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Title: Managing County deer herds under the new CDAC rules.

Whereas, The WDNR abolished the DMU units and went to a county based system which does not take into consideration the vast geographical differences in many counties. These geographical differences result in habitat and herd density differences within the county. Statewide, a few counties have been sub-divided into geographical units while others have not.

Whereas , While some parts of Columbia county have vast deer numbers, other parts do not. 90% of the deer harvest in our county comes from the 95 % of the land which is private land. Our land owners are the trustees of the herd, and the hunters are the method of herd size control. Lumping the entire county into one unit will over time be very unfair to the areas of the county with low deer densities as we try to stay within goal in the high density areas.

Whereas, Each county was given the "right to manage their own herds" to stay within goal by establishing a county CDAC committee which has the power to increase and decrease deer numbers by recommending quotas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Portage Wisconsin on April 13th, 2015 recommends that the Conservation Congress CDAC committee for 2016 look into increasing owner and hunter involvement, satisfaction, and recruitment by considering dividing the county into areas of geographical differences.

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