

Committee: Archery
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MDC NOT Allow Air Guns During Archery Season

WHEREAS, multiple manufacturers are introducing unique AIR gun/rifle style weapons and calling them BOWS; and

WHEREAS, these weapons do not have bow limbs, bracing heights, bowstings, arrow rest, or nocking points, and with the exception of an arrow, do not possess any common elements of any true archery equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is obvious that this sector of the shooting sports industry appears to be keenly focused on defining this weapon as a bow, in an effort to make this weapon with a barrel/muzzle and without any characteristics of true archery equipment, legalized in Archery season; and

WHEREAS, this type of gun has been adapted to shot an arrow at speeds (450 feet per second) approaching more than twice that of most archery equipment and three times that of many recurves and longbows; and

WHEREAS, one manufacturer boasts the ability for their type of air gun to shoot a tight two inch group consistently at 50 yards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 20th day of March, 2016, strongly urges the Missouri Department of Conservation to resist all efforts to deem these types of air guns to be archery equipment and not make them legal in Missouri's Archery seasons.