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Pewaukee – Today, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, in Executive Session, passed the Senate Substitute Amendment to Assembly Bill 194.

AB-194 established a separate season and license for hunting deer with a crossbow. It is an all-inclusive season, for persons of all ages and physical abilities, to hunt deer with a crossbow in Wisconsin.

The Senate Substitute Amendment ensures independent management of the crossbow season that helps protect all hunters, including the disabled and elderly, regardless of the impacts of this new hunting opportunity for everyone. It also ensures the season will begin in 2014 and run concurrent with the archery season for a minimum of two years.

“This Substitute Amendment provides the necessary protections that bow hunters and others were seeking, while offering one of the most liberal crossbow hunting opportunities in the country,” said SCI SE WI Bowhunters President Mike Pjevach.

The tireless efforts of the bill authors should be noted. Senator Paul Farrow and Representative Mary Czaja are owed a great deal of thanks for their patience working with all user groups and taking their concerns into consideration in achieving a good bill to expand deer hunting opportunity.

We would also like to thank Senators Neil Kedzie, chairman, and Senator Terry Moulton, vice-chairman, of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, for their leadership in ensuring this bill met the standard of good public policy.

With the support of stakeholders shown at Wednesday’s public hearing, we are confident this bill will pass the floor of both houses and ensure a crossbow-hunting season for the 2014 deer season.

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