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Title: Wisconsin DNR DOC (Day old chick) program rule revision

At a meeting with DNR representatives it was learned that the interpretation of one of the rules in the contract for the DOC program meant that pheasants obtained through the DOC program had to be released on land that is open to "public hunting" and it was explained that "no permission" was required for hunters to enter land where DOC program pheasants were release. I feel that this interpretation is a contradiction to encouraging the show of respect towards Landowners who are generous enough to allow birds to be released on their land for hunting purposes. With this in mind I propose the following:

Whereas: The WDNR DOC Program contract rule #4 states:

- 4 The club agrees to release all of the pheasants reared under this program on land open to public hunting. The club expressly agrees that no birds will be released on land that is posted against hunting on or land on which the occupant or owner restricts hunting.**

And Whereas: The interpretation of said rule does not encourage or suggest that permission should be obtained prior to entry on lands owned by landowners who allow said birds to be released on their land for hunting.

And Whereas: The interpretation of said rule may suggest that land where DOC program birds are released may be "public hunting land" for any type of hunting.

Now therefore be it resolved: That rule #4 of The WDNR DOC program contract be replaced with the following proposed rule #4:

- 4 The club agrees to release all of the pheasants reared under this program on land open to pheasant hunting by permission. The club expressly agrees that no birds will be released on land that is posted no hunting or land on which the occupant or owner restricts pheasant hunting.**

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