

Citizen Resolution # 05-02-15

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Non-Resident Black Bear Preference Point Price Increase

Each year the Conservation Congress accepts written resolutions from the public, in each county throughout the state regarding natural resource issues of statewide concern. These resolutions are introduced by the public in attendance during the Conservation Congress county meeting that is held annually in conjunction with the DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings in April.

In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress and for public vote at the annual Conservation Congress county meeting, all resolutions introduced must meet the following requirements:

1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
3. The resolution must have a clear title.
4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.

The State of Wisconsin charges \$3 for a non-resident black bear preference point/license application. Wisconsin currently receives over 100,000 applications for just over 10,000 bear licenses making black bear licenses one of Wisconsin's most popular big game tags. Many other states charge \$50 or more for preference point/license applications for non-resident hunters for their most popular big game tags. Charging non-resident hunters more for preference point/license applications would result in more money available to the Department of Natural Resources for black bear research and management and would also likely result in less competition from non-residents for black bear tags, which would result in shorter wait times for residents to draw black bear tags. Wait times for tags in Zone B are likely 17 years or more for those hunters beginning the application process this year.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change to charge NON-RESIDENTS \$35 for a NON-RESIDENT black bear preference point/license application.

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Signature: _____

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