Ending Discrimination Against Dog Training and Trialing in Northern Wisconsin

WHEREAS, NR 10.07 (1), Wisconsin Administrative Code, prohibits the hunting or pursuing of any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of a dog on all federal, state, county and private land from May 1 to June 30 in roughly the northern one third of the state except for dog trials and training under highly restrictive permits established by Chapter NR 17, Wisconsin Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, in the southern two-thirds of the state, the aforementioned restriction only applies to land owned by the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that allowing the more liberal regulation of dog training and trialing in southern Wisconsin from May 1 to June 30 causes any harm to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the more restrictive regulation of dog training and trialing in Northern Wisconsin discriminates against sportsmen and women that train dogs and participate in dog trialing in that part of the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation supports the repeal of NR 10.07 (i), Wisconsin Administrative Code, and related administrative rule provisions.

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