

Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Herd Health / CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease D.2
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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.2. There is a clear need for a new sampling protocol for CWD in Wisconsin, one that gives a true picture of the progress of the disease; but more importantly, one designed to detect spread. Sampling should continue within the DEZ to monitor conditions over time; but resources should be focused on detecting new cases outside the DEZ to support detection of outbreaks and rapid response.

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 support the intent of this proposal, acknowledging that over the last decade there have already been changes made to the state's CWD surveillance program to maximize the chance of detecting changes in disease distribution. We recognize that there will need to be more testing to achieve all the critical surveillance goals – detection of spread, tracking of the progress of the disease. An increased level of testing (potentially a minimum of 20,000 tests annually) may be required to accomplish statewide surveillance goals (including detection, monitoring, and hunter service). Surveillance information should be made available to the general public on the agency's website. There will need to be new, larger and stable sources of funding to achieve this. This Team supports a renewed effort to expand funding sources to support testing.

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

- Over several years, there have already been many changes in the strategies and tools used for surveillance: a weighted surveillance strategy, a focus on finding and testing sick deer, working with taxidermists on a voluntary program to access older buck samples, etc. This appears to already be improving our ability to find new areas where there are CWD deer, and in a more cost effective way.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Cost is a major obstacle to do enough testing to achieve all the surveillance goals (new areas, out-state, CWD Management Zone, etc.). This Team supports a renewed effort to find new sources to support testing: conservation organizations, government funding, hunter testing fee, small increase in license fees (\$2-5?), voluntary donations (license application, etc.), and others.

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

- No comments submitted by Team.