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The Problem: Expansion of Wisconsin's fisher population and length of season

The situation! Whereas the fisher population is growing and range is expanding in Wisconsin
And whereas the fisher's predatory nature is creating controversial attitudes among a number of sportsmen

And whereas the fisher is creating a negative impact on many of Wisconsin's small game species including squirrel, rabbits, pheasants, grouse, turkey and some instances, domestic animals

And whereas the current fisher trapping season time frame is concurrent with Wisconsin's bobcat hunting/trapping season

And whereas fisher unlike bobcats, are only allowed to be trapped, not hunted, and are controlled by a quota system similar to the structure of Wisconsin's otter trapping season

Therefore be it resolved the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Chippewa County April 16, 2007 recommends the Department of Natural Resources takes action and introduces rule changes to the fisher trapping season to end in conjunction with the southern otter season thus offering more trapper opportunity.

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