Citizen Resolution # 530522

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Establish new deer hunting laws to control massive herds in Wisconsin

Currently in many counties of Wisconsin, the deer population exceeds it's environmental carrying capacity of 4-5 per square mile, with as many as 400 per square mile in agricultural areas where fields are surrounded by land managed specifically to produce trophy bucks. Deer entering neighboring farm fields cause massive crop damage, up to \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year as testified by local farmers in my area. The forests are damaged as the deer destroy young trees, flowers, vegetation and compact the soil preventing new growth and spread invasive disease, CWD, Lyme disease and Covid. Local farmers are advised to get more hunters on their lands by CDAC committees, but hunters are not always available to help in removing the deer and they cannot always control the problem. New hunting laws should also be addressed to extend the deer season longer than 9 days which would make it easier for famers to eliminate nuisance deer: require an "earn a buck" program with does to be taken first: Further, Ag tags should be available with up to 20 each at a time, not 5. The state of Wisconsin needs to protect the food supply and the environment by controlling the deer herd and making sound ecosystem management decision.

Would the Conservation Congress work with the NRB and DNR to propose new deer hunting regulations to more easily enable farmers to reduce the size of the herds on their property.

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