

DTR Regulations and Season Structure Action Team

June 29, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Review and revisions of the following DTR recommendations

- **B.8 October hunt in CWD zone**
 - **What constitutes authority to establish an October hunt?**
 - Areas with overpopulation, CWD and other disease such as TB, CWD presence, high crop damage, high car killed deer all constitute an emergency rule was supported (14 yes 0 no)
 - Utilize science group metrics to constitute an emergency rule was supported (7 yes 1 no)
 - Group recommends that the DNR regain authority to have an October hunt without asking for emergency rule in CWD was supported (9 yes 2 no)

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- **B.8 October hunt – what constitutes authority to establish an October hunt?**
 - Allow DNR to manage the deer herd while utilizing public participation statewide (12 yes, 2 no)
- **B.10 Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone**
 - Discussed how to handle Bonus Buck with telecheck (no resolution or ideas presented)
- **B.12 Baiting and feeding – what is plan B if a statewide ban fails and if a plan B is needed, what should it look like?**
 - Supported unanimously to keep proposal as is

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Discuss Parking Lot:

- **Antlerless only season (long and late)**
 - Establish a pilot antlerless only season - units, weapons, and length of season up to negotiate was not supported (4 yes 8 no)
- **How do we address over population?**
 - Move season closer to the rut longer than 9 day season was not supported (6 yes 7 no)
 - Pilot program for earn-a-buck in farmland zones was supported (9 yes and 4 no)
 - Keep Dec Antlerless hunt in overpopulated areas was supported (9 yes and 5 no)
 - Create an additional 9 day rifle season coinciding with the archery season starting opening day of the established archery season was not supported (1 yes and 8 no)

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- **How do we address over population?**
 - Longer gun season (continuous) was supported (8 yes, 4 no)
 - Restrict number of days you can shoot bucks DNR would determine how many days was not supported (4 yes 9 no)
- **Expand group bagging to archery season**
 - Was not supported (0 yes, 11 no)
- **Expand bonus buck (harvest 2 or more doe for 1 bonus buck) outside CWD zone (gun & archery) where ever needed to increase antlerless harvest exists**
 - Was supported (12 yes, 1 no)

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Discuss Parking Lot:

- **Allowed to earn unlimited bonus bucks in the same season**
 - Was supported (9 yes, 3 no)
- **Discussed Mississippi model of deer management**