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Title: Antler Point Restriction Trial in Florence County

The Problem

Deer hunting **quality** continues to poor in Florence County as indicated by a high yearling buck ratio compared to other areas of Wisconsin. This has led to hunters going elsewhere to hunt, poor economic results in the local area during the hunting seasons, and an apathetic hunter population. Furthermore, deer hunting is changing. Our deer hunting tradition is competing with many other activities and simply losing out. This sport cannot stay status quo or hunter numbers will continue to decline.

The Solution

We believe people desire a quality deer hunting experience which equates to sighting and potentially harvesting a buck of elevated age and size. **This proposal is to trial an antler point restriction of 3 points (on one side) for bucks harvested in Florence County. Youth hunters (those less than 18 year of age) and senior hunters (those hunters 65 years and over) would be exempt from this requirement.**

The Request

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Florence County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the DNR to take action by introducing rule change implementing a trial antler point restriction in Florence County.

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