

Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Herd Health/CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease D.8
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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

WDNR should work closely (through the local biologist) with the Conservation Congress in developing goals and strategies at the county level.

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 regular meetings between WDNR and WCC for mutual education and issues discussion on CWD/herd health management on a county level or other appropriate geographic scale. But it is important to also maintain the independence of the 2 institutions. There are already regular WCC county and district meetings that could be the forum for these CWD/herd health discussions. And public and stakeholder input on CWD/herd health management issues should ALSO occur through other forums, particularly any local Citizen Advisory Groups that have been formed in response to a new CWD detection.

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

- There is a need for citizens to understand the roles and activities of the WCC in its work with the WDNR and the NRB.
- The goals of the WDNR –WCC collaboration on CWD/herd health goals and strategies perhaps need to be better defined.
- There is value in the Natural Resources Board hearing somewhat independently from WDNR staff and the WCC, so this should not be defined as WDNR and WCC bringing joint CWD/herd health recommendations to the NRB.
- There is value in the interchange between WDNR staff and WCC members, to improve understanding of issues and different perspectives.
- Sometimes it will be appropriate for this interchange to be focused at the county level, but there should be recognition and flexibility so this interchange can happen with multiple counties represented or at the WCC district level, if appropriate.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- The time that WDNR local biologists have available is not infinite and needs to be prioritized, so being thoughtful of how this is implemented is important (especially as DMAP implementation also is being considered).
- Science based CWD/herd health management recommendations may not always be supported by the public.



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- The value that will be built by enhanced WDNR and WCC engagement should be respected and not compromised by legislative and higher executive branch decision-making.

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

- Though more WDNR and WCC engagement will of course mean more time spent, the mutual education should hopefully also simplify the process of decision-making.