

SPRING HEARING RESOLUTION

County Code #39 Resolution # 2 Year 2011

Problem: Crop Abatement Program

The present Crop Abatement Program has two entities too its' program, one form pays the enrollee for crop damage and requires the enrollee to allow sportsmen and women help in the reduction of the wildlife (deer) by shooting some of the surplus deer, while managing the wildlife (deer) to remain in the program year after year. The other allows the enrollee to kill wildlife (deer) without opening his land to sportsmen and women (account 82) causing over harvested areas and under harvested areas, as well as hunting opportunities for only a select few hunters.

Be it Resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Marquette County on April 11, 2011 take appropriate action to resolve the efficiencies in the Crop Abatement Programs by adopting; A Bounty System Program, that would pay a bounty for antlerless deer, (does, and doe fawns, and nothing for bucks and buck fawns) as well a set fee for hunting rights for each hunter that purchases and is issued a Crop Abatement Program tag and voucher from DNR Crop Abatement Program Manager.

DNR Crop Abatement would work in the following manner: Land owner with assessed crop damage, and number of tags would enroll in Crop Abatement Program and be published on internet and licenses outlets. Sportsmen and women would then would, purchase a crop damage tag and voucher, (like extra turkey tags). The design of the tag would be similar to carcass tag; voucher would be a three part design. Part one would be signed by both hunter and landowner, expressing hunter permission to hunt said landowner's land, and remain with hunter while hunting, then given to landowner after tag is filled, and kept as a record of bounty landowner is owed. Part three would be collected at registration station when deer is registered, and collected by DNR and submitted to Plan Manager for payment to said Landowner.

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