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Proposed Resolution: Require Waterfowl Hunters on Public Waterways to Wear Blaze Orange Clothing During the 9-Day Main Gun Deer Season Except When Hunting From a Legal Blind.

Problem:

Waterfowl hunters during the 9-day gun season are wading or canoeing small creeks or waterways wearing complete camouflage or other brown clothing. Many of these small creeks are surrounded by brush and weeds and are located on otherwise private property. **The waterfowler can easily resemble portions of a large animal moving through the brush.** Quite often, the waterfowler may also jump or drive deer out of an area and into view of legal gun deer hunters thus raising that hunters excitement level.

This is an accident waiting to happen especially on private lands where other hunters are not at all expected, especially in NON-BLAZE ORANGE CLOTHING. Some will claim that the common sense of the waterfowler should control this practice, however, they obviously lack that capability.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Walworth County on April 12, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to effect such rule change requiring blaze orange clothing for waterfowl hunting on public waterways during the 9-day main deer gun season except when hunting from a legal blind.

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