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Resolution for a Proposed Rule Change

The Problem

There is considerable interest in the use of crossbows by non-handicapped deer hunters. Sales of cross bows are increasing. Crossbows would be ideal during the late season bow season when cold and heavy clothing makes it hard to use compound bows..

Whereas, there is relatively insignificant differences in the effectiveness of Crossbows v. Compound bows, opening hunting days to more hunters would be good for conservation..

Whereas, other states have opened their deer hunting seasons to crossbow hunters and have increased hunting participation in bow hunting.

Whereas history has shown acceptance of "new" technology has benefited hunters numbers and enjoyment.

Be it resolved, at the Conservation Congress Annual Convention held in May of 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by rule change allowing a special Crossbow hunting season be implemented through the late season bow season

The hunter could use his or her unused gun or bow tag as well as any appropriate bonus tag, depending on the season they are hunting in.

Be it resolved at the Conservation Congress Annual Convention we recommend that the proposal be approved on the floor of the Convention and sent to the DNR for immediate action to approve this rule change.

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Vote: Yes 12 No 5