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2011 Annual DNR Spring Hearings & Conservation Congress Meeting  
Resolution

**The Problem:**

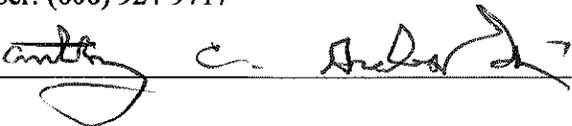
The DNR has spent over \$50 million since 2002 on CWD programs including extreme efforts to depopulate deer through complex and extended seasons, sharpshooters, and multiple eradication zones. Even though the CWD affected area has expanded, deer harvest in the zones has decreased, and CWD incidence rate has increased, the failed CWD management policies have been approved to continue for another 15 years. Meanwhile, extensive collateral damage has been done to agency trust, hunting culture, and traditions.

Whereas, cooperative deer herd reduction, preservation of Wisconsin's hunting traditions, and fiscal responsibility, are necessary for CWD control.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Iowa County on April 11, 2011, recommends the DNR take action to correct this situation by introducing these rule changes:

- 1) Return to the pre-CWD season structure (9-day rifle, 10-day muzzleloader, and September-January archery).
- 2) Make CWD testing of hunter harvested deer optional to save resources and inconvenience. Refocus the majority of CWD resources on research, vaccine development, education and disease monitoring.
- 3) Revise Earn-a-Buck (EAB) rules and unlimited permits. Issue one either sex tag for archery and one either sex tag for gun season. Additional buck tags would be issued under EAB rules after harvest of an antlerless deer. Limit the number of deer harvested per hunter to 5 deer total per year to prevent thrill killing.
- 4) Permanently stop sharpshooting with exception for their removal of visibly sick or injured deer.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES 24 NO 5