

## DEER 2000 REVIEW AD-HOC COMMITTEE

### CONFERENCE CALL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rob Bohmann

Members present: Chairman Rob Bohmann, Secretary Stan Brownell, Larry Bonde, Tony Janecek, Gerald Merryfield, Mark Noll, Al Phelan, Mike Riggle, Roger Sabota

Members absent: Arold Ninneman

Also present: CC Chairman Ed Harvey; CC Secretary Rich Kirchmeyer; DNR Wildlife Director Tom Hauge.

Discussion:

Chairman Bohmann – review proposal from July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding 25 cent fee from each existing deer hunting license to go to deer research. Dollar amount could exceed \$185,000.00. Money would be earmarked for research only. Hunter concerns would need to be covered. Research could aid in population estimates. Loss of hunters would be more harmful than loss of 25 cents.

Tom Hauge -Two department personnel now doing research includes fawn observations, survey hunter attitudes, buck mortality, forestry impact and Sand Hill center research.

Mark Noll – SAK audit should include more buck recovery rate. Deer 2000 results may not have been used enough.

Motion by Mike Riggle, seconded by Gerald Merryfield to use 25 cents from existing deer license sales to be earmarked for research. Tim Van Deelen to help draft research. Executive Committee to draft letter.

Discussion:

Larry Bonde – money has to be use specific.

Al Phelan – Archery and firearm license both included in money earmarked.

Review of WCC delegate on-line survey

Mike Riggle – how many survey results from the North and how many from the South.

Al Phelan – negative comments about extending archery season.

Ed Harvey – the process now will go to the Department to draft a rule for September NRB meeting. One proposal will move forward to the public. Deer 2000 Ad-Hoc Committee will still need to move forward with a final rule proposal. Congress position needs to be put out to public soon.

Mark Noll – question about 16 day season statewide moving forward!

Mike Riggle – there is support for a 16-day season. Law enforcement would not like a 9 – 16 day season split.

Chairman Bohmann - a proposal would need to be supported by the public.

Tom Hauge – season length does not always determine deer harvest.

Tony Janecek – concerned about 16 day season where hunters did not see deer in 2008.

Mark Noll – baiting and feeding need to be addressed in final rule. A final rule will not be popular, however a rule needs to be effective.

Gerald Merryfield – some hunters would like to have a chance at bucks with rifle during rut.

Larry Bonde – hunters in regular units do not want a 16 day hunt. May approve with a 3 year sunset rule.

Chairman Bohmann – leave out the north on a 16 day hunt.

Motion by Larry Bonde, seconded by Al Phelan to move forward with proposal that Rob has written based on WCC survey, but with no holiday hunt.

Motion passed: seven approved, 2 opposed.

## Proposed Deer Season Structure

### Regular Units

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 13<sup>th</sup> through the first Sunday in January (Archery Season would be closed on Friday, the day before the 9-Day Deer Gun Season) (during deer firearm seasons and muzzleloader seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 9-Day Deer Gun Season beginning on the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 10-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 9-Day Deer Gun Season and continues for 10 consecutive days
- 4-Day December Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday immediately following the 10-Day Muzzleloader Season (anyone with a valid antlerless deer carcass tag is eligible to participate)

### **Herd Control Units North of Highway 64**

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 13<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> (Archery Season would be closed on Friday, the day before the 16-Day Deer Gun Season) (during deer firearm seasons and muzzleloader seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 4-Day October Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday following the Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt
- 16-Day Deer Gun Season beginning on Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 7-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 16-Day Deer Gun Season and continues for 7 consecutive days
- 4-Day December Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday immediately following the 7-Day Muzzleloader Season (anyone with a valid antlerless deer carcass tag is eligible to participate)

### **Herd Control Units South of Highway 64**

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 13<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> (Archery Season would be closed on Friday, the day before the 16-day Deer Gun Season) (during deer firearm seasons and muzzleloader seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 4-Day October Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday following the Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt
- 16-Day Deer Gun Season beginning on Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 7-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 16-Day Deer Gun Season and continues for 7 consecutive days
- 4-Day December Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday immediately following the 7-Day Muzzleloader Season (anyone with a valid antlerless deer carcass tag is eligible to participate)

### **Hunter Incentive in All Herd Control Units**

- First Buck Without EAB Requirement: Hunters are authorized to harvest their first buck per year (bow or firearm) without EAB requirements, authorization for an additional buck requires harvesting a doe first (bow or firearm). For example, a person with a valid bow hunting license could shoot their first buck with a bow, then shoot a doe (with a bow or firearm and the license for the weapon they choose to use) and then be authorized to harvest a second buck (using either a bow or firearm and the license for the weapon they choose). Similarly, a person with a valid firearm license could shoot their first buck with a firearm then shoot a doe (with firearm or bow and the license for the weapon they choose to use) and then be authorized to harvest a second buck (using

either a firearm or bow and the license for the weapon they choose). Weapons must be used during the appropriate weapon specific seasons.

Committee on record to thank Mark Noll for all of his work on NRB EAB Alternative Committee

Next meeting – October 2009, TBD

Unit boundaries need to be looked at next.

Habitat range looked at during review of unit boundaries also.

Motion to adjourn by Gerald Merryfield, seconded by Al Phelan at 8:40 p.m.

Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Committee Secretary

Stan Brownell