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THE PROBLEM: Wisconsin does not currently allow for a Tundra Swan season.

- The Tundra swan is the most common swan in North America and has very few predators.
- Wisconsin is within the range of the Eastern Population of Tundra swans and could develop a state tundra swan hunting proposal for consideration at the flyway and federal level.
- Tundra swans tend to favor larger bodies of water in great numbers as compared to the Trumpeter swans, which commonly stay in smaller groups and prefer smaller ponds and marshes.
- The trumpeter swan is well established as a breeding swan in Wisconsin and was removed from the state endangered list in 2009.
- Studies have shown Tundra swan population numbers are currently rising, even with hunting allowed in other states.
- Each year we have tens of thousands of tundra swans migrate through Wisconsin with recent peak population counts on the Mississippi River of over 30,000 swans.
- Wisconsin could benefit from allowing a hunt unique to very few other states.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting, held in Brown County on April 9, 2012, recommends that the Conservation Congress works with the Department to take action to correct this situation by developing a hunting season for Tundra Swan.

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