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THE PROBLEM:

The DNR feels that baiting and feeding whitetail deer may lead to the spread of CWD and Bovine TB. DNR wardens claim they have encountered increased baiting and feeding violations due to the current regulations.

Baiting whitetail deer in the northern counties has provided a means for hunters to attract deer within range for a humane dispatch and recovery. As the northern deer population continues to grow, baiting will assist hunters harvest deer and ultimately reduce the deer herd.

Baiting and feeding provides economic stability to the tourism industry of the north. The sale of deer corn and other crops for bait has become an important part of the economy in this region. Banning baiting and feeding would strip cottage owners and hunters the opportunity to bait and feed deer.

Whereas, Eliminating piles of bait or feed would reduce the potential of spreading diseases.

Whereas, Broadcasting bait would be equal to a small food plot, which is legal, and would ultimately reduce or prevent the contact that apparently spreads disease; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Winnebago County on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to change the baiting and feeding regulations to eliminate the placing of bait or feed in piles; that bait or feed be spread or broadcast over a thirty foot diameter area and increase the fine for violations to \$2500 and an automatic five year revocation of hunting privileges.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES 29 NO 33

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