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Title: Early September Teal Season

**The Problem:**

This year, Wisconsin will complete its third Experimental Teal Season. Since that season was offered to "Production States" in the Mississippi and Central Flyways, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) offered "Production States" an alternative of 2 bonus teal for 16 days during their regular season. Wisconsin initially chose the Early Teal Season because the Bonus Teal option had not been offered by FWS when WDNR began its initial season setting process. To reduce the problem of shooting a mistake duck, it is proposed that in future years, when the FWS offers states special teal seasons, that Wisconsin chooses the 16 day Bonus Teal option.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Polk County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change allowing for the 16 day Bonus Teal option during the regular season in place of the Early Teal Season.



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