

Citizen Resolution # 540220

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Allow Trespass Authority to DNR Wardens

The current Wisconsin law does not give DNR wardens trespass authority to deal with trespassing complaints. This is a reasonable request for safety and respect of all neighbors.

Large tracts of land are needed to hunt. Most farm lands are being reduced in size and hunting dogs have no way of knowing if they are trespassing on private land whose owners do not allow this kind of hunt.

The many hunters are taking away the rights of property owners to manage wildlife on their own land. Property owners are frustrated by the lack of authority of the DNR wardens to come to trespass complaints and the local authorities often brush it off.

Numerous complaint calls to law enforcement demonstrate the lack of compliance by numerous hunters who do not request permission to hunt private property. Law enforcement time and money should not be wasted on these nuisances when the complaint is often poaching or hunting related.

The DNR does have the money to pursue unethical hunters as surveyed last year. This would make the wardens jobs a lot easier. Law enforcement should not be used this way. Respect of property owners and people using the outdoors needs to be restored.

Be it resolved on April 13, 2020 that the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting in Rock County work with the DNR to correct this situation through the DNR giving Wardens Trespass Authority.

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