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Title: Implement an antler point restriction on whitetail bucks.

The Problem:

Wisconsin does not have an antler point restriction and therefore a majority of young bucks are shot each year and not allowed to mature.

By establishing a statewide antler point restriction we would allow all young bucks the opportunity to mature. This would also promote the harvest of antlerless deer which could possibly eliminate the 4-day seasons, earn-a-buck, and "T" zones. Additionally, it would create a safer hunt by fact that all hunters would have to be sure of their target and not just shoot at the first thing that moves. The antler point restriction would not be enforced during the youth hunt; this would allow all youths to harvest any deer.

At present, there is no antler point restriction on whitetail bucks and hunters are allowed to shoot any deer. Pennsylvania already has a statewide antler point restriction and Missouri is in the process of changing from certain counties to statewide. Several other states have antler point restriction legislation in progress. Plus, most western states have always had antler point restriction on most of their antlered big game.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Columbia County on April 14, 2008 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action implementing an antler point restriction on whitetails bucks.

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