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The problem:

The DNR has spent over 30 million dollars to fight CWD with the largest percentage of that money coming from hunting and fishing license revenues and has no proven overall success.

The DNR has drastically reduced deer populations in some areas with unlimited tags, extended seasons and DNR sharp shooters. Young hunters are exposed to mass killing of deer and waste and are learning no hunter ethic. Landowner rights have been destroyed by extended seasons and by DNR sharp shooters on neighboring lands. Landowner and hunter relationships with DNR wildlife staff are at an all time low.

Whereas their program is not working, we suggest the following solutions:

Stop the extended seasons, DNR sharpshooters and unlimited tags. Return to the traditional statewide nine day gun season, muzzle loader and archery seasons. This would increase pressure on deer to move, increase the kill and return families to the traditional hunt. Landowners would regain use of their lands. Additional permits could be issued to specific property owners who the DNR consider over-populated with deer during the above mentioned seasons.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in ~~Sauk~~ Columbia County on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by terminating the current program, re-evaluating it and introducing the above for the upcoming season structure.

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