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Title: Require Double Fencing for all Captive Cervid Operations

The Problem:

Fenced deer enclosures "captive cervid operations" are a major threat to Wisconsin wild deer herd because deer escape these enclosures exposing Wisconsin wild deer to chronic wasting disease (CWD). These deer fences fail because of storms that cause trees to fall on fences, gates left open, openings in & under fences and also permit nose to nose contact from captive fenced deer to wild deer. It should be noted some captive cervid operations do have double fences.

At present the DNR & Legislature have not taken adequate action to prevent these reoccurring escapes that are known to expose Wisconsin wild deer to contaminated CWD captive deer.

Be It Resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Winnebago County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Department take action to correct this critical situation by working with the Legislature to require all "captive deer, Elk & other cervid operations" to have these operations install adequate double fencing to prevent deer escapes & to also establish a substantial penalty fine for each deer (cervid) fence escape occurrence.

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