

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2015 Resolutions**

Committee: Deer, Wild Turkey & Elk

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Support of the 2016 Deer Season Regulation Recommendations

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation manages the state's deer herd under a comprehensive and goal-focused Missouri White-tailed Deer Management Plan developed in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Federation of Missouri has long been a strong proponent of the professional management of Missouri's forest, fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation has developed a suite of proposed changes to deer regulations for the 2016 season regarding crossbows; and

WHEREAS, one of Missouri Department of Conservation's proposals allows crossbows to be used during archery season; and

WHEREAS, improper crossbow use presents potential concerns for hunter safety and ethical harvests of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, crossbows are currently included in the firearms portion presenting the same concerns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 22nd day of March, 2015, encourage that a mandatory bow hunter safety course with an emphasis on crossbows be taken by hunters born after January 1, 2001, who desire to use a crossbow during the prescribed seasons in the case that the Missouri Department of Conservation enacts the aforementioned regulation change.