



Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Herd Health / CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease D.1
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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is presented then followed by additional background information.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION

D.1. We believe it is time to consider a more passive approach to CWD in the DMZ. As noted by the 2003 Audit Committee, "Severe deer population reduction in affected areas is not a benign treatment, and like the disease, the deer depopulation process will have long-term negative effects on the hunting culture and tradition. Because of this, efforts to depopulate free-ranging deer should not be continued any longer than there is reasonable hope that they will be effective." We feel that time is NOW!

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

- We do agree that the approach should be "more passive" than deer population eradication, but we feel that some level of deer population reduction is currently a strategy to attempt to slow down growth and spread. We believe there is a need to minimize further impacts of CWD on the state and that slowing down the growth and spread of CWD from the current Management Zone is a necessary piece of minimizing CWD's impact.
- Herd management should be based upon habitat, public acceptance and tolerance of herd population levels and disease.
- For hunting season structures in the Management Zone, we recommend a return to statewide seasons, specifically:
 - Continue the traditional 9 day gun season.
 - Continue the Archery season.
 - Continue the Muzzleloader season.
 - Continue the Youth Hunt.
 - Continue a Holiday Hunt (possibly reduced length), but for antlerless deer harvest only.
 - Establish a total yearly maximum buck harvest of 3 (in aggregate among all seasons and weapons).
 - In the CWD Management Zone, we recommend that sharpshooting only be used for harvest of sick or injured deer.
 - Consider the establishment of an October antlerless season (please see Recommendation #B.8)



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2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

- We think this proposal is based on Dr. Kroll's analysis, concluding CWD is not increasing in prevalence. There are peer-reviewed publications documenting an increase in prevalence.
- A result of a more passive approach to CWD management is growth and spread of the disease.
- We are concerned about the currently unknown human health risk.
- CWD is not a native disease or natural part of Wisconsin ecosystems; we are concerned about the possibility of broader ecologic and landscape consequences from continued growth and spread.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- No comments submitted by the Team

4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin?

- This approach will greatly simplify deer hunting and deer management in WI, and open the possibility to allow elimination of a special CWD zone and a return to statewide seasons for most deer hunting regulations.