Proposed Resolution #F Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by:	George Lindquist, Executive Board
Proposed:	August 26 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title:	Michigan Moose Hunt

- 1. WHEREAS: the Western UP moose of today are primarily descendants of animals brought in
- 2. from Canada in 1985 and 1987. Thanks to the efforts of the DNR and money from private
- 3. groups, primarily Safari Club International, along with other conservation organizations,
- 4. including MUCC, we now have a stable, sustainable population of moose in the UP, and;
- 5. WHEREAS: it is inevitable that moose within the population will die every year. Older animals
- 6. are more susceptible, especially bull moose. Having special hunts would bring awareness and
- 7. monies towards better management and growth of the UP moose population, and;
- 8. WHEREAS: with the UP moose population stable and increasing, a limited hunt will not affect
- 9. the existing herd and will draw attention to the moose herd of the UP, and;
- 10. WHEREAS: the monies gained by a moose hunt can and should be earmarked for UP moose
- 11. research, habitat work, and development of a long-term management plan to ensure the viability
- 12. of this iconic species, and;
- 13. WHEREAS: only Michigan residents can apply for the drawing of the moose lottery and such
- 14. tags would be a "once in a lifetime" tag, and;
- 15. WHEREAS: the hunts would be overseen by DNR personnel to assure that the animals
- 16. harvested will not harm the existing moose population. IE, the harvest of only older bulls,
- 17. and;
- 18. WHEREAS: these drawings should be conducted as a lottery, much like our current elk hunts,
- 19. where every sportsman of the State of Michigan has an opportunity to draw one of these
- 20. coveted tags, NOW;
- 21. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that MUCC work with the Michigan DNR, Natural Resources
- 22. Commission, and Legislature to conduct a very limited bull moose hunt in the UP of Michigan,
- 23. and a separate lottery, much like the current elk lottery, with monies derived going to sustaining
- 24. and growing this iconic species in Michigan.