



Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Herd Health/CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease D.5
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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.5. In spite of considerable efforts to the contrary, public education remains a problem in the DMZ. There is a need to provide more information about concerns for humans contracting a CWD variant. Long-term occurrence rates of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or suspected related cases within the zone should be monitored. Data should be available for the period prior to and after CWD.

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 this recommendation. DNR and Division of Public Health should enhance and make more accessible, information about CWD and human health risks. The basic message should include acknowledgement that though there is no evidence that humans can acquire CWD from eating meat from a CWD-infected deer, that there is much research to be done on that possibility. The basic message should be available in a prominent position in the annual deer regulations and updated more extensive information should be easily accessible through DNR and Division of Public Health websites.

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

- Research has already identified that venison and blood can contain small concentrations of CWD prion, so normal field dressing of a carcass will not necessarily remove all CWD prion.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Accessibility is important; information must also be available to non-computer users.

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

- Taking this approach could complicate deer management and create need for more testing and more research (which will add costs), but providing information to the public, including deer hunters and their families is a responsibility.