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Resolution

April 16, 2007

To allow the deer season use of pistol cartridges in rifles or shouldered guns, within shotgun only areas.

Pistol calibers larger than 22 caliber are currently allowed for use while deer hunting in shotgun only areas. The use of these same cartridges has not been allowed in a rifle or shoulder fired long gun in the same areas.

While shotgun only areas have been established with the presumption of greater safety, a stray bullet from the use of pistol cartridges in long guns would have less potential to cause unintended damage than the currently used shotgun slugs, sabots, or muzzle loaders. The pistol bullet speed, down range energy, and effective range is generally lower than the heavier slugs, sabots, and bullets used in shotguns and muzzle loaders. Hunters understand these pistol cartridges are for shorter range weapons and would use them accordingly. It is therefore a comparable, safe and effective alternative to shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader use.

Therefore I propose the following question for state wide vote.

Should the use of the pistol cartridges larger than 34 caliber be allowed in rifles or other shoulder fired long guns for deer hunting within all Wisconsin shotgun only areas.

Thank you



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