

Night hunting of raccoon

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

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

Whereas, 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 gun deer season.

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

Whereas, a change in the rules to allow night hunting of raccoon through all gun deer seasons except for the opening two days and the Friday before of the traditional nine-day November gun deer season, would allow raccoon hunters to enjoy their sport and allow for a reasonable restriction for gun deer hunting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting held in Stevens Point on **April 16-18**, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take needed action to eliminate any closure for night hunting of raccoons during any gun deer season, except for the first two nights and including the Friday before opening day of the traditional nine-day November gun deer season.

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