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First Time Antlerless Youth Deer Tagging relating to Group Hunting

Free antlerless tags for first time and youth hunters are a great way to introduce the sport of deer hunting. The extra tag improves the odds of harvesting an animal, success helping to retain new/young hunters and build Wisconsin's deer hunter numbers.

Unfortunately the current group hunting law allows for these antlerless tags to be filled by other hunters group hunting with these young tag holders, within range of sight or voice. By changing this law, first time and youth hunters will be better given the opportunity to fully partake in a critical part of the deer hunting experience.

Be it resolved, that Conservation Congress at the annual meeting held in Vilas County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation. A rule change is in order, disallowing group hunting during the nine day gun deer season and muzzleloader season on a first time/youth antlerless tag.



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