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Title: Early Muzzleloader Deer Season

The Problem:

The current muzzleloader deer season ~~proceeds~~ follows the regular 9-day gun deer season, this makes for a difficult time in hunting deer after a strong human presence in their habitat. Human presence is at its greatest during the regular 9-day gun deer season more so than any other time during the year, restricting and altering the natural patterns of deer. Difficult hunting conditions are created, especially when using a muzzleloader with more limited capabilities than a rifle: shorter range, restrictions in optics and loading procedure.

Most states have already recognized this problem and have a muzzleloader season before the regular gun deer season.

With the over population of deer in some portions of the state an additional season would provide the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with another opportunity to help manage the deer herd.

Recommendations:

Create a 6-day season starting the Saturday before and concluding the Thursday before the current regular 9-day gun deer season.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Monroe County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing an early muzzleloader deer season.

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