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Go back to the southern zone for mink/muskrat season (south of Hwy 60)

The problem: Currently the mink and muskrat season starts as early as October 22 for the entire state of Wisconsin. This season opens too early for Southern Wisconsin. Mink are not prime and are worthless if caught in October in southern Wisconsin. Muskrats caught in October in southern Wisconsin are graded early fall, worth less than those caught in November. Muskrats grow fast in the fall, and having a two week later season will mean larger size muskrat. Also this early season causes conflicts with outdoor users such as duck hunters, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual spring hearing held in Rock County on April 11, 2016 request that we go back to the southern mink and muskrat season (south of Hwy 60), opening the first Saturday in November of each year.

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