Citizen Resolution # 370120

Create a single Deer Management Unit covering the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Deer hunting management units & associated harvest authorizations have become too complicated & burdensome. With just the 72 counties divided into public & private we have approximately 144 units. We further have the units of Northern & Central Forest Zones, Central & Southern Farmland zones. We have eight Metro Sub-Units.

Substantial money & time are spent on publications explaining these zones. All the County Deer Advisory Council’s spend substantial time in an attempt at managing Wisconsin’s deer herd.

Each Archery & each Gun Deer license holder would be issued a Buck Harvest Authorization and a Antlerless Harvest Authorization with the option of purchasing two Any Weapon Antlerless Harvest Authorizations. All of these would be Statewide. When registering the harvested deer, you would advise county of kill.

The August sale of antlerless Harvest Authorizations would be eliminated. All the County Deer Advisory Councils would be eliminated. The 15 page Wisconsin Antlerless Deer hunting Guide can be eliminated.

Considering a large percentage of hunter are not confident with the DNR herd size estimates, deer distribution models & the number of harvest authorizations. This single State of Wisconsin deer management zone would simplify hunting and save substantial time & effort without truly negatively affecting Wisconsin’s deer herd.

Would you support eliminating all the Deer Management Units making the State of Wisconsin a single Deer Management Unit?

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