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Hunting For Coyotes In Northern Wisconsin During 9 Day Deer Gun Season

The Problem:

Coyote hunting is allowed statewide all year except in northern Wisconsin during the 9 day deer gun season.

There is an over abundance of coyotes in northern Wisconsin. Studies in Michigan and Pennsylvania have indicated that coyotes are one of the primary predators of newborn deer fawns, consuming as much as 50% of the annual fawn recruitment.

There is an abundant and growing population of grey wolves in northern Wisconsin. The wolf range has expanded into other areas of the state; yet northern Wisconsin is the only area that remains closed to coyote hunting during the 9-day deer gun season. It is not difficult to distinguish the difference between a young wolf and a mature coyote.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sawyer County on April 11, 2011 recommends that action be taken to correct this situation by introducing rule change to **allow coyote hunting statewide during the 9 day deer gun season.**

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