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Title: Ban Captive Cervid Fenced Animal Operations

The Problem:

Fenced deer enclosures "captive cervid operations" are a major threat to Wisconsin wild deer herd because deer escape these fence enclosures exposing Wisconsin wild deer to chronic wasting disease (CWD). These deer fences fail because of storms that cause trees to fall on fences, gates left open, openings in & under fences and also permit nose to nose contact from captive fenced deer to wild deer.

At present the DNR & Legislatures have not taken adequate action to prevent these reoccurring escapes that are known to expose Wisconsin wild deer to contaminated CWD captive deer.

Other states, Montana & Wyoming, have taken action to prevent CWD from getting into their wild herds from their captive deer, Elk & other cervid animal enclosures by banning these operations.

Be It Resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Winnebago County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Department take action to correct this critical situation by working with the Legislature to ban all captive deer, Elk & other cervid animal farms from any & all operations.

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