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Whereas there is increased interest in providing increased hunting opportunity for crossbow users.

And whereas the crossbow has proven to be an extremely effective weapon for big game and small game hunting.

And whereas providing additional hunting opportunity is a good thing if it is not done at the expense of another hunting opportunity, especially if the opportunity that would be displaced is one of the most successful hunting opportunities in the history of Wisconsin, both in terms of ongoing game management and hunter recruitment and retention.

Therefore, be it resolved that Marathon County, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, supports greatly expanded crossbow hunting opportunity per the following:

1.) Crossbows be classified in statute as a legal and **lesser** weapon to all firearms hunting weapons, including: muzzleloaders, pistols, shotguns and rifles, but **superior** to archery equipment, and further that the use of crossbows be permitted in all seasons where firearms are permitted, including:

- All turkey hunting seasons and zones
- All bear hunting seasons and zones
- All muzzleloading deer hunting seasons and zones
- All rifle, pistol and shotgun deer hunting seasons and zones
- All small game seasons and zones

2.) Crossbow use, as a superior weapon, continues to be allowed by the handicapped and/or those 65 years or older during the time concurrent with the archery-only deer seasons.

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