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Allowing Counties in the Central and Southern Farmland Zones to Extend the Archery Season to January 31st

Whereas, currently, the archery and crossbow deer season starts on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continues through the Sunday nearest January 6. Hunting is for antlerless deer only at times when a firearm season for antlerless deer only is also open.

Whereas, in the Metro Subunits, the archery and crossbow deer season starts on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continue through January 31. Hunting is for antlerless deer only at times when a firearm season for antlerless deer only is also open

Whereas, on February 25, 2015, the Natural Resources Board adopted WM-11-13, the rules related to deer management, hunting, and implementation of the 2012 Deer Trustee's Report. This is the permanent rule which is necessary to replace emergency rules which were in effect to implement the recommendations contained in the 2012 Deer Trustee Report.

Whereas, in this rule, the Natural Resources Board adopted a December 4-day antlerless season statewide in counties that have an antlerless quota. This season will begin on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The rule also gives County Deer Advisory Councils (CDAC' s) in the Central and Southern Farmland Zones the ability to recommend a holiday antlerless hunt season, which will begin on December 24 and continue through January 1.

Whereas, if a CDAC in the Central and Southern Farmland Zone recommends a holiday antlerless hunt beginning on December 24 and continuing through January 1, they should have the ability to recommend extending the archery and crossbow season to January 31.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Racine County on April 13, 2015, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources in allowing CDAC' s in the Central and Southern Farmland Zones that recommend a holiday antlerless hunt the ability to recommend extending the archery and crossbow season to January 31.

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