

Resolution on Night Hunting of Raccoon for Nine-Day Gun Deer Season

Whereas, prior to the 2015 deer season, there was a statewide prohibition for night hunting of raccoon during the traditional November 9 day gun deer season; and

Whereas, at its 2011 Annual Meeting, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation adopted a resolution reaffirming the position "...that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take needed action to eliminate any closure of night hunting of raccoons during any gun deer season, except for the first two nights and including the Friday before the opening day of the traditional November gun deer season"; and

Whereas, the Natural Resources Board approved night hunting of raccoon during the traditional November 9 day gun deer season for the Southern Farmland Deer Management Units; and

Whereas, the night hunting of raccoon has been allowed during other deer seasons statewide for the metro zones, the former CWD zone, youth deer hunts and muzzle loaders seasons; and

Whereas, there have been no reported hunting conflicts or law enforcement concerns raised about the night of hunting of raccoons during any of the above-mentioned seasons including the 2015 November 9 day gun deer season hunt in the Southern Farmland Deer Management Unit.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2016 Annual Meeting held on April 8th and 9th in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests that the Natural Resources Board authorize the night hunting of raccoon during the November 9 day gun deer season on a statewide basis.

Submitted by the WWF Dog Committee,
Andy Lewandowski, Chair