

Wildlife Federation Resolution on the Night Hunting of Raccoon

Whereas, currently night hunting of raccoon is prohibited during the traditional November 9 day gun deer season.

Whereas, currently night hunting of Raccoon is allowed during all other gun deer seasons including the metro zone, the cwd zone, youth deer hunts and muzzle loader seasons.

Whereas, the night hunting of raccoons has not caused enforcement problems or user conflicts during these other gun deer seasons.

Whereas, all other small game hunting is allowed during the traditional November gun deer season.

Whereas, the traditional November gun deer season falls during the peak time for raccoon hunting.

Whereas, a change in the rules to allow night hunting of raccoon through the traditional November gun deer season except for the opening two days and the Friday before, would allow raccoon hunters to enjoy their sport and still allow a successful deer hunting season.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting held in Stevens Point on April 8-10, 2011 reaffirms our 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.

Submitted by Ralph Fritsch on behalf of the

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Wildlife Committee