

Resolution to Support Safe Dispatch of Furbearers Near Unpaved Roadways

Whereas, it is currently unlawful to discharge a firearm within 50 feet of the centerline of a roadway; and

Whereas, there is an exception from this prohibition allowing the discharge of a firearm on rural roads if the surface is other than concrete or asphalt for muzzleloaders or shotguns using shot under size BB for small game hunting; and

Whereas, it is legally required to dispatch an animal when trapped; and

Whereas, some trapping may, and does, occur within 50 feet of unpaved roadways; and

Whereas, some animals may be aggressive or dangerous to try to move away from the roadway prior to dispatch; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting held on April 20th and 21st, 2018 at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, requests the Department of Natural Resources seek the modification of the above exception to include the use of a rimfire rifle or pistol to dispatch a legally trapped animal.

Submitted by the Wildlife Committee
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