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Reciprocity Dog Training Privileges

The Problem

Hunters are seeing an increase in the number of non-residents coming to Wisconsin to train their dogs which is causing user conflicts. We feel the reason for this is two-fold.

- 1.) There are some states which don't allow bear dog training, so they come to Wisconsin to partake in this activity.
- 2.) Wisconsin no longer charges a fee to train dogs on any free-roaming wild animal including bear, which has caused even more non residents to come to Wisconsin for this activity.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Bayfield County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by implementing a rule change similar to the Wisconsin Trapping Reciprocity rule. This law would allow dog training on free-roaming wild animals by nonresident U.S. Citizens from those states that allow Wisconsin residents to come to their state to train dogs for that same species. This rule would only include bear, wolf, bobcat, coyote, fox, and raccoon. This law would also require a Dog Training License to be purchased by anyone wishing to train dogs in Wisconsin for those species.

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