

Proposed Resolution #A
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Title: Support of hunting bobcats at night with calling methods

1. **WHEREAS:** MUCC has a long-standing position of opening opportunities for hunters if
2. they are not to the detriment of the resource. Allowing hunters more opportunities or
3. abilities to get more hunters involved as well and making sure the population and
4. ecosystem of our great state is not compromised, and;
5. **WHEREAS:** Michigan currently has 57 counties where bobcats can be harvested. The
6. best available data collected by the Department of Natural Resource (DNR), shows
7. bobcat populations are on the rise. The numbers of harvested bobcats, numbers have
8. been steady, and;
9. **WHEREAS:** Bobcats continue to move farther south within the state, and the Michigan
10. Natural Resources Commission (NRC) in early 2022 expanded its bobcat management
11. units to include nine new counties in southern Michigan. Authorizing an expansion of
12. bobcat take into places where it has historically not been permitted, and;
13. **WHEREAS:** All four surrounding states (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin) have
14. now either a season or has put a season into place to allow for hunting/ trapping of
15. bobcats. Of these four states, Illinois is the only one currently that allows nighttime
16. hunting for bobcats, and;
17. **WHEREAS:** The current harvest tags for bobcats allow one bobcat to be taken in either
18. peninsula, and a second tag to only be allowed in the upper peninsula. With new
19. counties in the lower looking to be added in the near future, and;
20. **WHEREAS:** The DNR biologists are very open to allowing this additional opportunity.
21. They have stated that they will be getting new ways to track and better estimate the
22. current population allowing them to help watch the rise of the bobcats. In turn, also
23. watch for potential downfalls. They have also stated that there are measures in place to
24. look at this every year to make sure that the population is not affected. Currently, the
25. bobcat population is monitored and controlled by season date lengths ranging from 10
26. days to two whole months for both hunting and for trapping, NOW;
27. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Michigan united conservation club supports nighttime
28. bobcat hunting with calling methods.

