

Title: Allow Hunting Coyotes Over Bait-Statewide.

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The Problem:

Completed and on-going research in Michigan and Wisconsin indicates Coyotes are the leading Canine mortality factor for Whitetail Deer.

Coyotes do not have a regulated harvest season or bag limit in Wisconsin.

Harvest success rates are very low for Coyotes using the existing available methods.

Hunting Coyotes under current methods often requires quick decision making and action resulting in the potential incidental take of other predators. Hunting over bait will allow more time for target evaluation and shot placement.

Numbers of individuals engaging in hunting as a recreational activity continues slowly decrease. This would be an expanded opportunity enlisting more sportsman and women, young and old to participate in this type of hunting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting held in Florence County on April 8 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by **introducing rule change to allowing the hunting of Coyotes over bait excluding counties with confirmed CWD.**

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