

Resolution #2 050216

Title: Bear Yearly Point Requirement Reduction

The Problem:

Black bear in Wisconsin are highly valued game animals. with the current method of obtaining a permit to hunt them delegated to point preference through application. However, many hunters are dissatisfied with the current system, where some hunters can take up to 10 years or more to receive a permit.

Bear populations in Wisconsin have been very stable for many years.

At present, for many, bear tags can take up to 10 years or more to be received, and even then, having a bear tag does not mean one will harvest a bear. We feel that setting a maximum amount of years needed to obtain a bear tag should be set at 8, with a guaranteed tag afterwards.

Many hunters do not hunt bear because of the difficulty in receiving a tag, or are otherwise dissatisfied with how long it can take to receive a tag. This reduction would decrease hunter dissatisfaction, increase number of people hunting for bear, and thusly increase revenue through the purchase of more bear tags.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Brown County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to implement a means to set the maximum number of years required obtaining a guaranteed bear tag to 8.

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