

Attention Deer Hunters - Our Hunting Season is Under Attack

The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) wants to control your property and our hunting seasons. Because of their actions October T-zones will be back next year and there will be more earn a buck seasons.

What's this all about?

The Wisconsin DNR tried to replace the October T-zone season with a statewide mid-December antlerless gun season. This proposal is supported by every major deer hunting group in the state. However, the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) believes that there shouldn't be ANY deer hunting in December. We believe that Wisconsin's hunting seasons should be decided by the biologists and management professionals at the DNR working with hunting and conservation groups – not the AWSC or the state legislature.

The AWSC thinks that a mid-December hunting season is a threat to snowmobiling. But let's look at the facts:

- 1) Snowmobile trails are seldom open in mid-December.
- 2) There has NEVER been a documented trail closure because of the current December gun hunt.
- 3) Hunting is one of the safest outdoor sports there is – Wisconsin has over 1 million annual hunting participants with an annual average accidental shooting fatality rate less than 4.
- 4) Wisconsin has about 200,000 registered snowmobiles which average over 35 deaths per year. Snowmobiling has over 40 times the fatality rate of hunting!

So why does the AWSC take such a ridiculous view?

Money from the snowmobile industry! That's right. The same people who are selling hunters ATVs help fund the AWSC in their quest to eliminate hunting seasons! The AWSC paid lobbyist has already managed to persuade several legislators to vote against this new proposal in direct opposition to the wishes of groups that represent almost 700,000 deer hunters.

The sad part is many of these legislators claim to be pro-hunting but they sided with the AWSC and their anti-hunting stance.

The legislators who voted against the deer hunting proposal include:

Rep. Scott Gunderson	Rep. Terry Moulton
Rep. Mark Pettis	Rep. Garey Bies
Rep. Mary Williams	Rep. Jerry Petrowski
Rep. Jeffrey Mursau	Rep. Spencer Black
Rep. John Steinbrink	Sen. Neal Kedzie
Sen. Dan Kapanke	Sen. Robert Wirch
Sen. Roger Breske	

Why is this important to you?

- 1) Currently the AWSC is attacking the proposed December gun hunt. However, like all anti-hunting and anti-gun groups, we do not know where they will stop. Will the late bow, muzzleloader, small game, predator seasons, and general shooting be their next target?
- 2) Your property rights are being threatened. As a property owner you should be allowed to determine how your land is used. If you want ATVs, hunters, and snowmobiles on your land that should be your decision, not the AWSCs.
- 3) Deer management is being controlled by lobbyists and non-hunters. We believe that the December antlerless hunt is one tool that might increase the antlerless harvest. Without this additional harvest we will see extended earn-a-buck seasons.
- 4) Hunting opportunities are being lost. We should not be forced to give up hunting opportunities when Wisconsin has the resource to allow for additional and longer seasons.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Unfortunately, at a recent hearing pro-hunters out argued the AWSC and their lobbyist and yet our elected officials still sided with the anti-hunters. You need to contact your government and let them know your views. Cut out and send this advertisement to them. By doing this you will be sending a strong message that the AWSC needs to be controlled. Get your friends to sign this page as well. The more we send the better our chance of success – every letter counts!

You can find your state representatives address at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us> or call 1-800-362-9472 or send this page to Governor Doyle.

STEP 1: TEAR OUT THIS ADVERTISEMENT, SIGN IT, AND MAIL IT TO THE GOVERNOR:

Governor Jim Doyle
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702
Phone: 608-266-1212
Fax: 608-267-8983

STEP 2: CLOSE YOUR LAND TO SNOWMOBILE USE!

If you own land check the box below and send this form to the AWSC. We need to tell them that we will not allow our hunting seasons to be dictated by an anti-hunting group and we are willing to shut down snowmobile trails to prove our point. The AWSC needs to mind their own business of snowmobiling and let the DNR and hunters manage hunting. By taking this aggressive action we can win back control of our property and our hunting rights.

STEP 3: LET THE AWSC KNOW YOUR DISAPPROVAL

Cut here and mail the top portion of this page to the Governor.



Mail the bottom portion to the AWSC address listed below

• Yes to hunters, no to the AWSC. I want you to be aware that I will be revoking all snowmobile easements on my property.

Mail To: Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs
5497 Waterford La. Suite B
Appleton, WI 54913

Email: awsc@awsc.org Phone: (920) 734-5530 Fax: (920) 734-5528

Fill in your name and address if you desire. If you do not want the AWSC to know your name just list the county where your property is located.

The future of our deer hunting heritage is at stake.

Please take a few minutes to mail this form.

For more information contact: Wisconsin Deer Hunters Association

PO Box 255 – Roberts, WI 54023

Email : WDHA@WiDeerHunters.org

Visit our web site at www.WiDeerHunters.org

**Our Motto: Do what is best for the deer herd as that is
what is ultimately best for the deer hunter.**



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