

Originating Committee: Archery and Shooting Sports

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Request for MDC Not to Allow Air Guns During Archery Season

WHEREAS, multiple manufacturers are introducing unique air gun/rifle style weapons and are marketing them as “Air Bows”; and

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

WHEREAS, this sector of the shooting 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 weapon does discharge a projectile down a barrel and out a muzzle which are commonly defined characteristics of an air gun and firearm; and

WHEREAS, there are currently the established firearm and alternative methods seasons which are more consistent with and permit this type of weapon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri, assembled this 6th day of March, 2021, strongly urges the Missouri Department of Conservation to resist all efforts to consider these types of air guns to be archery equipment, and not make them legal in Missouri’s archery seasons.

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