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2006 Annual DNR Spring Hearings & Conservation Congress Meeting
Resolution

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The Problem:

The DNR has spent over $30 million since 2002 on CWD programs including extreme efforts to depopulate deer through complex and extended seasons, sharpshooters, and multiple eradication zones. Yet, CWD zones have expanded, deer harvest in these zones has decreased, and CWD incidence rate remains unchanged. Meanwhile, extensive collateral damage has been done to agency trust, hunting culture, and traditions.

Whereas, cooperative deer herd reduction, preservation of Wisconsin's hunting heritage, and fiscal responsibility, are necessary for CWD control.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Sauk County on April 10, 2006, recommends the DNR take action to correct this situation by introducing these rule changes:

1) Simplify CWD zones and deer season structure through a single CWD zone designation where CWD has been detected in wild deer having a Saturday prior to Thanksgiving opener, 23-day either sex gun hunt with unlimited harvest tags. Issue one gun buck tag to every hunter with additional buck tags issued under EAB rules.
2) One 4-day (Thurs.-Sun) unlimited tag antlerless only hunt nearest Oct. 15th.
3) Return archery season to its pre-CWD season date structure with a Sunday nearest Jan. 6th closure, but allow unlimited either sex harvest. Issue one archery buck tag to every hunter with additional buck tags issued under EAB rules.
4) Eliminate sharpshooters with exception for their removal of visibly sick or injured deer.

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