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Title: Divide Turkey Management Zone 2

The Problem:

Turkey Management Zone 2 is bordered to the south by the state line, to the east by Lake Michigan, to the west by Hwy's 94, 73, and 47, and to the north by Hwy 22 in Oconto County (see below).

In 2010 there were 33,502 spring **FIRST** choice applicants and 34,200 permits available. In 2011 there were 34,200 spring turkey permits available with 3,800 over-the-counter left over tags available on Tuesday, March 22nd. These tags were sold out within 10 minutes. Hunters applying for a spring turkey tag for zone 2 are lucky to be successful in drawing a tag once every two years.

This area is too large to manage as one zone and provide turkey hunting opportunities for the number of hunters seeking to hunt Zone 2.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Washington County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change dividing Turkey Management Zone 2 by Hwy 23. One zone to the north and another to the south.

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