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#### Waterfowl Blind Location Restriction

Waterfowl hunters must currently adhere to a law that their blind must be within three (3) feet of the shoreline. This law is impractical as it inhibits waterfowl hunter's ability to hunt many acres that waterfowl use. For example, several waters in the state of Wisconsin are Flowages with variable water levels. Sometimes these water levels prohibit waterfowl hunters from hunting within range of the preferred depth of many species of waterfowl. Another example would be lakes that are surrounded by bulrushes and wild rice, open water may be hundreds of yards from shore, prohibiting hunters to set up within range.

By removing this law, hunters will have added access to waterfowl. This will also open up more hunting opportunities and create less congestion. The removal of this law will also lessen contact between homeowner's shorelines and hunter's placement of blinds.

Surrounding states do not have similar laws. Duck hunters of Wisconsin should have equal opportunities to hunt the waterfowl we share with other states.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at the annual meeting held in Oneida County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by removing the law forcing waterfowl hunters to be within 3 feet of the shoreline

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