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Title: Lower age of Crossbow Eligibility

The Problem: Hunters age 55 and older, due to arthritis, bursitis, carpal tunnel, and other related injuries to the upper extremities are giving up bow hunting rather than getting tested for crossbow eligibility. These ailments are common for this age group.

At present, the law only allows hunters 65 and older to use a crossbow without being tested. We feel that hunters 55 years and older should be allowed to use a crossbow without being tested for medical disability.

Many hunters are giving up a sport they love because they can't pull a bow back or hold it back to make a good shot on an animal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Waupaca County on April 13, 2008 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing hunters, age 55 and older automatically be eligible for crossbow use without medical proof of disability.

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