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Title: Waterfowl Season Dates

The Problem: With 60 day duck seasons and a season opening the Saturday nearest September 24 in the Northern Zone, the duck season closes on the 4th day of the traditional 9 day deer gun season. Few waterfowl hunters in the Northern Zone hunt ducks during those 4 days or geese during the 9 day deer gun season. By closing the waterfowl season in the Northern Zone at the end of shooting hours on the Friday immediately preceding the opening day of the traditional 9 day deer gun season and reopening the goose seasons on the Monday immediately following the close of the 9 day deer gun season and reopening the duck season the Thursday following the close of the traditional 9 day deer gun season, we would offer more Northern Zone waterfowl hunters an opportunity for a late season waterfowl hunt.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Polk County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation when we experience a 60 day duck season so that the waterfowl seasons in the Northern Zone are closed at the end of shooting hours on the Friday immediately preceding the traditional 9 day deer gun season and that the duck season reopens for the balance of the 60 days so that the duck season is open for the weekend following the close of that deer gun season and that the goose season reopens on the Monday immediately following the close of that deer gun season.



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