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Citizen Resolution #

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(For Hearing Officer completion)



***Canada goose hunters' punch card & call in system.***

***The Problem:*** *The law as written states "When a Canada goose is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter who killed the goose must validate their Canada goose hunting permit. Validation is accomplished by slitting or punching out the mark indicating the date of kill. Failure to follow validation procedure makes the possession of the goose illegal and can result in enforcement action"*

*Several hunters (that I know have been cited for picking up a goose that was shot or having their dog retrieve a goose prior to validating their punch license.*

*I have consulted with Kent Van Horn who talked to Wildlife Rule Specialist and Chief Warden Schaller and they both say "neither of us could think of any reason you would be cited under the scenarios you presented. So, please be assured that if you shoot a goose, retrieve the goose (by your dog or yourself) and then punch the harvest tag (legal for the zone and time you are hunting) then you will not be in violation of the regulations." The regulation and the response from Ecologist Van Horn and Warden Schaller are conflicting. The way the rule is written & the obvious intent of the rule has led to some misinterpretation by the field officers resulting in citations being issued.*

***BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Racine County on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 work with the department to change this rule to eliminate the conflict by eliminating the punch validation system & only using the call in system. Having to do both is redundant and an unnecessary burden on the hunter.***

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