SUBJECT: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources deer herd management program

WHEREAS, the last four years of the gun deer hunting season have seen a very serious decline in the total amount of deer harvested within our state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a long history of a high amounts of deer harvested during gun deer seasons, and for decades an increase figures in deer populations insured a good number of deer harvested yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources now faces credibility failure from its current method of counting deer population under the SAK (Sex-Age-Kill) program; and

WHEREAS, severe winters, higher number of predators to deer, have caused higher mortality among the state's deer herd and these numbers being a fuller contributor to lower deer populations figures; and

WHEREAS, both deer population figures and lower deer harvest numbers have run together for the past four years and no clear resolution to bring both back into a creditable factor that the general public can accept and have a strong faith in; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting, April 16th – 18th 2010 in Steven Point, WI pursue a creditable direction in a fuller method accurate deer populations within the state, and bring back more useable figures to determine related harvest numbers within the state's northern and agriculture sections of its state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin D.N.R. contract outside sources to oversee and develop a more creditable method to update current deer number figures and take us into the next decade with a more sound count system; to insure a healthy deer herd and continued growth where expansion is capable of handling it; a higher over the winter population must also factor in this process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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