

Resolution # 420116

Title: No feeding and baiting of deer in Monroe County.

The Problem: Baiting and feeding of deer is allowed in Monroe County. Feeding and baiting of deer leads to the spreading of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Wisconsin.

In 2002, CWD was first found in Wisconsin. Since, the first discovery of CWD, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR), who is charged with managing a healthy deer herd, has always taken a stance that there should be no feeding or baiting for deer. Science has shown that CWD can be spread via feeding and baiting of deer. The disease has spread in Wisconsin, but is it not believed to be in Monroe County.

It is recognized that the WI DNR has taken a less aggressive approach to counter the spread of CWD in the last several years and only includes the feeding and baiting prohibition for a county after CWD is found in the county or within a 10-mile radius of the county line.

Therefore, without taking steps to counter the spread of the disease, it will likely be found in Monroe County in the nearer future.

The feeding and baiting of deer is not supported by biological reason(s).

Whereas, the WI DNR allows the feeding and baiting of deer in Monroe County.

Whereas, the WI DNR is allowed to set its own deer feeding and baiting rules.

Whereas, the WI DNR can change the rules to prohibit the feeding and baiting for deer in Monroe County. The WI DNR should counter the spread of CWD by prohibiting feeding and baiting of deer in Monroe County.

BE It RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Monroe County on April 11, 2016, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the WI DNR to take action to introduce rule change that would prohibit the feeding and baiting of deer in Monroe County.

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Country Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES _____ NO _____