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Wisconsin Muzzle Loaders Association
Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegate:

The above organizations are asking that you share this information at your April 13th Spring Hearing meeting regarding Congress Advisory Questions 60 and 61 relating to a "Later Muzzleloader Season".

You have never seen the Wisconsin Muzzle Loaders Association, the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation ever cosign a letter like this before. At times we actually have had strong opposite opinions on issues. **However we are united in our opposition to Questions 60 and 61 that propose to replace the early December muzzle loading season with a season that runs in the late December holidays.**

We start with the position that the early 10-day muzzle loading season has existed for fifteen years and has had no controversy anywhere in the state. Secondly, there is substantial concern in the outdoor recreational community that a late December muzzle loading season will cause unnecessary conflicts with a peak time of the year for snowmobiling and other outdoor recreational opportunities. Lastly, many muzzle loading hunters are engaged in traditional holiday family activities around Christmas and New Years and are less likely to be able to enjoy their sport at the end of December.

We all encourage you to vote "no" on Congress Advisory Questions 60 and 61.

The Wildlife Federation and the Muzzle Loaders Association also encourage a no vote on Congress Advisory Question 67 allowing magnifying scopes on muzzleloaders during the December muzzle loading season. This was designed to be a season for more traditional muzzle loaders. Those desiring to use magnifying scopes on their muzzle loaders can do so during the November nine-day gun deer season. Thank you for your consideration.

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