Fairness to all deer hunters by eliminating all “party hunting”.

The tradition of party hunting in WI derived from a time when a group of hunters would have to apply together for the group to harvest one deer for camp meat and evolved into the practice of friends and family working together to fill a quota of limited amounts of tags they were allocated. Today “party hunting” during the firearms season is still permitted even though every hunter who purchases a license receives a buck tag and in most areas antlerless or multiple antlerless tags while also being able to purchase an archery or crossbow license with guaranteed tags.

There is no other season in WI for any species including fishing and trapping that allows another sportsman to harvest another person’s animal. In today’s day of WI deer hunting when you can buy bow and firearm licenses with seasons lasting for 16 weeks in the entire state every hunter has enough time to harvest their own deer for the freezer.

Think about the opportunities other hunters could experience. What could the next hunter down the line get if that party hunter has to let that extra buck(s) or doe(s) walk because they already filled their tag(s). That hunter with 10 acres or on public land might get to fill their tag, that buck might get one more year older, or that first hunter may get to fill their first tag all by themselves and get hooked on WI deer hunting for years to come.

Do you support the Conservation Congress working with the Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Board, and state legislature to create fair deer hunting practices by eliminating all “party hunting” in WI.

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