

**RESOLUTION** No. 4-0402

The Problem:

Wisconsin has long been noted for its livestock industry's disease free status and its excellent white tailed deer hunting. Recent discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the wild free-ranging deer herd of southern Wisconsin jeopardize both the above.

The adjoining state of Michigan has found tuberculosis in numerous animal species where feeding and baiting were prevalent. Additionally, the states of South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas have documented cases of CWD.

WHEREAS: It is legal to bait and feed deer in Wisconsin

WHEREAS: The deer herd has grown markedly in the last few years

WHEREAS: There is some suspicion that deer baiting and feeding is at least partially responsible for the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.

WHEREAS: Deer hunters spend millions of dollars during Wisconsin's deer hunt every year.

WHEREAS: If this disease is to spread, we could lose a large portion of our deer herd causing heavy restrictions on deer hunting.

WHEREAS: Most of Wisconsin's cattle industry is mainly situated in the southern 2/3 of the State.

WHEREAS: We have a moral obligation to protect Wisconsin's citizens and an industry livelihood giving both a higher priority than a recreational sport, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa County Land Conservation Committee recently at its meeting held on April 9, 2002, recommends that the DNR take all necessary steps to stop both baiting and recreational feeding of white tailed deer in Iowa County.

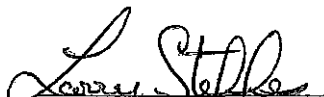
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