

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Deer & Elk Study Committee



MEETING MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/19/2016	9:00 am	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Mark Noll / Al Phelan 9:05 AM
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b. Roll Call

ATTENDEES	Bud Walker, Al Horvath, Richard Olson, Jay Koenig, James Morning, Roger Sabota, Mike Riggle, Dale Ebert, Jerry Aulik, Tony Janecek, Mark Noll, Allen Jacobson, Stan Brownell, Martin Laidlaw, Larry Gohlke, Doud Seidl, Michael Burkart, Larry Bonde, David Pagel, Anthony Grabski, Bradley Hasheider, Al Phelan, Charlie Brown, Martin Haas Kevin Wallenfang – WDNR, Dave Zebro – WDNR, Dan Storm – WDNR, Kevin Mickleberg – WDNR, Brad Hutnik - WDNR
EXCUSED	Joe Helwig, William Yingst, Wright Allen, Larrie Hazen,
UNEXCUSED	David Poff
GUESTS	Bryan Richards, USGS

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion by Larry Bonde & second by Doug Seidl to approve meeting agenda. Motion passed.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	No recommended changes.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ITEMS AND UPDATES

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 Deer Season Wrap Up – <i>Kevin Wallenfang, DNR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 309,000 used electronic registration; 110,962 on opening weekend; 3% needed staff assistance; 68% on line & 32% via phone, had some difficulties but system did not crash, 95% of errors corrected 64,000 customer service contacts in November Sold 612,137 gun licenses Female hunters continue to increase 41,000 first time hunters Safety – 8 incidents, rate of 1.31 per 100,000 hunters
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges – deer aging; deer processor 15,0019 age, estimate registering compliance was 90%, likely what it was always at - Bow kill - 53,004 archery, crossbow 34,094 Total 87,098; 51,823 buck & 35,275 antlerless - Gun – 99,757 buck & 158,247 antlerless <p>2. CDAC’S and 2016 quota / permit setting – <i>Kevin Wallenfang, DNR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talked about CDAC meetings - Antlerless quotas for public and private land - Metro sub units can have different permit level - New GoWild tagging info is now out, drivers license will show what licenses purchased if linked with GoWild System,; Conservation Patron License is linked to data base but does not show what licenses you have - 2016 antlerless tags will not be determined & issued until after May 24 DNR Board Meeting <p>3. State and national CWD update – <i>Bryan Richards, USGS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bryan presented CWD info focusing on science & data - Main focus is on prevention – try not to allow to spread, monitor it, manage infection rates within affected area, support research, provide timely complete and accurate info to all stake holders - Cross fence contact can cause CWD transfer - CWD outcomes – 2 year death rate and no 5 year old bucks - No active management - What can be done – passive approach, wait & see (hope for the best), active management of population reduction (not popular) and has limited success, genetic resistance, vaccines (none successful to date0, kill males with higher prevalence <p>4. Conclusion of deer research project – <i>Dan Storm, DNR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed deer research project - Fawn survival rate based on fat needed by doe - Road kill study <p>5. Elk Update – <i>Kevin Wallenfang, DNR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 150 Elk at Clam Lake - 39 Elk for 2016 now in Kentucky quarantine - Goal in 3-5 years is to add 75 Elk to Jackson County and 75 Elk to Northern herd <p>6. Law Enforcement Update – <i>Kevin Mickelberg, DNR & Dave Zebro, DNR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 incidents, 3 fatalities - Arrests were in line with previous years except more juvenile arrests - Go Wild license system will require more hands on individual contacts - Defining blaze pink clothing - Car kill deer will only be picked up by DNR contractors on state and Federal roads, County’s does all other pickups - Tribal hunting – 20 shooting permits issued with single digit harvest - New hunter harassment bill will include training sessions
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Pagel – trespass problems now with no back tags he recommends calling Sheriff Department and looking for vehicle - Larry Bonde – can contact deer farm owners to talk to Big Game committee via Kevin Wallenfang, Committee must know the rules before coming - Bud Walker – discussed CDAC problem when there is a tie - Dale Ebert – Cannot fill 2 seats on CDAC committee except for chair or vice chair - Dale Jacobson – discussed the spread of CWD from trophy hunting - Richard Olson – noted wildlife cameras will show deer condition throughout the year, ask about what zones for hunting seasons when on private land within on tribal land - Mike Riggle – call DCAP before getting anyone to come to talk to Big Game Committee - Al Horvath – cold water trout stamp should be reinstated - Bradley Hasheider – discussed white deer issue in Sauk County - Tony Janecek – noted action should be taken to prevent ‘captive cervid operations’ from spreading CWD deer into Wisconsin wild deer herd, this prevention action should be taken by the DNR working with the Legislature to accomplish on a critical timely bases. - Marlin Laidlaw – white deer issues are not albinos , “deer farms ‘ should pay cost of deer out of fence
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jerry Aulik – stated “deer farm” deer are getting out of fence pens on all deer farms, he thinks all “deer farms” in State should be eliminated, he noted deer out of fence is a violation only if not reported - Tony Grabski – CDAC food pantry should make program easy and inexpensive - Charlie Brown – stated advance notice of this meeting was good - Stan Brownell – new state record deer recently killed in 2015 hunting season came from a real deserving guy - Jim Morning and other committee members – thanked the presenters for their good presentations, he confirmed license fund for endanger species goes to the Department - Mark Noll – discussed CDAC confusion of amount of deer to kill, he noted in his area buck kill went up SAK went down, he had a hell of a good time this pass hunting season

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:30 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Tony Janecek
DATE	March 29,, 2016