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WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Problem:

Wisconsin has seen a dramatic increase in nuisance geese in the last several years. In many areas they are becoming year round problems. Wisconsin initially implemented an early goose season in specific areas, but now has opened this statewide. This has done little to curb the problem.

At present, state law allows hunters to either purchase Horicon Goose permits for the regular season, or Exterior Zone permits. **Not both.**

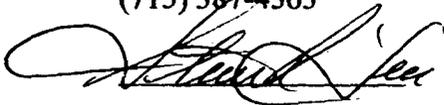
A sportsman may choose to apply for Horicon Goose tags and then may receive a predetermined amount of tags from the DNR. The number of tags received is dependant upon spring nesting estimates, and must be only for a specific time period during the season. Once received, the hunter may find him or herself traveling to the Horicon, lodging, finding an area to hunt, renting a blind, and in reality, may find his goose-hunting season over in two shots.

Whereas, A hunter choosing the Exterior Zone permits, is allowed to shoot 1-2 geese a day for the entire season.

Whereas, The DNR monitors the number of geese killed during the season through issued tags and mandatory goose kill reporting, and could choose to close the season early, dependant on the numbers of geese harvested.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at the annual meeting held in **WOOD COUNTY** on **April 16, 2007**, recommends the Department of Natural Resources take action to resolve this issue by allowing Wisconsin sportsman to apply and receive **both** Horicon and Exterior Zone permits.

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