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Title: Use of Lights to Scan After Dark for Predator Calling

The Problem:

Predators are challenging animals to call and those that are willing to hunt for them after shooting hours when they are most active, should be able to use as much light as is needed to make an ethical shot on Raccoon, Coyote, or Fox when calling to attract them.

The ability to scan for predators eyeshine while they are approaching a calling stand allows the hunter to prepare for a an ethical shot, allows more time to make a strong identification, and allows hunters to better maintain safe shooting angles by making sure of their target and what is beyond.

At present, regulations state that the use of light is only allowed at "point of kill". There are many factors leading up to the "point of kill" and when a predator is seen after dark unaided by light, they are often so close that exposing them to light for all of the afore mentioned reasons causes them to flee quickly, forcing hunters to make a rushed decision of whether to shoot.

The use of lights to scan for predators increases hunter efficiency, protecting predation sensitive game species populations and makes the act of night hunting much safer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting held in Outagamie County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing for the use of lights to scan for predators while actively calling.

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