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Title: Senior Deer Hunt

The Problem: We have come a long way in establishing programs to introduce young sportspersons to hunting activities, including special two day youth hunts for various species such as waterfowl, turkey, deer; we have established learn to hunt programs, the hunter mentor law, ten year old hunters, archery in the schools . . . you get the picture.

What we haven't done is take a look at the other end of the age spectrum and try ways to retain senior hunters, specifically deer hunters, to actively keep deer hunting.

Whereas, Wisconsin has come far in getting young sportspersons interested in hunting and keeping their interest with special youth hunts and other youth programs, and

Whereas, senior deer hunters who may have hunted for many decades experience a time when they face a barrier to hunting every year in late November during the traditional gun-deer season and that barrier is the weather, be it the cold, snow, rain, sleet, wind that affects our old bones, and

Whereas, we need to provide incentives for seniors to keep deer hunting,

Therefore be it Resolved Wisconsin establish a special two-day gun-deer hunt for senior hunters age 65 and older on the last weekend in October when weather conditions may be more favorable to being outdoors. (This would require legislation.)

Would you favor establishing a two day weekend senior citizen deer hunt for those ages 65 and older prior to the traditional November gun-deer season?

YES_____

NO_____

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