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Earn-A-Buck and October Antlerless Deer Hunts

In 2009 The Wisconsin Conservation Congress asked the following question on the Spring Hearings Questionnaire:

QUESTION 64 – Eliminate Earn-A-Buck (EAB) and October Antlerless Deer Hunts

Wisconsin's deer hunting heritage and tradition is protected by a Constitutional right to hunt. Some hunters feel the current EAB and October special antlerless hunts are unreasonable in that they negatively impact hunting traditions and deny hunters the right to hunt bucks.

Would you support the DNR eliminating Earn-a-Buck and special October antlerless deer hunts?

This question passed in all 72 counties, 5513 yes to 1321 no.

The following motions passed at the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' Big Game Committee meeting on March 19, 2011:

NO Earn-A-Buck outside of the CWD Zone for 2011

NO 4-Day October Antlerless Hunt in Herd Control Units outside of the CWD Zone (continuing to provide $2.00 antlerless tags in herd control units) for 2011

NO Earn-A-Buck in the CWD Zone for 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress at its' annual meeting held in PRICE County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change that would Eliminate Earn-A-Buck Statewide for 2011 **AND** Eliminate the 4-Day October Antlerless Hunt in Herd Control Units Outside of the CWD Zone (continuing to provide $2.00 antlerless tags in herd control units) for 2011.

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