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Conservation Congress Resolution

At present, state law does not permit the use of crossbows for hunting unless sportsmen meet the following regulations of the state.

Current regulations state"Crossbows are only allowed for resident hunters 65 years of age or older and resident or nonresident disabled hunters with a Class A, C or certain Class B permits."

Wisconsin sportsman should have the opportunity to use crossbows during the big and or small game general seasons.
What this will do is give the sportsman another opportunity as to what kind of hunt he or she can have in the state of Wisconsin **without infringing on the general archery deer season.**
Allowing the opportunity of crossbows would not impose any safety concerns or disadvantages to other sportsman out in the field.
This would give more opportunities to sportsman hunting in firearm restrictive zones, (with the ever increasing urban sprawl) and may open up some private properties where land owners don't feel comfortable with people using firearms on their property.

Whereas, 22 states allow the use of crossbows, in one form or another, for big and or small game species during there regular general seasons.

BE IT RESOLVED, the conservation congress at its annual meeting held in Dodge **County** on **April 16th. 2007,** recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by **introducing rule changes to legislature Allowing the use of crossbows for all big and small game species during their regular general seasons, except during the general archery deer season unless you meet the current state regulations above.**

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