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## Trap Check Intervals

Current state trap check regulation requires twenty-four hour trap check intervals for dry land sets, and non-drowning water sets. Water sets that are capable of drowning, must be checked within a four day period, following the last tending of the set. The problem is that body-gripping traps set on dry land are required to be checked every twenty-four hours even though the body-gripping traps are as effective (or more so) in dispatching a captured animal as a drowning set.

Other states allow a seventy-two hour check interval on body-gripping, or conibear type traps. This longer check time would allow more traps to be checked and provide more flexibility during the deer bow hunting season. This would be an advantage when trapping on private land that is also being used by bow hunters. Also, there would be no negative ethical consequences to the animal properly trapped in the lethal body-grip trap.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting, held in Buffalo County, Wisconsin, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing a seventy-two hour trap check interval on body-grip and conibear type traps.

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