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Walworth County Congress Chair

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Title: Turkey Registration Procedure

The Problem: Current turkey registration procedures require that the bird be tagged, transported and registered in a similar manner to whitetail deer registration. Registration stations are becoming more and more difficult to find. Distances to registration opportunities are getting physically further apart as registration station numbers decrease. An abundance of turkey population has increased the hunting opportunities past the original noon deadline to include evening hunting hours. Many registration stations are not open late enough to register a bird harvested in the evening. It is common for turkeys to be harvested when temperatures are high enough that spoilage is a concern. It is strongly suggested that poultry be dressed and cooled as quickly as possible. The current process does not serve any greater purpose that could not be accomplished with a telephone or internet registration method.

Be it Resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Walworth 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 allows turkey registration by telephone, internet or registration station.

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