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Sharpshooting Proposal

If sharpshooting deer in the state of Wisconsin is absolutely deemed necessary, the sharpshooters shall be a volunteer core of Wisconsin citizens. No longer will DNR employees be paid or given the opportunity to sharpshoot deer instead of performing their normal job responsibilities.

Under the current system, only agency staff can conduct sharpshooting for the Wisconsin DNR – primarily wildlife biologists, wildlife technicians, and conservation wardens. The CWD program was audited by the Legislative Audit Bureau in 2006. Their calculations found that in 2004/2005 it costed $478 per deer and in 2005/2006 it costed $768 per deer killed by sharpshooters. Agency staff shoot deer as part of their normal work activities and as a reassignment of normal duties. They get paid their normal salary or hourly wage when shooting deer.

Under the new system, Wisconsin citizens will be allowed to volunteer as sharpshooters and undergo training to become certified to sharpshoot similar to the core of Hunter's Education Instructors that volunteer, have a background check, become certified, and perform their duties without pay.

This will reduce the amount of money spent on sharpshooters because the volunteers would perform without pay. It also would allow DNR employees to devote 100% of their work day to their normal job responsibilities improving efficiency within the DNR. DNR employees would still be able to volunteer as sharpshooters, but they would not be paid and would not be on the DNR's clock.

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