

Proposed Resolution #6
Requires 2/3 Majority

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MUCC region: 8
Proposed: March 12, 2022 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: Resolution to provide an exception for the use of drones/UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) for the recovery of legally hunted big game animals.

1. **WHEREAS**, 324.0111c of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, popular Name: NREPA,
2. prevents the use of Drones/UAS to “take” game; and,
3. **WHEREAS**, The definition of “take” is broadly and ambiguously defined in Michigan; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the moral and legal duty unquestionably exists to put forth every reasonable effort to recover an
5. animal that has been wounded while hunting; and,
6. **WHEREAS**, Similar exceptions of those sought are currently in place in the Michigan Wildlife Conservation
7. Order for the use of tracking dogs to recover legally hunted, wounded game; NOW,
8. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work to provide an exception for
9. the use of drones/UAS for the ethical recovery of legally hunted, wounded big game animals on private land only
10. with permission following the current DNR conservation order pertaining to tracking dogs; and,
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work with the State
12. Legislature, The Department of Natural Resources, and The Natural Resources Commission to amend any laws or
13. policies contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested changes; and to provide exceptions for the specific
14. goal of recovering an already wounded, legally hunted big game animal.