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The Issue

The ability of hunters under the archery license to take an antlerless deer was established in the 1930's when archery license sales were meager compared to today with 200,000 plus sold each year. It's time to make the archery license buck only while still allowing antlerless harvests with a quota permit specific to a Deer Management Unit.

Whereas, bow hunters have been able to harvest either a antlered or antlerless deer under the archery license, and

Whereas, archery success has increased over time with the development of new equipment and participation is expected to increase with archery programs in our schools, and

Whereas, many deer management units have experienced a decrease in deer numbers resulting in a need to place restrictions on antlerless harvests to allow the deer herd in those affected Units to increase such as the buck only rule in 2010 for specific areas of northeastern Wisconsin, and

Whereas, hunters who purchase a gun-deer license and want to obtain an antlerless deer tag in a Unit in which they are available must apply for the antlerless permit,

Therefore Be It Resolved the Conservation Congress meeting this 11th day of April, 2011, in Vilas County that in Deer Management Units having an antlerless quota, commonly called "buck plus quota" Units, that any archery license holder who wants to harvest an antlerless deer needs to apply for a antlerless permit similar to existing rules for gun-deer hunters.

YES _____

NO _____

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