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Adjusting the law to make Bear zone C more hunter friendly and allow for a more effective hunt.

Where as: Presently the success rate of zone C bear hunters is about ½ that of the other zones due to the restriction of dogs not being allowed to hunt bear in zone C.

Where as: Bait hunters with a bear harvest tag have commented that their bear hunting has been adversely impacted by the training practice that allows dogs to chase bear prior to the start of the bear season in zone C by running bear off of hunters' baits and thus making the bear feed more nocturnally.

Where as: Bear dog trainers bait in zone C to provide a starting point for chasing bear for training purposes, thus the bait hunter is competing to draw bear to their baits against baits set out by people that do not have a license to harvest a bear, nor will they hunt bear in zone C.

Where as: Zone C does not have the terrain, large public and private land ownership parcels and lower human population that are needed so that dogs chasing bear are not as likely to trespass on property that they are not entitled to be on.

Be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, shall ask the NRB to not allow the use of dogs to chase bear in zone C for the purpose of training dogs.

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