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Title: Non-Resident Reciprocity for Hunting & Fishing Privileges

The Problem:

Wisconsin residents are paying high out of state license fees for hunting and fishing. My concern is that currently non-residents are coming to Wisconsin to hunt and fish at a substantially lower fee than we are charged in their state. Wisconsin should be charging non-residents the same fees we are assessed in their state when purchasing a hunting or fishing license. For example, a non-resident 2010 deer license in Iowa is \$426 and Illinois charges \$325. In Wisconsin we only charge a non-resident \$160. There is a discrepancy in fees for most other species in Wisconsin compared to other states also.

We feel that Wisconsin hunting and fishing fees should be consistent with what other states are charging non-residents. Not only will this bring more revenue to the State of Wisconsin but it is fair and equitable to the hunters and fisherman of the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Dodge County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change so non-resident hunters and fisherman are paying exactly the same fees Wisconsin residents are charged in their state.

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