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Title: The Curbing of CWD and Herd Control Permits

Problem: Hunter dissatisfaction in the amount of deer sightings statewide in the gun and bow seasons due to unrealistic numbers of permits by the DNR to reduce the Wisconsin deer herd.

The state has not proven that CWD is a threat to humans or to livestock but continues near eradication of deer in that zone. I understand that the state of Colorado did research on CWD for about 22 years and found it of no threat to humans or livestock. In the northern portion of Wisconsin the herd control kill has lessened not only the sightings of deer but deer sign in some areas has all but disappeared. There are also a growing number of wolves in the Northern tier that has already made a negative predatory effect on the deer herd. New or young hunters and "mentored" hunters are sure not to return afield if they don't even SEE a deer.

Be it resolved,

that the Wisconsin DNR is to stop issuing extra tags to thin out the herd. There is to be a stoppage of all CWD tags in the CWD zone and a stoppage of Herd Control tags in the remaining counties or quota zones this season. We are to go back to a buck only gun and bow seasons for as many years necessary for the Wisconsin deer herd to recover to numbers that satisfy the Wisconsin hunting communities sightings and success expectations. DNR Wardens or sharpshooters will not be allowed to reduce our deer herd. If wolves continue to be a predatory issue then a season should be considered to reduce the packs.

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