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## BOBCAT HARVEST SEASON

### The Problem:

Currently the Bobcat harvest season runs from October 20 to December 31. Due to the early start of the harvest season it is very difficult to pursue Bobcats with hounds because of lack of snow. Also since the changing of the length of the deer hunting seasons it has also made it unwise to attempt hunting with hounds due to the conflict it may cause with other user groups such as the late season deer hunter.

A later ending date would decrease the chance of conflict with deer hunters, increase the chance for snow to allow for better tracking conditions and although several Bobcats are not sold as furbearers it would allow more time for the fur to become prime.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Wood County on April 16, 2007 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change to extend the harvest season from the current start of the third Saturday in October and ending December 31 to the existing start date of the third Saturday in October and ending January 15.

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