

Resolution

The Problem

Fall turkey hunting with the use of dogs is proposed for implementation in Wisconsin

Fall turkey hunting with dogs can cause undue wounding and loss by shooting at flying birds with upland game bird shot.

Purchase of fall turkey permits by upland game hunters, for the opportunistic chance to shoot a flushing turkey, will deny serious turkey hunters fall permits.

Whereas: Shooting flying turkeys can cause wounding.

Whereas: Wounded turkeys can be difficult or impossible to recover.

Whereas: Shooting at flying turkeys should be discouraged.

Whereas: Fall turkey hunting with dogs should be restricted to the traditional "scatter and call back" method of hunting.

Be it Resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Winnebago county on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to restrict turkey hunting with dogs during the fall turkey season in the following manner. *Fall turkey hunters using dogs would be required to possess a dog hiding bag or blind and with the additional restriction that any hunter or group of hunters harvesting and in possession of a fall turkey may not possess any other species of small game until that turkey has been registered.*

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Winnebago County Vote: YES 41 NO 23