

Title: Allow Youth to hunt with Crossbows

The Problem:

Hunting is in steady decline among youth in Wisconsin. It is important to get youth involved in the sport at a young age and give them as many possibilities as possible to get interested in hunting. It is difficult to get youth involved in archery hunting due to several factors including difficulty to pull back sufficient poundage bows, the great amount of skill needed to shoot a traditional bow and the challenge of outfitting constantly growing youth with new bows season to season. Crossbows would reduce some of these barriers as well as allow people to introduce more youth to hunting. The long archery season would allow for many opportunities to introduce youth to the outdoors and hopefully get more people involved in hunting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Portage County on April 8, 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing youth to use crossbows during archery seasons.

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