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Limit of Non-Resident Harvest Tags

Whereas; the resident sportsmen and women of Wisconsin pay for a significant portion of the management of fish and game in Wisconsin, and

Whereas; there are limited opportunities to obtain certain harvest tags including, but not limited to, whitetail deer, black bear, wild turkey, Canada geese, and sturgeon, and

Whereas; in the future, there may be limited opportunities to obtain harvest tags for elk, wolves, and other species of fish and game, and

Whereas; the residents of the State of Wisconsin support the majority of the expenditures of the state through taxes, support their communities and schools through taxes and local contributions, and provide the majority of the funding which supports the Department of Natural Resources and the programs which benefit all game and non-game species as well as lakes, parks and public lands, and

Whereas; many states in this country, including neighboring states, provide greater opportunities for their residents by limiting the number of harvest tags for fish and game issued to non-residents of their state, and

Whereas; the limited opportunities for Wisconsin sportsmen and women should be protected, as they are for sportsmen and women of other states.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in WAUKESHA County on April 13, 2009 request that the DNR set low limits on the number of tags issued to non-residents for the hunting and trapping of wildlife, after obtaining public input on the number of tags appropriate for individual species.

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