

**Title: Youth hunting and fishing in Wisconsin**

**The Problem:** 300212

Many youth have fewer and fewer opportunities to hunt and fish and there are more and more competing activities for their spare time. Currently there are Duck, Turkey, and Deer youth hunts for teenagers up <sup>to</sup> through their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. There are many young people in Wisconsin who reach the age of 17 ~~or 18 years old~~ that have not had their first hunting or fishing experience.

Governor Walker has asked the Conservation Congress and the public at large for ideas to increase participation and opportunities for first time hunters and fishermen.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Kenosha Cty on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to correct this situation by extending the maximum age of youth hunting and fishing opportunities from 16 to ~~18~~ <sup>through 17</sup> years old. Specifically the request would change the maximum age of youth hunts from age ~~16~~ <sup>through 17</sup> to age ~~18~~ <sup>17</sup> and change the requirement of fishing licenses from 16 to ~~18~~ <sup>17</sup> years old.

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