

Proposed Resolution #C
Requires Simple Majority

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Proposed: August 17, 2024 Policy Board Meeting
Title: Support Conservation Over Preservation Whenever Possible

1. **WHEREAS:** Michigan United Conservation Clubs is the largest statewide
2. conservation organization in the nation. Founded in 1937, our mission is to unite citizens to
3. conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. This
4. mission drives everything we do as an organization; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** some nonprofit organizations will twist the words conservation and preservation to
6. fit their narrative. It's important we do not fall for these twisted semantics. Conservation can
7. quickly become an anti-hunting term when used improperly; and,
8. **WHEREAS:** Aldo Leopold once said "To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of
9. intelligent tinkering." Humans are cogs in the natural machine. Preservation often implies or
10. directly eliminates the human element in nature and the wise use of natural resources, NOW;
11. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** MUCC recognizes *conservation* as the wise use of natural
12. resources today, while ensuring the resource can be wisely used into the future, and,
13. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** MUCC recognizes *preservation* as seeking to prevent nature
14. from use; and
15. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** MUCC recognizes the importance of the human element within
16. nature and everything that comes with it. MUCC will support Conservation over preservation
17. whenever possible.