

Deer feeding and baiting

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The problem:

The practice of baiting and feeding of deer is contributing to deer feeding at night and less movement during hunting hours. Feeding also congregates deer on private land creating deer sanctuaries making them inaccessible to hunters on nearby public and private land.

Baiting and feeding is also contributing to hunter conflicts on public land, and increased violations including excessive bait, hunting after hours, and shooting from homes and cabins after hunting hours with the aid of lights over feeders.

Feeding of deer will likely contribute to the spread of CWD and other diseases.

Whereas, CWD and other diseases can be transmitted through saliva and feeding and baiting of deer will likely contribute to the spread of these diseases.

Whereas, deer are becoming increasingly inaccessible to hunters on public and private land because feeding and baiting congregates them.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in **Pierce County** on **April, 16, 2007** recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes banning all baiting and placing of feed for deer state wide anytime.

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