

50-02-15

Wounded Warrior Mentored Turkey Hunt

The problem:

Whereas, Wounded Warrior Turkey hunts must be held under the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Learn to Hunt Program.

Whereas, current rules of the Learn to Hunt program allow a Wounded Warrior to participate just once in lifetime.

Whereas, Wounded Warriors who Turkey hunted prior to their deployment they are currently not allowed to participate in a Wounded Warrior Hunt.

Whereas, Wounded Warriors that are not successful in their first hunt, cannot participate in another Learn to Hunt program.

Whereas, many wounded warriors are not able to hunt without some form of assistance, so mentored hunting is the best opportunity for them to participate.

Whereas, the mentors are Turkey Hunters themselves, therefore a mentored hunt outside the current season frame work works best for Wounded Warriors.

Whereas, Wounded Warriors should be given the opportunity to participate in a mentored hunt annually.

Whereas, the local warden is in support of this resolution.

Whereas, The Area Wildlife Supervisor stated that this resolution will have no biological impacts on the Turkey Population.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Portage County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources works with the Wisconsin Legislative bodies to change the Learn to Hunt Turkey rules to allow Wounded Warriors to participate in multiple hunts.

Matt Jacowski
6695 Eckels Rd
Plover, WI 54467
Portage County 715-347-3052