Citizen Resolution # 190121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Antler Point Restriction Trial in Florence County

The Problem: Historically, the percentage of yearling bucks killed in Florence County is significantly greater than other areas of Wisconsin. Per conversations with people who hunt in Florence County, few large bucks are seen or harvested and this has contributed to lackluster enthusiasm for the sport, fewer days afield, less economic benefit to the local area, and hunter exodus from the County. The deer hunting culture is changing. Many hunters currently desire a quality experience which equates to sighting and potentially harvesting a buck of elevated age and size. They will travel to other states or provinces to have such an experience. Florence County hunters have indicated their support for a chance to harvest larger bucks by passing resolutions for antler point restrictions at past spring hearings. Public input collected during the recent CDAC three year objective recommendation process included many comments in favor of antler point restrictions. The Solution: This proposal is to trial an antler point restriction of 3 points or greater (on one side) for bucks harvested in Florence County for hunters aged 18 and over, excluding disabled and military service hunters. The Florence County trial would continue for three years with a follow-up resolution after the trial period to determine if the public accepts it. Do you support implementing an antler point restriction for deer in Florence County as described?

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