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Title: Change the muzzleloader season to begin later and last for 16 days.

The Problem:

The current structure of the Wisconsin muzzleloader season needs to be changed so that it benefits both the muzzleloader hunters as well as the bowhunters.

Changing the season so that it would begin on the Saturday before Christmas and last for 16 days (ex: 12/20/08 - 01/04/09) would be beneficial to all hunters. It would allow for hunting on three full weekends and also utilize the Christmas and New Year's holidays for additional days in the woods. Also, it would give bowhunters approximately 3 weeks of bowhunting only after the traditional gun season. Lastly, it would allow deer to settle back into patterns and thus make it easier to hunt food sources late in the year.

At present, the muzzleloader season begins on the Monday following the traditional 9 day gun season and lasts for 10 days. We feel that the season should be changed to follow that of Iowa, which many consider the best late season muzzleloader hunt.

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 by introducing a new muzzleloader season structure.

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