

Citizen Resolution # 440220

(For Hearing Officer completion)



CWD Leadership Needed

Once again, Wisconsin led the nation with 1,329 CWD-positive deer detected in 2019, including in 3 new counties. It will take more than simply testing improvements and providing carcass dumpsters to curb the spread and rising prevalence of this disease. A CWD vaccine, if possible, is years away. Quicker CWD testing is helpful but does nothing for hunters looking for increasingly scarce CWD-free venison. We need leadership to fight the CWD fire that is burning across Wisconsin.

Our nation's best CWD experts have created a clear battle plan we should follow. Their Best Management Practices for reducing disease prevalence relies on hunters and hunting to cool or snuff CWD hotspots [like Crescent Flats] that create increasing numbers of infected deer, including young dispersing deer. Simply put, they believe Wisconsin's deer hunters can stop CWD. To do so, our elected, and appointed leaders must show cooperative leadership and provide hunters and landowners the support needed to be effective. They should reward hunters and landowners for doing the hard work of removing infected deer and they should remove the regulatory constraints that make hunters less effective.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in ONEIDA County on April 13, 2020 recommends that Governor Evers, Wisconsin's legislators, the Natural Resources Board, and Secretary Cole unite to implement measures that will control CWD spread and quickly slow prevalence increases.

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