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RESOLUTION #2

Resolution for Proposed Rule

**The Duel Problem: January Deer Bow Hunting has Failed to Significantly Impact Deer Numbers in Under Harvested Units. How to Expand January Deer Hunting Opportunities for All Hunters.**

The DNR has reported the continuing challenge of under harvest levels in some deer management units. While at the same time there exists the opportunity to provide expanded numbers of deer hunters with a hunting opportunity in the varying methods they desire. There are currently deer hunting seasons for bow hunters, traditional rifle hunters, and muzzle loader hunters. The problem remains that after the first bow, rifle, and muzzle loader seasons there are management zones with excess deer populations. The second season January bow hunters have not been effective enough to impact the under harvest zones. At the same time many other hunters are underutilized for herd control and remain at home, not in the field hunting deer. There exists a body of deer hunters that feel they have been prevented from hunting with the same opportunities offered to bow hunters. A January deer season that is a combination of all hunters could produce better harvest numbers and higher hunter satisfaction.

Whereas, The current practices are not fully effective in reducing deer numbers in certain zones, and hunters remain with unfilled tags and many of these hunters are without bow hunting skills. There exists the opportunity to expand the number of hunters and hunting days to correct the over quota populations of deer. This also works to retain and expand the number Wisconsin hunters.

Whereas, the current January bow season is excluding in its nature, the role of the DNR of the State of Wisconsin should always be as inclusive of all hunters. The benefits of hunting should be granted the greatest numbers of hunters as possible.

Whereas, the DNR has early harvest results by January 1<sup>st</sup> and Wisconsin has willing hunters, the two should be utilized to provide deer population control and expanded hunter opportunities.

Be it resolved, at the Annual Convention held in 2009, the Conservation Congress, Propose that the Department of Natural Resources take action to expand the January Deer season in those under harvested units to allow additional hunting methods along with bow hunting. The expanded methods would include bows, crossbows; atlatl & dart, muzzleloaders, rifles with cartridges designed prior to 1890 and loaded with black powder. The DNR would provide hunter safety clothing requirements for the multiple hunting method zones.

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VOTE: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_