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Resolution Title

Change deer baiting & feeding laws

The current baiting and feeding laws in the state do not allow baiting and feeding in areas where CWD is present. But does allow baiting and feeding where CWD isn't. These are some of the problems this creates.

- 1) Bait increases the chances of spreading disease.
- 2) Bait creates haves and have nots especially around county edges where bait is illegal in one county and legal in the next.
- 3) Bait gives bow hunters a much bigger advantage over gun hunters
- 4) May cause hunters to migrate from hunting units that bait is illegal to units that bait is legal.
- 5) Bait is already illegal in half the state and should be consistent though out the state.
- 6) Feeding deer takes away opportunities for hunters, by bringing deer closer to homes and cabins.

SOLUTION; Make baiting and feeding deer illegal from September 1st through the last hunting season of the year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in Pierce Count on April 14th, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change to made baiting and feeding deer from September 1st, through the last hunting season of the year illegal state wide.

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