

**Title: Eliminate October Antlerless Hunt and Extend the November Gun Deer Season**

**The Problem:**

The Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) data indicates that the deer population is above goal in the majority of Deer Management Units in the state, and the DNR believes the October hunt is necessary to control the deer herd.

Despite surveys that suggest that there has been good participation during past October antlerless deer gun hunts, many deer hunters continue to disapprove of gun deer hunting in October. The hunt interferes with other fall hunting seasons, it is difficult to gain access on private land, and much of the hunting pressure is focused on public land. This dislike for the October hunt is what drove the experiment to eliminate the hunt for two consecutive years.

Currently, the Wisconsin Gun Deer Season starts the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day and runs for 9 consecutive days. In order to find a system that provides increased hunting opportunities at a time that is more agreeable to hunters, the DNR should eliminate the October antlerless hunt, and implement a 16-day gun deer season in November that would replace the current 9-day gun deer season.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Conservation Congress at its' annual meeting held in Florence County on April 14, 2008 recommends that the Conservation Congress works with the DNR to eliminate the October antlerless hunt, and replace the current 9-day gun deer season with a 16-day hunt beginning in mid-November.

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