



Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Herd Health/CWD	Parking Lot – #1
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I. ORIGINAL PARKING LOT ITEM

What does the CWD Management Zone mean? How should we define CWD Zones going forward?

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE PARKING LOT ITEM

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:

- Some sort of defined CWD zone is appropriate for items including, but not limited to cervid farms and carcass movement restrictions, but may not be necessary for harvest rules.
- In general, we believe that CWD Zone designations should be defined using the current baiting/feeding format, i.e. using county boundaries, create a zone incorporating all areas within 10 miles of where a CWD test positive deer is identified.
- However, there are many complex implications of declaring a CWD Zone (see below), so designating new zones/modifying existent zones should be done very carefully on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with local stakeholders.
- The Team recommends naming such zones "CWD-affected areas."
- We suggest provisions for removing the CWD-affected designation when it can be confirmed that CWD is no longer a concern in this area.

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

- The following are likely implications of creating a CWD Zone, and therefore should be considered when decisions are being made about Zone designation:
 - Carcass movement restrictions
 - Deer processor/disposal guidance and/or restrictions
 - Use of Zone by DATCP for certain aspects of deer farm management
 - Use of Zone by other states to apply their disease transfer risk management
 - Application of surveillance: mandatory testing, etc.
 - The desire to have an intensive-surveillance-based CWD prevalence map to guide management decisions.



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3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Based on WI's experience with CWD Zones to date, maybe they should only be used for some disease containment/management issues (such as carcass movement restriction, deer farm risk management, etc.), but not be used for other purposes, such as deer hunting season structure?
- There needs to be additional discussion about how best to name a CWD Zone: Should this be a "CWD Affected Zone" rather than "Management Zone"? Or should it be a "CWD Prevalence Zone"?

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

- As we know from WI's experience to date, the designation of CWD Zones both simplifies and complicates aspects of deer management and deer hunting. [For example, can you imagine trying to control the risks associated with deer processing by a processor-by-processor risk evaluation and control designation, rather than using a Zone?] The designation of a CWD Zone is of deep concern to some affected landowners, hunters, municipalities, and businesses, so involvement of local stakeholders is critical in these decisions.