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Resolution

Private Land-only, Antlerless-only Deer Seasons

The Problem:

In an attempt to control high deer populations, the Wisconsin DNR has held special 4-day antlerless-only deer seasons, usually called T-Zone seasons, in October and/or December for the last several years. As deer hunters with antlerless tags flow to the areas with the least resistance to access, there is a wide-spread perception in many Deer Management Units that public land in those DMUs is being over-harvested while the privately controlled land holds the real over-population.

Creating private land-only, antlerless-only deer seasons to perhaps replace the T-Zone seasons might better focus antlerless harvest efforts where the real population problem is and help address the concerns of over-harvesting public land.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Buffalo County on April 14, 2008 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to create private land-only, antlerless-only deer seasons as a more focused and precise tool for deer population management.

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