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## Sandhill Crane Season in Wisconsin

Where as; The Sandhill population in WI. Is at a point where nesting pairs have to utilize marginal habitat.

And where as; Farmers in the State are having high amounts of crop damage from Sandhill Cranes.

And where as; DNR game management consider the population to be at a huntable level.

And where as; The State of Minnesota is currently petitioning the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the right to hunt the Eastern Sandhill Crane.

And where as; The State of Wisconsin, Constitution gives its citizens the right to hunt & fish.

Therefore be it resolved; That the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Rusk County on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014, recommends that the DNR join with Minnesota to urge the USFWS to open a Sandhill Crane hunting season as soon as possible.

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