

Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Committee

Conference Call

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Rob Bohmann

Members present: Chairman Rob Bohmann, Secretary Stan Brownell, Larry Bonde, Tony Janecek, Gerald Merryfield, Arold Ninneman, Mark Noll, Al Phelan, Mike Riggle, Roger Sabota

Also present: Ed Harvey, Rich Kirchmeyer, Keith Warnke, Kurt Thiede, Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Ken Anderson

Motion by Larry Bonde, seconded by Al Phelan to add 3 day sunset to Committee proposal from August 13, 2009.

Review of Department proposal by Keith Warnke

Motion by Larry Bonde, seconded by Al Phelan to move forward with committee proposal with the following:

Regular Units

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 15th through the first Sunday in January (during deer firearm seasons and muzzleloader seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange) (Archery Season would be closed the Friday before the 9-Day Deer Gun Season)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 9-Day Deer Gun Season beginning on the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 10-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 9-Day Deer Gun Season and continues for 10 consecutive days
- 4-Day December Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday immediately following the 10-Day Muzzleloader Season (anyone with a valid antlerless deer carcass tag is eligible to participate)

Herd Control Units North of Highway 64

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required to wear blaze orange) (Archery Season would be closed the Friday before the 16-Day Deer Gun Season)

- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
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- 10-Day (Either Sex) Gun Deer Holiday Hunt that begins on December 26th and continues for 10 consecutive days (anyone with a valid deer carcass tags is eligible to participate)

Hunter Incentive in All Herd Control Units

- First Buck Without EAB Requirement: Hunters are authorized to harvest their first buck per year (bow or firearm) without EAB requirements, authorization for an additional buck requires harvesting an antlerless deer first (bow or firearm). For example, a person with a valid bow hunting license could shoot their first buck with a bow, then shoot an antlerless deer (with a bow or firearm and the license for the weapon they choose to use) and then be authorized to harvest a second buck (using either a bow or firearm and the license for the weapon they choose). Similarly, a person with a valid firearm license could shoot their first buck with a firearm then shoot an antlerless deer (with firearm or bow and the license for the weapon they choose to use) and then be authorized to harvest a second buck (using either a firearm or bow and the license for the weapon they choose). Weapons must be used during the appropriate weapon specific seasons.

Motion passed: 5 approved, 4 opposed.

Next meeting: October 2nd, or October 16th. Locate: TBD

Motion to adjourn by Roger Sabota, seconded by Al Phelan at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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September 16, 2009

Edgar Harvey, Jr., Chair
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Re: Deer 2000 Review Ad-hoc Study Committee Recommendation

Chairman Harvey:

On September 15, 2009, our Ad-Hoc study committee voted 5-4 in favor of the following deer season structure as an alternative to Earn-A-Buck. We request that this proposal be made public in a press release next week. It should be noted that this alternative season structure passed with the addition of a 3 year sunset clause.

Sincerely,

Robert Bohmann
Chair, WCC Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Study Committee

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As established by Wisconsin State Statutes, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is officially recognized as the only natural resources advisory body in the state where citizens elect delegates to represent their interests on natural resources issues on a local and statewide level to the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources. Their mission is to represent the citizens of Wisconsin by working with the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources to effectively manage Wisconsin's greatest asset, our abundant natural resources, for present and future generations to enjoy.