

Citizen Resolution # 170120

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Wisconsin is not providing enough tools for County Deer Advisory Committee's to slow the spread of chronic wasting disease.

Problem NR 10.104 provides the tools for CDAC, but the powers of these councils are very limited. Tools like additional buck tags, and hunter's choice permits, cannot be used by CDAC. But state law, Wisconsin statute 29.177, appears to allow the use of hunter's choice permits and additional buck tags, by the DNR.

CDAC needs to be allowed to consider additional opportunities, as buck only, or hunter's choice tags, for herd control in counties affected by CWD.

Research conducted by UW Wisconsin and the DNR has found that CWD is found in 35% of bucks and 15%, of does, within the CWD hot zones of southern Wisconsin. It shortens the life spans of infected bucks more drastically than does. Younger bucks are also known to spread the disease to new territory. This research has found that reducing the buck population is an important tool.

Minnesota has developed the approach, of reducing bucks in affected areas, based on this research. They have done this by allowing a 3 buck harvest, in the CWD area.

It is time to give CDAC a more aggressive approach to slow the spread of the disease

Resolution Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to amend NR10.104, and allow the county CDAC additional tools, to issue additional buck or hunters choice permits, in counties affected by CWD.

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