

Citizen Resolution # 130221

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Increase Funding for Conservation through Licensing fees by adding "Zero Harvest" designation

This resolution aims to increase the number of citizens who purchase licenses with the intention of providing funding for conservation and wildlife protection programs, regardless of the license-bearer's personal beliefs regarding the harvesting of wild animals. The funding of conservation and wildlife protection through licensing fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping has been shown to be one of the world's most successful models for restoring wildlife numbers and protecting habitat. In recent decades, the number of people in Wisconsin with belief systems that prohibit the killing of animals has increased. This has resulted in a loss funding for state-run conservation and wildlife-protection programs that are paid for through licensing fees issued for hunting, trapping, and fishing, despite ongoing support for conservation by non-harvesting citizens. To allow both harvesting and non-harvesting citizens to invest equally in the license-fee funded conservation programs of Wisconsin, a "Zero Harvest" designation will be added to licensing applications and licenses. Citizens who check this box will affirm that they do not intend to kill, harvest, or consume the wildlife that their license authorizes them to harvest. Checking the "Zero-Harvest" box is an on your honor statement of intent and does not effect the citizen's right to engage in the activities permitted by their license. As a result, it will not have an impact on regulations or enforcement. In addition to increasing funding for conservation and wildlife protection, it serves to document trends in harvest/consumption and non-harvest/non-consumption recreation in our State. Do you favor adding a zero harvest box for donations from individuals when purchasing a license?

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