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Title: Training of Dogs in Zone C

Problem:

Wisconsin Bear Hunting is broken into two methods, over bait or chasing with dogs. Over bait is allowed state wide, but hunting with dogs is only in zones A, B and D. Training of bear dogs is allowed state wide, but hunting with them is not allowed in Zone C.

Bear dog hunters continue to use a master thesis done by Jack Massopust, in justifying training in Zone C. This Study was done by radio collaring several bears and chasing them during the training period. The study concluded that the bears stayed in the areas that they were chased from.

Hunters & wildlife enthusiasts know that any wild animal chased becomes more cautious and change patterns coming into bait. An area that you can't use dogs to hunt, a bear may not be harvested during a legal hunting hour because it was chased earlier by dogs.

Second issue is that there are not the large tracks of land to chase the bears. Many of the Large Privately owned tracks of land are being divided. Now when the dogs are released they are crossing private property, which in many cases they have no permission to chase or cross. There have been reports in Marathon County of bears chased through residential subdivisions. This can be dangerous for homeowners and bad impression for all bear hunters.

This same resolution has passed 4 passed years in Marathon County and in 2009 13 other counties also passed this resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Marathon County on April 12, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing training of dogs for the use of bear hunting only on zones that allow the use of dogs for hunting.

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THIS RESOLUTION HAS PASS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES

2006 Marathon County	<u>103</u> Yes to <u>23</u> No
2007 Marathon County	<u>49</u> Yes to <u>08</u> No
2008 Marathon County	<u>92</u> Yes to <u>11</u> No
2009 Marathon County	<u>81</u> Yes to <u>15</u> No
2009 Barron County	<u>35</u> Yes to <u>16</u> No
2009 Calumet County	<u>55</u> Yes to <u>12</u> No
2009 Clark County	<u>22</u> Yes to <u>15</u> No
2009 Crawford County	<u>11</u> Yes to <u>04</u> No
2009 Dunn County	<u>43</u> Yes to <u>12</u> No
2009 Iowa County	<u>22</u> Yes to <u>16</u> No
2009 Jefferson County	<u>58</u> Yes to <u>14</u> No
2009 Menominee County	<u>06</u> Yes to <u>04</u> No
2009 Oconto County	<u>59</u> Yes to <u>20</u> No
2009 Richland County	<u>32</u> Yes to <u>09</u> No
2009 Rock County	<u>46</u> Yes to <u>30</u> No
2009 Trempealeau County	<u>23</u> Yes to <u>14</u> No
2009 Waukesha County	<u>122</u> Yes to <u>27</u> No

COUNTIES THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED AND FAILED

None

NOTE: In 2009 a resolution was sent to every County that is in Zone C (60 Counties) for bear hunting and 48 counties did not present it to their County, including 12 Counties that are represented on the Hunting with Dog Committee.

I think it is time for the committee to look at this and look at what the people want.