

Citizen Resolution # 681221

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Hunting Small Game Mammals and Unprotected Species with a Slingshot and Small Game License

Although hunting with slingshots is permitted in 33 states, Wisconsin regulations do not permit the use of slingshots for hunting. Modern slingshots can be very effective for taking small game mammals as well as pests and vermin. Wisconsin currently allows use of .17 caliber air rifles for hunting small game and unprotected species. The projectiles fired from a modern slingshot typically have more mass and momentum than the projectiles fired by those air rifles.

Participation in small game hunting has steadily declined over several decades. Before that decline, small game hunting was often the first hunting experience for many people. Because hunting with a slingshot requires only minimal equipment at minimal cost, it can be a useful and effective tool for introducing new people of any age to the hunting sports. Allowing use of slingshots could provide additional hunting opportunities in areas where hunting with firearms is prohibited, or when a near-silent hunting method with minimal gear is desired. Under current regulations, the category Small Game Mammals includes squirrels, cottontail rabbits, and snowshoe hares. It DOES NOT include furbearers such as bobcat, coyote, fox, and raccoon. Turkey and other game birds are NOT included in this proposal.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state's legislature and agencies to establish regulations permitting persons with a valid small game license to use a slingshot to hunt Small Game Mammals (squirrels, rabbits and hares) and unprotected species?

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