

Citizens Resolution #

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Title: Create a Youth Bear Hunt opportunity consistent with the current Youth Turkey, Youth Deer, and Youth Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

The Problem:

Currently there is not a Youth Bear hunting season in a format consistent with the current Youth Turkey, Deer, and Waterfowl hunting seasons in the state of Wisconsin.

There presently is a Learn to Hunt Bear program designed to expose novice hunters lucky enough to draw one of the few limited tags available for this weekend. This is great for introducing & recruiting new hunters into the sport. However, this program excludes youth from bear hunting families who have drawn a tag through the normal process.

Current Youth Turkey, Deer, and Waterfowl Hunts have separate season dates to allow the youth hunters less wildlife pressure, less competition in the field, and greater opportunity for success. Youth bear hunters with Class A permits signed over to them do not have this increased opportunity for success.

Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Lincoln County on April 11th, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the WI DNR to establish a youth bear hunt similar to other youth hunts currently in place for other animals such as deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

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