

## **Report From Agency**

### REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 10, 12 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code  
Deer hunting as it relates to the management of chronic wasting disease

Board Order No. WM-05-08  
Clearinghouse Rule No. 08-013

#### Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

CWD represents a threat to the state's white-tailed deer population and the culture of deer hunting in the state. Wisconsin has more than 700,000 deer hunters who have harvested an average of 460,000 deer annually during the past decade. Deer hunting contributes more than 7 million days of hunting recreation each year and generates nearly \$1 billion in total impact to the state's economy annually.

In 2002 when CWD was first identified in Wisconsin's deer herd, initial efforts to respond to the presence of the disease were swift and were based on the knowledge available at that time. Since that time the body of knowledge and experience regarding CWD has grown considerably and continues to do so.

This rule order includes the following proposed changes in the CWD hunting rules:

1. Combine the Disease Eradication Zone (DEZ) and Herd Reduction Zone (HRZ) into one zone, called the CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ) whose outer boundary is defined by the current HRZ boundary.
2. Establish interim deer population goals for each DMU contained within the CWD-MZ that are 20% below the goals for those DMUs in 2001, with the exception that DMUs that had goals less than 20 in 2001, remain unchanged.
3. Authorize the use of rifles within the CWD Management Zone with the exception of metro units.
4. Restrict the import of whole cervid carcasses (deer, elk & moose) into Wisconsin from areas within states or provinces that have CWD and restrict whole deer carcass movement from the CWD-MZ to elsewhere in the state. The Department recommends that the effective date of the carcass movement restrictions be delayed until September 1, 2009 to allow hunters time to find local processing or taxidermy options for complying with the movement restriction if they live outside of the CWD-MZ.
5. Allow the harvest of white and albino deer in the entire CWD-MZ (formerly restricted to the DEZ)
6. Establish a deer season framework in the CWD-MZ that is more consistent with the season framework that has been used for DMUs that are over goal in the rest of the state. Under this proposal, hunters in the CWD Zone could expect the following season framework in 2008:
  - Archery season: September 13 to January 4
  - Youth hunt: October 11-12
  - Early firearm season: antlerless only October 16-19
  - 9-day firearm deer season: November 22-30
  - 10-day muzzleloader season: December 1-10
  - Late firearm season: antlerless only December 11-14
  - Holiday firearm season: Earn-a-buck December 24-January 4
  - Unlimited Earn-a-buck regulations in effect with pre-qualification

#### Summary of Public Comments

Hearings were held in eight cities during the third and fourth weeks in March. Hearing locations were: Fitchburg, Baraboo, Green Bay, Janesville, Rhinelander, Dodgeville, Eau Claire, and Big Bend (in

Waukesha County). Attendance ranged from 25 to 50 people at hearings in Southern Wisconsin and from three to ten people at Rhinelander, Eau Claire and Green Bay.

Hearing attendees were given a public hearing attendance slip and asked to register in support or opposition of individual provisions in the rule (Appendix 1). Table 1 summarizes the positions of the 170 hearing attendees that completed an appearance slip as well as the positions of 25 people who filled out a hearing slip and submitted it by mail. A complete summary by hearing location is available in Appendix 2.

**Table 1 Summary of positions as registered on 195 appearance slips.**

	In Support	In Opposition	Information Only
One CWD Management Zone (CWD MZ)	119	43	21
Revised Deer Population Goals in CWD MZ	120	37	21
Use of Rifles in the CWD MZ	125	48	8
Carcass Import Restrictions from other states with CWD	139	30	13
Carcass Movement Restrictions from CWD MZ	123	41	16
Harvest of White/Albino Deer in CWD MZ	93	73	14
Shooting from Farm Implements in CWD MZ	74	104	10
CWD MZ Deer Season Regulations	94	64	19
Holiday Antlerless Only Season - Dec 26 - Jan 4	74	86	10
Holiday Earn-a-buck Season - Dec 15 - Jan 4 (EAB)	65	109	7
Holiday Earn-a-buck Season - Dec 24 - Jan 4 (EAB)	44	112	12

Three or fewer people added the following to their appearance slips as an “other” consideration; earn-a-buck season beginning on the traditional opener and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 4, no early four day hunt, consistent season days from year to year, allow the use of crossbows, nine day season only, ban baiting and feeding statewide. (Appendix 2)

Three or fewer people used the “other” category on the appearance slip to state their opposition to; the use of landowner/agr. damage permits in general and before the regular gun deer seasons, limited early firearm deer hunting opportunities, the CWD program in general, early youth hunt, buck tags for landowners and agency sharpshooting. (Appendix 2).

Hearing attendees had the opportunity to provide written comments on the appearance slip. The Department also received 53 additional written comments above and beyond those that were provided by hearing attendees. Appendix 3 is a summary of the written comments. Some of the most frequent comments received are summarized in the following section.

**One CWD Management Zone (CWD MZ)**

Positions recorded on appearance slips favored the consolidation to one zone by a 3:1 margin (Table 1). Additional written comments were split; 7 opposed to combining the DEZ and HRZ; 5 supporting the combining of the DEZ and HRZ into one zone.

**Revised Deer Population Goals in CWD MZ**

Positions recorded on appearance slips favored the revised deer population goals by a 3:1 margin (Table 1). In addition, there were 3 written comments favoring the new goals, and one comment indicating that reducing deer populations to 20 deer/square mile was going too low.

**Use of Rifles in the CWD MZ**

The margin of support for expanding the use of rifles across the entire CWD MZ was nearly 3:1 based on appearance slips (Table 1). The majority of written comments received opposed the expansion of rifle

use into shotgun only areas by a margin of 17 – 3. In addition there was one comment specifically opposed to using rifles in Unit 76A and one supporting the use of rifles in Unit 76A.

### **Carcass Movement Restrictions**

The margin of support for implementing carcass movement restrictions from other states with CWD into Wisconsin and from the CWD Zone to elsewhere in the state was approximately 3:1 (Table 1). There were 5 written comments supporting the carcass movement restrictions, and 5 written comments opposing the movement restrictions. In addition, one person commented that movement restrictions should only apply to counties where CWD has been discovered.

### **Harvest of White/Albino Deer in CWD MZ**

There was slight support for allowing the harvest of white/albino deer in the CWD MZ (Table 1). Four written comments were submitted opposing the shooting of white and albino deer, and one favoring the proposal.

### **Shooting from Farm Implements in CWD MZ**

This proposal was opposed by a majority of people taking a position on the appearance slip (Table 1). In addition 11 written comments were received in opposition, and 3 in support of shooting from farm implements. The Department has proposed removing this provision from the rule as a result of these comments. Although this provision was statutorily initiated, with a sunset in 2010, the Department is supportive of ending this authority with the belief that such a loss of hunting opportunity won't appreciably affect the deer kill or disease control.

### **CWD MZ Deer Season Regulations**

The hunting season proposal was supported by a majority of people filling out appearance slips (Table 1). Because the hunting season dates were rolled into one question on the appearance slip, one can get more insight into the concerns with parts of the proposal by reviewing the written comments (Appendix 3).

- 13 people prefer a return to just a 9-day gun season
- 8 felt believe that a longer November gun season is needed to achieve disease management
- 10 oppose any kind of an October hunt
- 6 felt the October hunt should be later in the month
- 3 felt the October hunt should be Earn-a-buck, not antlerless
- 2 support the antlerless only season in October
- 2 felt the archery season should be either-sex
- 3 believe the condensed seasons will result in a higher deer kill
- 13 are in favor of the use of Earn-a-buck
- 10 are opposed to the use of Earn-a-buck

### **Holiday Hunt Options**

All three of the holiday hunt options were opposed, with the original Stakeholder Advisory Group antlerless-only proposal receiving the least opposition (Table 1). Eighteen written comments were received in opposition to the holiday hunt with the most frequent comment being concerns about conflicts with snowmobiles and concerns about family safety during the holidays. There were 2 written comments in favor of some sort of a holiday hunt and a couple of comments that longer seasons would be better. (Appendix 3)

### **Additional Comments**

A variety of people offered additional comments on CWD-related issues outside the realm of the proposed rule. Those comments can be found in Appendix 3. A few of the most frequently raised comments include:

- 9 people recommended that landowner permits should expire on January 4
- 4 are opposed to any kind of landowner permit season
- 7 voiced concern that CWD seasons are too complicated
- 6 said that the DNR is doing great work
- 6 felt the department should do nothing to manage the disease
- 5 requested that the pantry program be a priority in the CWD zone
- 4 indicated that hunting is no longer fun
- 4 are concerned that kids will lose interest when they don't see deer

#### **Expected Controversy:**

- A single CWD Management Zone, bringing the season structure into closer alignment with the season structure elsewhere in the state, and adjusting interim population goals upward should *reduce* controversy associated with CWD hunting rules.
- Carcass movement restrictions may be a hardship for some hunters that live far outside the zone, but allowing movement of whole carcasses into the immediately adjacent unit, and not enacting the rule for one year to allow hunters to plan for this change, should reduce that controversy.
- Expanding the use of rifles across additional areas that had been shotgun only will be controversial, yet the controversy will revolve around perceived safety, as opposed to the experience of the Department with the use of rifles in shotgun only areas over the last 6 years.
- October seasons and the use of Earn-a-buck have been controversial since first introduced in 1996 – but data clearly show that these measures are important tools for herd reduction and containment.
- The late season holiday hunt was opposed by a majority of people that provided comment on the rule proposal. People voicing their opposition to any kind of holiday hunt cited conflicts with snowmobiling, concerns about trespass by late season hunters, and conflicts with use of the property for non-hunting purposes as reasons for their opposition. Therefore, instituting the proposed hunt will be controversial.

#### Modifications Made

The provision that would have allowed hunting from farm implements was deleted. The youth hunt was changed from October 11-12 to October 4-5. The Holiday firearm season will start on December 24 rather than December 26.

The Natural Resources Board added the creation of s. NR 10.41(3)(b) (Section 18 of the order) to establish the deer goals for the CWD management units.

#### Appearances at the Public Hearing

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#### Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were required except to drop the reference to hunting from farm implements. The fiscal estimate is unchanged.

#### Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

Comments the department received from Legislative Council Clearinghouse have been incorporated with one exception. The Legislative Council recommended eliminating the cross reference in the description of the muzzleloader hunt in NR 10.01(3)(et)1. The department prefers to maintain that cross reference in order to preserve firearms requirements that are in place in other areas of the state during the muzzleloader only season. Those requirements are that any muzzleloader used during this season shall have a solid breech plug attached with threads, be capable of being loaded only from the muzzle, use black powder or other black powder substitute, and may not include a mounted telescopic sight.

#### Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed revisions to NR 10, 12 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to CWD herd control activities and zone boundaries, impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, nor are there any design or operational standards contained within the proposed rule.

**Appendix 1 (Appearance Slip used at each CWD Public Hearing)**

**THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BEFORE THE START OF THE HEARING.**  
 Personally identifiable information on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

PLEASE PRINT

Date (Month / Day / Year):	Do you wish to make an oral statement? (Check One) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (First, Last):	Telephone Number (including area code): (     )
Street or Route (Mailing Address):	
City, State, Zip Code:	

1. Representing (If you are the authorized representative of some other person or organization, identify who you are representing and your title.)

2. Regarding rule proposals only. Small business representation: Are you representing the interests of a small business as defined by s. 227.114, Wis. Stats., as "a business entity, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated and not dominant in its field, and which employs fewer than 25 full-time employees or which has gross annual sales of less than \$2,500,000"?

Yes  No

3. Positions on Rule Components (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One CWD Management Zone (CWD MZ)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Deer Population Goals in CWD MZ                | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Rifles in the CWD MZ                            | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carcass Import Restrictions from other states with CWD | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carcass Movement Restrictions from CWD MZ              | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest of White/Albino Deer in CWD MZ                 | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting from Farm Implements in CWD MZ                | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWD MZ Deer Season Regulations                         | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Antlerless Only Season – Dec 26 – Jan 4        | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Earn-a-buck Season – Dec 15 – Jan 4 (EAB)      | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Earn-a-buck Season – Dec 24 – Jan 4 (EAB)      | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> In Support | <input type="checkbox"/> In Opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |

4. Comments (Please use other side if necessary)

**Appendix 2 (Appearance slip positions summarized by Hearing location)**

	Fitchburg			Baraboo		
	In Support	In Opposition	Information Only	In Support	In Opposition	Information Only
One CWD Management Zone (CWD MZ)	15	5	3	32	15	2
Revised Deer Population Goals in CWD MZ	16	4	4	27	15	4
Use of Rifles in the CWD MZ	17	5	1	33	10	2
Carcass Import Restrictions from other states with CWD	20	1	2	37	8	3
Carcass Movement Restrictions from CWD MZ	16	3	3	29	16	4
Harvest of White/Albino Deer in CWD MZ	16	4	2	19	25	3
Shooting from Farm Implements in CWD MZ	9	12	1	15	33	1
CWD MZ Deer Season Regulations	9	10	2	22	20	2
Holiday Antlerless Only Season - Dec 26 - Jan 4	9	10	1	16	30	2
Holiday Earn-a-buck Season - Dec 15 - Jan 4 (EAB)	9	13	1	14	33	1
Holiday Earn-a-buck Seson - Dec 24 - Jan 4 (EAB)	4	15	1	9	31	2
Other:						
EAB rifle hunt 11/22 - Jan	1					
Pre-gun farm permits		1				
Land Owner Season		2				
Lack of Early Gun Hunt		1				
CWD Program					1	
Do not change season dates every year				1		
Early youth hunt					1	



**Appendix 2 (Appearance slip positions summarized by Hearing location - continued)**

	Dodgeville			Eau Claire		
	In Support	In Opposition	Information Only	In Support	In Opposition	Information Only
One CWD Management Zone (CWD MZ)	27	7	7	8		1
Revised Deer Population Goals in CWD MZ	31	4	4	6		2
Use of Rifles in the CWD MZ	25	12	2	7		1
Carcass Import Restrictions from other states with CWD	28	8	3	7		1
Carcass Movement Restrictions from CWD MZ	28	10	2	7		1
Harvest of White/Albino Deer in CWD MZ	18	19	3	7		1
Shooting from Farm Implements in CWD MZ	10	27	4	4	3	1
CWD MZ Deer Season Regulations	23	14	3	6		2
Holiday Antlerless Only Season - Dec 26 - Jan 4	25	12	1	3	2	2
Holiday Earn-a-buck Season - Dec 15 - Jan 4 (EAB)	12	26	1	5	1	2
Holiday Earn-a-buck Seson - Dec 24 - Jan 4 (EAB)	8	27	2	5	1	2
Other:						
Land Owner Season		1				
Bring back 9 day guns season	1					
Extended LO Season and Buck tags, sharpshooters		1				
Statewide baiting and feeding ban				1		

**Appendix 2 (Appearance slip positions summarized by Hearing location - continued)**

	Mailed		
	In Support	In Opposition	Information Only
One CWD Management Zone (CWD MZ)	12	9	
Revised Deer Population Goals in CWD MZ	14	5	
Use of Rifles in the CWD MZ	12	10	
Carcass Import Restrictions from other states with CWD	15	6	
Carcass Movement Restrictions from CWD MZ	15	5	
Harvest of White/Albino Deer in CWD MZ	8	13	
Shooting from Farm Implements in CWD MZ	11	13	
CWD MZ Deer Season Regulations	9	10	1
Holiday Antlerless Only Season - Dec 26 - Jan 4	9	9	
Holiday Earn-a-buck Season - Dec 15 - Jan 4 (EAB)	7	15	
Holiday Earn-a-buck Seson - Dec 24 - Jan 4 (EAB)	6	16	
Other:			
No early 4 day	1		
Crossbow use in CWD-MZ	1		
Bring back 9 day guns season	2		

### **Appendix 3 (Summary of comments on the CWD rule)**

This is a summary of all written, e-mail, phone, and oral comments made on the rule. It includes written comments provided on the 170 appearance slips, as well as the written comments provided on 52 additional sets of comments that were provided separate from the appearance slips.

#### **Season dates and lengths**

9 day is all we need – 13  
Nov gun hunt should be extended to achieve disease management – 8  
Seasons run too late in the year - 3  
Late holiday hunts pose trespass issues/ hard on landowners – 3  
Condensed seasons will result in more dead deer - 3  
Youth, regular archery, 9-day gun, Muzzleloader and a 4 day Dec. antlerless is all we need – 3  
Support extended and extra seasons – 2  
All we need is one long either sex season – 1  
Either sex gun hunt during rut would help - 1  
End of 9 day should be end of gun hunts – 1  
Muzzleloader should run through Dec. - 1  
16 day gun season is all we need - 1  
Youth, regular archery, 9-day gun and a 4 day Dec antlerless is all we need – 1  
Return to traditional opener - 1  
Need mid Dec. Antlerless Hunt -1  
  
Prefer season outline option 1 - 3  
Prefer season outline option 3 – 2

#### **Archery season**

Should be either sex - 2

#### **Youth hunt**

Oppose in general - 2  
Should be in Sept. - 1

#### **Oct Hunt**

Oppose any Oct. gun hunt - 10  
Should be later in the month when crops are in and leaves are down - 4  
Should be EAB – 3  
Should be moved to coincide with teacher's conf. - 2  
Support antlerless only - 2  
Should start on a Saturday - 1  
Negatively affects archers - 1  
Support the October Hunt – 1

#### **Muzzleloader**

Oppose Muzzleloader – 1

#### **4-day Dec. Antlerless**

Oppose - 1

#### **Holiday hunt**

Oppose all options completely – 18 (two main reasons: snowmobiling and family time)  
Support holiday hunt of some sort - 2  
Holiday hunt should run until 1/15 - 1  
Longer is better – 1  
Should be EAB - 1

**Rifle Use**

Oppose in general – 17  
Support – 3  
Support rifle use in 76A – 1  
Oppose rifle use in 76A - 1

**Shooting from farm implements**

Oppose – 11  
Support - 3

**One CWD Management Zone**

Oppose combination of DEZ and HRZ – 7  
Support combination of DEZ and HRZ – 5  
Boundary should be 10 miles out from positives only - 2  
Units that are CWD free for several consecutive years should be removed - 1

**Carcass Restrictions**

Support completely - 5  
Oppose completely – 5  
Should only apply to counties where CWD has been discovered - 1

**Earn-A-Buck (EAB) and antlerless comments**

Support EAB – 13  
Oppose EAB - 11  
Support antlerless only - 4  
Dec. hunt should be antlerless only – 3  
Oppose antlerless only - 2  
Oppose pre-qualification – 1  
All seasons should be EAB or Antlerless, not some of each - 1

**Population Goals, size and estimation**

Support new goals - 3  
20/mile too low – 1  
Killing deer before winter gets them is depriving predators/scavengers of needed nutrition - 1  
Too many deer - 1  
Pop estimates flawed because of counting yarded up deer - 1

**Albino deer**

Oppose shooting albinos – 4  
Pro shooting albinos - 1

**Landowner Permits (LOP)**

Should end Jan 4 – 9  
Oppose any LOP season – 4  
Should be able to use all year - 2  
Free buck tags should be given to landowners through March – 1  
Increase parcel size for LOPs to 20 acres - 1

**Hunting access**

Open all state properties to hunting – 2  
Need more Private land access – 1  
High harvest on public land does nothing for private refuges - 1

**Bag Limits and tags**

Bag limit should be set in CWDMZ – 1

Season should be 3 deer/day all season long - 1  
No Ag tags for bucks - 1  
All hunter education grads should be given a buck tag - 1  
One buck/weapon - 1

### **CWD management in general**

Seasons too complicated - 7  
DNR doing great work - 6  
Do nothing - 6  
Pantry should be a priority - 5  
Stop listening to archers - 3  
Spending too much on CWD management - 3  
Ban baiting and salt/mineral licks statewide - 3  
This season proposal is a good step forward - 2  
Too inconsistent from year to year - 2  
The more opportunity to hunt, the better - 2  
No more testing for CWD in fringe areas - 2  
Do more research - 1  
Continue to manage based on science - 1  
DATCP should not be allowed to regulate deer farms - 1  
DNR making a mountain of a molehill - 1  
Stop listening to snowmobilers - 1  
Maintain high levels of testing in and out of the zones - 1  
Meeting notice was confusing - 1  
Need more registration stations - 1  
Provide a waste disposal plan - 1

### **Other:**

Hunting is no longer fun - 4  
Kids lose interest when they don't see deer - 4  
Found winterkills this year - 3  
Deer have become nocturnal - 3  
Too few deer causing people to give up - 2  
Hard to tell quickly if a deer has little 3" antlers which results in does being passed up - 2  
Proposed seasons will achieve nothing - 2  
Liberal seasons are hard on landowners - 1  
Public and private lands should have different regs than one another - 1  
Important SAG recommendations not represented - 1  
After this winter's effects, now is the time to really hammer the herd - 1  
Should be a separate regs book for CWD zone(s) - 1  
Bring back violators; they kill a lot of deer - 1  
I don't see deer anymore - 1  
Promote Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease - 1