

Res # 3  
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Whereas, Wisconsin is a state that offers many deer, bear and turkey hunting opportunities and seasons.

Whereas, Hunters and hunting groups desire to hunt with various methods and equipment.

Whereas, Wisconsin hunting seasons are varied and exclusive as to the weapons allowed.

Whereas, More hunting opportunities could be made available if more weapons choices were allowed.

Be it therefore resolved that a system of weapon classes be implemented that would allow the use of lesser weapons in any season that allowed the use of a greater weapon.

Weapons would be rated as to greater/lesser according to the following ranking:

1. Center fire rifles and shotguns
2. Muzzle loader and inline rifles
3. Handguns
4. Crossbows
5. Compound, recurve and longbows

This would allow the use of a lesser weapon in any hunting season that allows the use of a weapon of greater class to the one being used. Example: class 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 weapons could be used in the 9 day deer gun season and class 3, 4 & 5 weapons could be used in the muzzleloader season.

This could be used in the deer, bear and turkey seasons and would provide months of additional hunting opportunity with the weapon of your choice.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That a system of greater and lesser weapons be instituted for deer, bear and turkey (rifles, and handguns would be excluded from the turkey season) that allows the use of lesser weapons in any season that allows the use a weapon of greater class.

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Winnebago County vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_