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Conservation Congress Resolution Proposal

Resident Canada Geese populations are increasing in Wisconsin. The 2006 breeding population estimate for giant Canada Geese nesting in Wisconsin is 134,683, which is up 9 percent from 2005 and 83 percent above the long-term (20-year) mean.

Nationally, interest in waterfowl hunting has been declining. Wisconsin has a strong waterfowl hunting tradition. In order to encourage interest in Wisconsin's rich tradition of waterfowl hunting, a youth hunt for resident Canada Geese should be instituted. This hunt would be for persons age 12-15 and they would be accompanied by a non-hunting adult chaperone age 18 years or older. This hunt would take place before the early season resident goose hunt.

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Richland County, on April 16, 2007, recommends that Department of Natural Resources take action to institute an annual youth hunt for resident Canada Geese.

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