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The problem:

The Department of Natural Resources office staff constant lack of proper big game management in this state, and their inability to maintain amounts of big game for land owners and hunters alike. Not wanting bear to suffer from mismanagements like the current deer herd.

The solution:

With bear numbers in theory up in most parts of the state, and in an effort to keep those numbers in check in areas around Eau Claire County and the boarding counties on the northern edge of zone "C", that an area south of the current northern boundary area be drawn up to create a new lower southern zone for bait sitters who could enjoy the southern hunt, and allow the southern bear population to extend its range and to be better manage by DNR office staff.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at it annual meeting held in Columbia County on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Dept of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change to allow for a split of the southern zone into two east west parts so as to better manage the bear population for hunters and land owners alike.

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