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State Land Dove Field Safety

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WHEREAS, there is an increase in the number of mourning dove hunters utilizing the dove fields planted on state owned or leased land to attract doves (managed dove fields), and

WHEREAS, due to the increasing numbers of hunters, the safety of the hunters may be compromised to some degree in some areas, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources should act to promote the safety of the dove hunters, and

WHEREAS, the enjoyment of the maximum number of dove hunters having a quality hunt should be considered a priority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Jefferson County on April 16, 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing the continued hunting of managed dove fields on state owned or leased land with the safety of the hunters and the quality of the hunt in mind during the first 15 days of the season by means such as limiting the number of hunters on a field at any one time (by means such as a random drawing at the site or by application prior to the hunt), limiting the days or hours a field may be hunted, etc. and maximizing the hunting opportunity for the largest number of hunters.

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If this is a local resolution has the author contacted or worked with local DNR staff to resolve?
*YES*_____ *NO*_____ *County Chair Initials:* _____

County Vote: Yes 11 *NO* 21 *PASSED* *FAILED*