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The Problem:

Currently, the State of Wisconsin does not permit the use of crossbows during the archery season. Crossbows are only permitted to be used by disabled hunters with documentation by their doctors and by hunters 65 years of age or older. Able-bodied archery hunters are denied the use of a crossbow during the archery season.

Crossbows are a legitimate form of archery equipment. Their use should be permitted for all archers regardless of age, sex or physical ability.

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin is recruiting less hunters than they are losing Hunters.

Whereas the use of a crossbow may encourage additional male, female and youth hunters to participate in archery hunting.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting held in Rusk County on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing the use of crossbows by all archery hunters during the archery season.

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