

Citizen Resolution # 550221

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Allow multiple riders on ATV's for outdoor recreation.

It was recently made illegal to have more than one rider on ATV's in Wisconsin. This change has had a dramatic impact on the ability of people to pursue outdoor recreational activities. It is no longer legal for a parent to take their child out on a four wheeler to go ice fishing, bait bears, check trail cameras, check traps, etc. If a family can't afford to buy a new UTV or ATV designed specifically for two passengers their only option is to walk.

For years one of the primary focuses of the DNR, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, and nearly every outdoor or conservation group has been on recruitment and retention of young people to the outdoors. This new change is in direct opposition to that goal. The DNR has no data on how many, if any accidents on ATV's were the result of or having a passenger or if it was a contributing factor. They have never collected that data. There are many other factors that they do have data on such as alcohol use, excessive speed, reckless driving, etc. that account for nearly all injuries or deaths on ATV's. There is no reason that the DNR cannot change this rule to allow for a passenger on an ATV for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, and trapping. They have other exceptions for helmet use for example.

Do you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR, Legislature, and the NRB to allow passengers on ATV's for recreational activities?

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