

Restoration of Back Tags For Deer Hunting

WHEREAS, since 1901 and until recently, Wisconsin required hunters to display a visible, identifiable backtag while deer hunting in the state; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of back tags for deer hunting removed the ability of landowners, hunters and other citizens to identify persons in the field who are engaging in unlawful or unsafe hunting practices or who are engaged in trespassing; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of backtags also eliminated an important method by which Conservation Wardens enforce game laws; and

WHEREAS, the presence of back tags allows conservation wardens to assure that hunters have purchased a deer hunting license without the warden disturbing hunters while they are actively hunting; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of deer hunting licenses provides substantial revenue and is important for the management of fish and wildlife in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation calls on the Wisconsin Legislature to enact legislation reinstating the back tag requirement for deer hunting in the state.

Submitted by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Wildlife Committee:
By Ralph Fritsch, Chair