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Title, Baiting and Feeding

Baiting and feeding deer brings a greater number of deer into close contact with each other. This increases the chances of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) being transmitted from deer to deer. One of the ways this can be done is nose to nose contact. Deer droppings and urine are also concentrated at bait sites or feeding station. That also increases the chances for a healthy deer to pick up the prions that cause CWD.

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The state's worst site remains the former Buckhorn Flats Game Farm near Almond in Portage County, where 80 deer tested positive for CWD from 2002 to 2006. When the U.S. Department of Agriculture shot out the 70 acer pen in January 2006, 60 of the remaining deer 76 deer carried CWD, a nearly 80 percent infection rate.

This proves that concentrating deer increases the spread of CWD.

Solution, ban baiting and feeding

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress, DNR and Legislative Bodies work together to write a law that puts a moratorium on baiting and feeding until a cure is found for wild deer in Wisconsin.

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