

Citizen Resolution # 300220

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Prohibition of Wildlife Killing Contests

Contests that award prizes for killing the most or the heaviest animals or by accruing points for each animal in a certain time period should be prohibited in Wisconsin. They have brought negative attention to hunters from the general public, and threaten the image of all hunting.

Awarding prizes for killing the most or the heaviest animals also violates multiple tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, including number four, "Wildlife can only be killed for a legitimate purpose," number two, "Markets for game are eliminated," and number six, "Science is the proper tool for discharge of wildlife policy." Research has found the random and mass killing of native carnivores does not protect livestock and does not increase deer or turkey numbers.

Prohibiting wildlife killing contests would not affect existing laws and regulations allowing the lethal removal of predating animals, including the regulation stating, "landowners do not need a license to shoot or trap unprotected species causing damage or nuisance." Nor would it affect regulated deer hunting or "Big Buck" contests, or fishing tournaments.

As outdoor recreation demographics change, it is important to make sure that the Wisconsin public views hunting as ethical, sporting, and supported by science-based wildlife management principles.

Would you therefore support the Wisconsin Conservation Congress working with the DNR and state Legislators in prohibiting killing contests for furbearer, small game, and game bird species?

Katherine Hutchison
6925 70th Court
Kenosha, WI 53142
773-734-7267
Kenosha County

Signature: _____

Resolutions introduced at each Spring Hearing are public documents under Wisconsin's Open Records law [ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.] and will be posted online for the public to review. Any personally identifiable information will be available to the public but will only be used by the Department for administrative purposes.

Please print typed resolution on 8 ½ X 11 white paper (one-sided) and provide the WCC County Chair with TWO COPIES at the spring hearing. Only the individual author or designated representative may present the resolution. The

author or designated representative must be present at the time the resolution is introduced. No more than two resolutions may be introduced by any person during the Congress portion of the spring hearings.

Contact one of your [local WCC delegates](#) with questions or for assistance with writing your resolution.