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Title: Termination of Earn-A-Buck in Racine County

The Problem:

Current policies in place and enforced by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are ineffective in the control of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), deer herd management, and infringe on the rights of the hunter in accordance with this State's Constitution (Section 26 of article 01).

-CWD has been proven to be more prevalent in mature buck deer. Current regulations severely restrict the hunter from harvesting this threat.

-Current CWD management buffers far exceed the required buffers for CWD management as stated by the Wisconsin DNR (6-8 miles).

-No mandatory CWD testing has been conducted in this county since 2006 and when tests were conducted, no positives were found.

-CWD prevalence of less than 1% in this county does not warrant restrictions such as Earn-A-Buck.

-Our organization met with DNR personnel and conferred on matters such as current CWD positives, regulations, CWD borders and CWD expectations.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Racine County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Wisconsin DNR to remove Earn-A-Buck restrictions in Kenosha and Racine counties.

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