

Proposed Resolution #A
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Rob Miller, Vice President, Mark Tarman, Individual Member
Proposed: December 2, 2023 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Treestands on Public Lands

1. **WHEREAS:** Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO) states that if you hunt on public land,
2. your tree stand must be portable and your name and address, Michigan driver's License number,
3. or DNR sports card number must be affixed in legible English that can be easily read from the
4. ground, and;
5. **WHEREAS:** WCO lays out the dates a blind or stand can be left on public land, which varies by
6. season, and;
7. **WHEREAS:** WCO also states if you leave a tree stand or blind in the woods overnight on public
8. land, that stand becomes public domain, and therefore, anybody can use it, and;
9. **WHEREAS:** To purposefully use another hunters setup is arguably an unethical choice that most
10. often creates immediate conflict between all parties involved, and;
11. **WHEREAS:** Michigan has +/- 8.2 million acres of public land available between state and
12. federally owned, and;
13. **WHEREAS:** Michigan offers more public land opportunities than any other state
14. east of the Mississippi, and;
15. **WHEREAS:** There is a genuine concern of liability should someone get hurt while using someone
16. else's equipment, NOW;
17. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** MUCC supports NRC action to change the current regulation
18. allowing an individual to utilize another individuals legally placed hunting equipment, such as a
19. tree stand or other portable blind on public property and make it illegal to knowingly use a legally
20. placed stand or blind that does not belong to you or one of your immediate hunting party, without
21. written permission to do so.