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Citizen Resolution #

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(For Hearing Officer completion)



Title: Placement & removal of waterfowl decoys from water on private property.

Each year the Conservation Congress accepts written resolutions from the public, in each county throughout the state regarding natural resource issues of statewide concern. These resolutions are introduced by the public in attendance during the Conservation Congress county meeting that is held annually in conjunction with the DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings in April.

In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress and for public vote at the annual Conservation Congress county meeting, all resolutions introduced must meet the following requirements:

1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
3. The resolution must have a clear title.
4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.

The problem:

The placement & removal of decoys from the water 1 hour before shooting time & removal ½ hour after shooting time includes all small lakes & pond on private property. This should not pertain to private property. I've contacted all 14 states in the Mississippi flyway & in some of these states this only pertains to public waters & in some states decoys may remain in the water even on public land. In virtually every state in the Mississippi flyway, except Wisconsin, hunters are allowed to leave decoys in the water at all times on private property whether it's for marking an aerator or some other submerged object or hunting. This regulation should not pertain to private property. Wisconsin regulations should be changed to allow unattended decoys to remain in the water on private property.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Racine County on April 14th, 2014 work with the department to change this rule to coincide with the other states in the Mississippi flyway and allow unattended decoys be left in the water on private property.

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