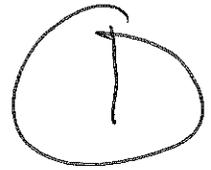


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**Title: Act 21 and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulations**

**The Problem:**

Most of the hunting, fishing and trapping regulations in Wisconsin are adopted by administrative rule. Before Act 21 was implemented; this process took 1 to 2.5 years. Most of these rules originated from resolutions submitted by citizens that attended the Department of Natural Resources Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Rule Hearings & Wisconsin Conservation Congress Annual County Meeting held every year in April, voted on in all seventy-two counties.

Act 21 has dramatically changed the hunting, fishing and trapping rule-making process in Wisconsin. The process will now take a minimum of at least an additional year to adopt even the simplest of rules. Under Act 21, citizens will only be able to vote on rule changes that address hunting, fishing and trapping rules every other year.

Even the most simplest of rules now must be approved and signed by the Governor two times, passed by the Natural Resources Board three times and reviewed by three legislative committees. Each rule must now have an economic impact assessment done by economic analysts; which is paid for by our license and/or tax dollars.

**Be It Resolved,** that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in Shawano County on April 9, 2012 requests that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress work with the Governor, Legislature and the DNR to amend Act 21 to restore the former rulemaking process for hunting, fishing and trapping rules that go through the DNR Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Rule Hearings & Wisconsin Conservation Congress Annual County Meeting process.

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