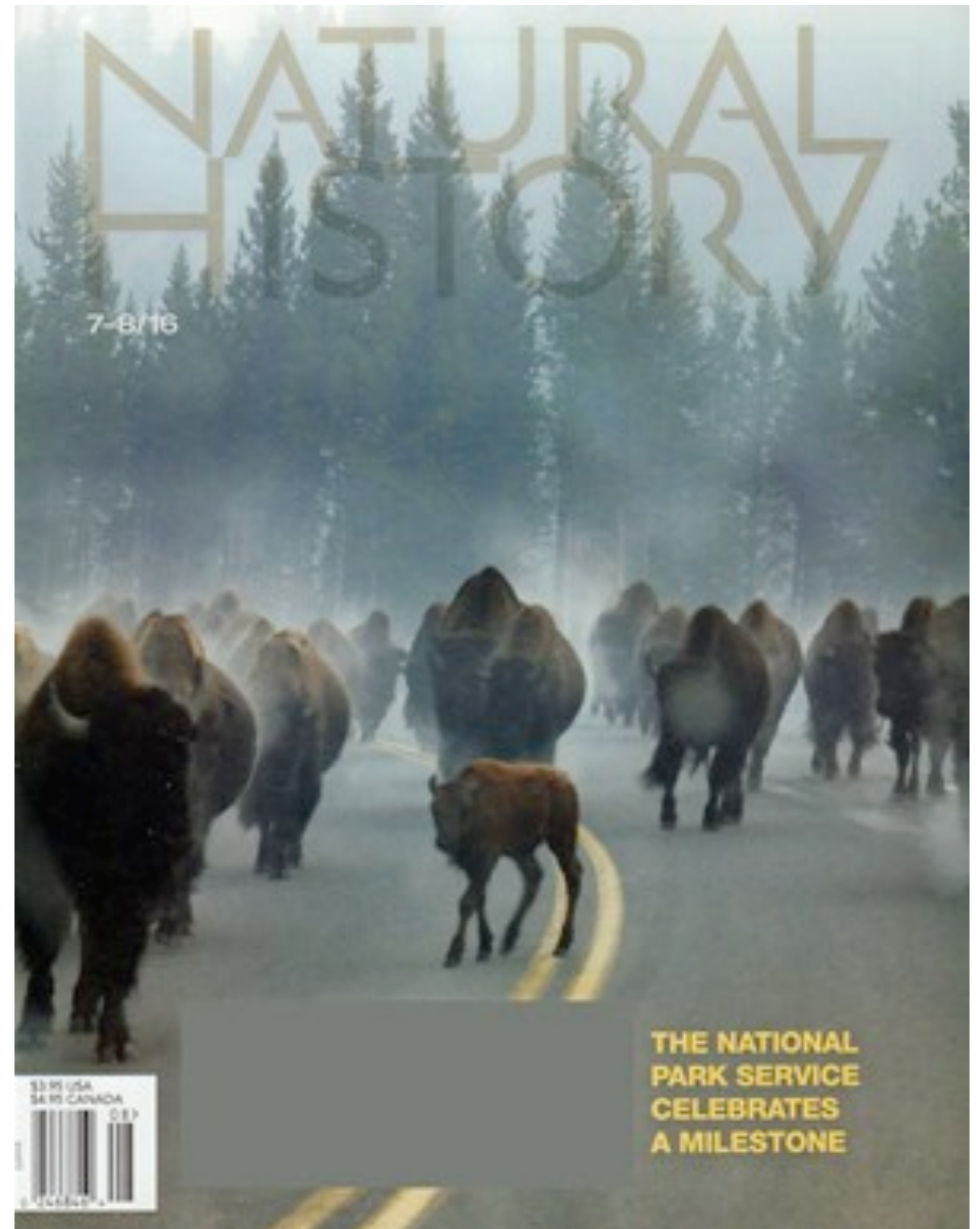




# The New York Times



**Senator  
Gary Peters (MI)**





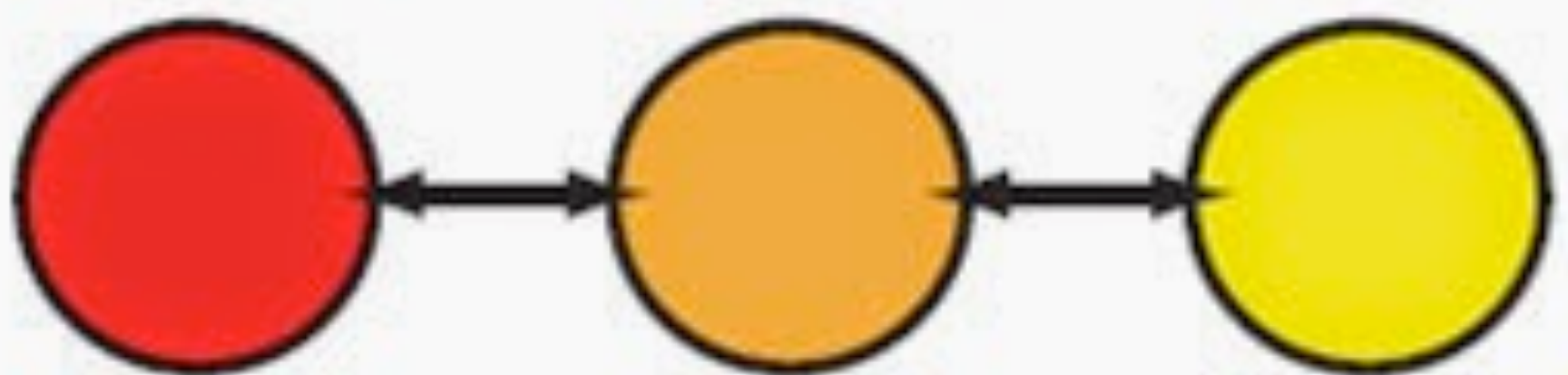
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