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Resolution for Wisconsin Conservation Congress – April 13th, 2015

FOREST COUNTY, WI

Problem: The State of Wisconsin allows “group bagging” of deer during the traditional gun deer season and muzzleloader seasons. Whereas Forest County was a “Bucks Only” County in 2014 there was still over 350 antlerless deer tags filled by youth, disabled hunters and military personnel on leave. This may swell to over 400+ antlerless deer in near future. Forest County Deer Advisory Council has voted to increase the deer herd in the county over the next 3 years, however, this may not be possible to achieve because of the continued number of antlerless tags filled by the groups mentioned above. Whereas, the tags were designed to allow youth, disabled hunters and military to have a hunting experience for themselves it is believed a number of these tags are being filled by members of a hunting party other than those intended to have the hunting experience.

Solution: These antlerless tags should be for the use of the youth, disabled hunters and military only and should not be able to be filled by fellow hunting party members. Because of statutory concerns we cannot eliminate these licenses but would propose that legislation and/or rules be established that eliminates the filling of these tags by “group hunting”.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Forest County, Wisconsin recommends enacting legislation and/or regulations to eliminate “group hunting” in regard to filling youth, disabled hunter and military antlerless tags.

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