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Title: Open Water Disability Waterfowl Hunters

The Problem:

Many Class A and B - Disabled Hunters can not participate in waterfowl hunting because the watercraft or blind that is handicap functional for the hunter will not allow them to meet the concealment requirements of NR10.001 (20) "Open Water". Many of these disabled hunters are not physically able to get into a canoe, flat bottom boat, duck skiff, boat or blind and/or maneuver a watercraft/blind into sufficient height and density vegetation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Oneida County on April 12, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change(s) allowing a disabled hunter to hunt from a watercraft (pontoon boat) and/or specially designed blind that may not meet the natural vegetation concealment requirements of NR 10.001 (20) "Open Water".

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