



EXECUTIVE ORDER # 44

Relating to the Commissioning of a Whitetail Deer Trustee to Review and Evaluate Wisconsin's Deer Herd Management Practices

WHEREAS, the Whitetail Deer is the primary large-game animal in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Whitetail Deer hunting is an important part of Wisconsin's quality of life, an activity enjoyed by thousands of Wisconsin hunters and tourists, and a tradition that is passed down from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, Whitetail Deer hunting has a significant economic impact on small businesses throughout the rural areas of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Whitetail Deer herd has faced unprecedented pressures during the last decade, including the discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease, and aggressive management of the herd in response to those challenges; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Sportsmen deserve an independent, objective, and scientifically based review of Wisconsin's deer management practices;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this state, and specifically by Wis. Stats. § 14.09, do hereby direct:

- 1) The Department of Administration to exercise its authority under subchapters I and IV, Chapter 16 of the Wisconsin Statutes to retain an independent expert with recognized scientific credentials and demonstrated experience in the field of Whitetail Deer management to review Wisconsin's deer management practices as Whitetail Deer Trustee; and
- 2) The Department of Administration to require the Whitetail Deer Trustee to begin this review no later than October 1, 2011, with a preliminary report to be delivered to the Department of Administration no later than March 1, 2012, and a final report to be delivered no later than June 1, 2012; and
- 3) That the costs of the Whitetail Deer Management Review be recovered from the appropriate Department of Natural Resources appropriations; and
- 4) The Department of Natural Resources to provide full and complete cooperation with the Whitetail Deer Trustee, to include the sharing of all preliminary data from the 2011 Whitetail Deer hunt, and any other data requested by the Whitetail Deer Trustee, whether preliminary or final, and whether publically available at the time of the request or not.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-third day of September, in the year two thousand eleven.



SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State