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Title: Deer Harvesting Tags

The Problem:

Over the last year, I have had many conversations with deer hunters in many hunting areas. Many of these deer hunters and I feel that we should go back to the "old" hunter choice harvesting program for both firearm and archery deer seasons. What I mean by the "old" hunter choice program is where an individual purchases a license, they then apply for an antler-less permit, then they are only able to harvest a buck or a doe if the antler-less permit is granted. If they do not apply for an antler-less permit they are only able to harvest one buck. This could be a better management tool to help maintain the deer herd in areas that are under, or near, unit goal for deer per square mile. The "old" hunter choice program could be used in certain deer management units that would benefit the deer herd and hunters. The hunter(s) may feel that more opportunity would exist for more hunters to harvest a deer, since most hunters (as a percentage) only harvest one deer per season.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) at its annual meeting held in Vilas County on April 8, 2013, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to return to the hunter choice program for firearm and archery season, for certain deer management units, as described above. (This could be a two-part question created by the WCC committee(s) for the 2014 Hearing Questionnaire.)

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