

Proposed Resolution #D
Requires 2/3 Majority

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Proposed: June 3, 2023 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Deer Hunting Equipment- Limited Firearm Zone

1. **WHEREAS:** under current Michigan regulations (page 50 of the 2022 Michigan Hunting Digest),
2. a legal firearm is defined as a .35 caliber or larger rifle loaded with straight-walled cartridges
3. with a minimum case length of 1.16 inches and a maximum case length of 1.8 inches, and;
4. **WHEREAS:** many hunters, have straight-walled cartridges of greater than 1.8 inches,
5. particularly of historic nature, the change to all straight-walled cartridge calibers from a minimum
6. of .35 caliber to a maximum of .50 caliber would benefit many hunters, and;
7. **WHEREAS:** this change is still considered a low-power rifle and will not present additional
8. safety concerns, NOW;
9. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that MUCC work with the Natural Resources Commission or
10. the Michigan Legislatures to change the regulation to allow deer hunters to use ALL
11. straight-walled cartridges .35 caliber to .50 caliber.