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Class B Youth Bear Hunting

Nationwide recruitment of more youth into all sporting activities, such as hunting, fishing, and trapping, is an ongoing concern. Many efforts have been made to reduce or eliminate any obstacles to this recruitment. These activities are mentored and supervised by licensed adults.

Current rules allow youth under the age of 16 to fish without a license in order to encourage their participation in the sport.

Current rules/laws require a youth to purchase a Class B Bear Hunting license before participating in any bear hunting activities. A Class B Bear Hunting license does not allow any consumptive harvest of the resource.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Washington County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take needed action to eliminate any requirement for youth under the age of 16 to purchase a Class B Bear Hunting license in order to participate in Class B Bear Hunting activities.

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