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Wanton Waste of Deer

The Problem:

Some deer hunters in Buffalo County and other parts of Wisconsin are wantonly wasting the meat from their deer. The animals are being transported to check stations, taverns, and other places where the animal can be photographed and/or viewed by the public. Often, these animals are displayed for hours, sometimes even days without being field dressed. Currently, wardens are unable to press any charges. Obviously, the hunter doesn't plan to consume the meat, especially since the animal is bloating and starting to smell. The meat ends up being thrown away.

We feel that actions of this nature are extremely hard to defend to the non-hunting public.

Also, most hunters find this to be very disgusting as it shows no respect for the animal or our hunting sport.

Current Wisconsin laws pertaining to the wanton waste of game are vaguely written and are difficult to enforce.

Many other states have very tough laws regarding wanton waste.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Buffalo County on April 14th, 2014 recommends that the WCC work with the DNR to take action to correct this situation by writing a tougher wanton waste law that would make it illegal to fail to reasonably dress and care for the edible meat of their harvested deer.

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