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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 6.A.

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM - Special advisory study committee report on the establishment of alternatives to existing deer herd control measures such as earn-a-buck hunting regulations.

FOR: AUGUST, 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Ralph Fritsch
Chair, NRB Earn-a-Buck Alternatives Committee

SUMMARY:

In May the Natural Resources Board established a special advisory study committee to develop potential alternatives to deer herd control measures such as earn-a-buck regulations. The committee has met at least three times and will deliver its final report.

The members of this advisory committee were invited from organizations representing deer hunters and landowners along with several individuals from the deer science and research community. Members were asked to address hunters' concerns with existing season options and investigate additional options. The committee's recommendations may be developed as rule proposals that establish deer season frameworks in management units when a traditional hunting season is not likely to reduce the deer population to goals established in NR 10.104.

New deer hunting season frameworks or regulations could be implemented as early as the 2010 deer season.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is informational and no action is needed.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☐	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☐	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☐	Background Memo	Yes ☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Tom Hauge — Bureau Director, Tom Hauge — Date 7/13/09

Laurie Osterndorf — Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf — Date 7/14/09

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 7-21-09

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