

Citizens Concerned About Feeding and Baiting of Deer
 Z's Sport Shop - Medford, WI

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We, the undersigned citizens, feel we have not been duly represented on the issue of banning the feeding and baiting of deer. The Wisconsin DNR Advisory Board has overlooked and outright ignored the concerns of the northern half of the state. The ban, now in effect, has a tremendous impact on the northwoods. We, therefore should have been involved in the decision-making process.

We feel the DNR Advisory Board has taken action on this matter very hastily and without proper research. We, therefore, are imploring you, our elected representatives, to take action on our concerns, and reinstate the feeding and baiting of deer.

You have been chosen by the people of Northern Wisconsin to be our collective voice. You need to speak out about our concerns. As your constituents, we will use our votes in the next elections to choose a representative that listens to the people of the Northwoods, and acts on our behalf. Will these votes be cast for you? Your actions on this issue now will determine our choices in the future.

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From: Robert Premo [rpremo@vil.brown-deer.wi.us]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2002 2:01 PM
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Upcoming legislative review on emergency rule on baiting of
Dear Senator Robson;

I have been an avid bowhunter since a very young age and I am very concerned with the current prohibition on baiting deer. I believe there should be some allowance for small amounts of bait to be legal to assist bow hunters in there pursuit of a whitetail deer, small amounts should be limited to not more than 2 gallons at any stand site. I commonly have used small amounts of bait successfully in making good clean killing shots on deer that are in appropriate range and still for a clean unobstructed shot. The small amount of bait affords a better opportunity to obtain a clean clear shot. At times I can use as little as 6 to 8 apples placed strategically at the trail alongside my stand and be successful. I am also opposed to large scale baiting were individuals dump large amounts such as pickup truck loads of bait. I feel this allowance for small amounts of bait is a useful tool in harvesting deer and should be allowed.

Please consider amending the emergency rule to allow baiting with small amounts of bait which would not exceed 2 gallons at any stand site

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From: Larry Bonde [ljbface@bytehead.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2002 8:32 PM

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Subject: CWD emergency rule

Member of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules

On Nov. 7th you be holding hearings regarding the extension of the CWD emergency rule enacted earlier this year. I would strongly encourage you to extend the entire rule without any further delay or alterations. This emergency rule was written with the best science available to date concerning CWD. It was not something the DNR ask for before it took considerable time in understanding that the goal must be to contain and then hopefully eradicate CWD from Wisconsin. The scientific community has publicly given support of the DNR's action as well

I know that there will be a very vocal segment of the population that will try to get baiting and feeding of deer taken out of the rule. That would be a huge mistake!! You can not expect the DNR and DATCP to achieve there objectives if the legislators tie their hands behind their back. All the tools ask for in the emergency rule must stay intact. The vocal group that will ask for any change are only a very loud minority. From all the people I have talked too there is overwhelming support for everything the DNR has ask for on this issue. Remember there will always be people that disagree and any issue.

So please extend the entire emergency rule as it is written

Thank You Lawrence J Bonde
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Dear Senator Robson:

I am writing to you concerning the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules, which is scheduled for November 7th, 2002. The rule that has affected our business so dramatically is the rule on the ban on wildlife feeding in the State of Wisconsin.

My husband and I have owned Country Feed for 5 1/2 years. We have four children that have all participated in the business. Matthew, 14, our youngest is still at home and knowledgeable enough to run the counter area for us at busy times. All our children have spent many an evening bagging corn for the next days' sales in the fall and winter. Large farms are nearly non-existent in our area and therefore our business depends on small hobby farms and wildlife feeding.

During the fall and winter months our business depends on hunting & baiting and on the deer feeding hobbyists, providing approximately 70% of our income. To date we have lost over \$25,000 in sales since August when our feeding & baiting season usually begins.

My husband has had to return to driving semi, gone up to 16 hours a day leaving my son and I to run our small farm and the business. We have been forced to cut our hours by 3 days a week so I can find part time work. If it were not for an understanding banker in our town we would have closed the doors by now. We have just finished refinancing our business and borrowing an additional \$21,000 to continue to operate.

This ban came on so suddenly there was no opportunity to adjust our business operations and possibly come up with a plan to expand in other directions. At this point we do not have the financial capabilities to do so anyway. This seems the equivalent of prohibition only back then companies had years to make changes.

We are just one feed mill out of many across the state. Mills in the northern half of Wisconsin have been hit the hardest because we are not in the large farming areas. We have been contact with several couples just like ourselves that are facing losing the businesses we love. With a state budget deficit of over 2.8 billion and people facing layoffs all across the country this seems a poor time to put more of us out of work over a rule that has yet to have shown to have any impact on Chronic Wasting Disease.

I admit there are arguments on both sides of the issue of feeding and baiting in the State of Wisconsin. But to keep this ban in effect until the results are known over the next two years and see what happens will mean that many people like me will not get a second chance to come back and try again. Our business and possibly our family farm, owned by the Rantala family for 100 years, will be gone. It will be too late for us.

In the northern part of our state before people started feeding the deer they yarded up in huge masses during the winter. Areas near us include the Brule River area and the Flag River. Any number of residents will tell you how sickening it was to see the deer crowded, starving and passing disease from one to another.

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During the 3 days of hearings addressing this ruling our legislators did not think the DNR would turn this into a statewide ban. This is not at all what they had in mind. The DNR was always opposed to feeding and baiting, as were certain political leaders in this state. Chronic Wasting Disease is being used as an excuse for this ban. There is still no real scientific understanding as to how CWD spreads and until that is known banning feeding is only putting people out of business.

Please keep businesses like ours operating. Please, eliminate the ban on feeding in our state.

I look forward to this meeting and will be attending along with several other small mills, like ourselves, whose livelihood is at stake.

Thank you sincerely for your time,



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Subject: Bait Ban

Dear Representatives and Senators:

I write this e-mail to all of you in hopes that you will give a deep and considerable thought to not allowing baiting for deer at all for the rest of this year. I am not totally for or totally against the ban but feel this year it has given the sportsman in this state that don't want to bait an even playing field. For the past years baiting has been a legal form of hunting but from seeing first hand the baiting that goes on in the woods I would say you would be lucky if one in ten sportsman baiting staying with in the legal limit. I can only compare this to the bear hunting rules hear in the state, for example one year hound hunting comes first then the baiting season the following year it is reversed. To me this would be the year the non-baiting sportsman get their turn. Again I ask that you keep in mind that we are trying to eliminate CWD and part of the solution maybe to remove certain eliminates until we can be sure they are not a part of the problem. Please also remember to listen to the people whom have elected you and what they want.

Thank you for your time, I know some of you don't hunt and really do not believe the baiting can be a problem with people not following limits. So at this time the Partners Deer Camp in Florence would welcome any of you out during the season when baiting is legal to see just how in violation these sportsman are.

Sincerely,
Michael Kaminski

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Subject: Bait Ban

Dear Representatives and Senators:

I write this e-mail to all of you in hopes that you will give a deep and considerable thought to not allowing baiting for deer at all for the rest of this year. I am not totally for or totally against the ban but feel this year it has given the sportsman in this state that don't want to bait an even playing field. For the past years baiting has been a legal form of hunting but from seeing first hand the baiting that goes on in the woods I would say you would be lucky if one in ten sportsman baiting staying with in the legal limit. I can only compare this to the bear hunting rules hear in the state, for example one year hound hunting comes first then the baiting season the following year it is reversed. To me this would be the year the non-baiting sportsman get their turn. Again I ask that you keep in mind that we are trying to eliminate CWD and part of the solution maybe to remove certain eliminates until we can be sure they are not a part of the problem. Please also remember to listen to the people whom have elected you and what they want.

Thank you for your time, I know some of you don't hunt and really do not believe the baiting can be a problem with people not following limits. So at this time the Partners Deer Camp in Florence would welcome any of you out during the season when baiting is legal to see just how in violation these sportsman are.

Sincerely,

Michael Kaminski

Flury, Kelley

From: KJaworski@foth.com
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2002 10:45 AM
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sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us; sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us; sen.cowles@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Emergency Rule NR 10 and 45 Relating to the control and management of CWD.

Dear respective legislators,

It has come to my attention that the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) will be meeting Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the State Capitol to discuss the extension of the above referenced rules as requested by the WDNR for the purposes of assisting in the control of CWD. I am a Wisconsin resident, forest landowner and avid deer hunter. I strongly encourage your support for the extension of these rules which will allow for the extension of the beer baiting and feeding bans. Please don't be fooled by the argument that the deer kill is down because baiting is not allowed. The kill is down because of a general public concern over the long term consequences of CWD and how it could potentially impact humans. Many spouses simply do not want venison in the household consumed by children until their comfort levels in eating venison are restored. Articles through the press have obviously changed peoples views on the health concerns of eating venison and it has not been to the benefit of shooting deer. The re-establishment of baiting and feeding will not subdue the publics fear of eating venison and continued feeding and baiting will only continue to congregate deer into small areas further increasing the percentage of deer contact between infected animals. Furthermore, we need to allow the deer baiting and feeding ban ample time to work and potentially confirm the claim that deer sightings by hunters are actually increasing due to less nocturnal movement patterns. Early bow season reports by hunters afield appear to support this claim. The kill is down because hunters are logging less time afield, not because it has been more difficult to shoot deer. More liberal hunting opportunities in the form of more available tags and hunting days are far better alternatives to increasing the kill. Finally, how could this state respectfully ask for federal funds to fight CWD if we are not formulating and implementing state policies and programs which will reduce deer contact at feeding locations. The re-establishment of baiting and feeding practices would appear, to me, to be very hypocritical. Let's not put Wisconsin in that position!

Once again, I ask you to please support the WDNR's request to extend these rules beyond the current November 30th deadline. I thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,
Ken Jaworski
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November 1, 2002

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From: Mark Luoma [mwluomo@glidden.k12.wi.us]
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2002 1:21 PM
To: sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Deer Baiting/Feeding Ban

against ban

Dear Senator Robson

I just read that the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules will be conducting a hearing next week to discuss the baiting/feeding ban and whether it is to be extended.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of lifting the ban for a number of reasons.

The economy of northern Wisconsin has suffered this fall because fewer hunters are venturing north to hunt. Gas stations, motels, grocery stores, feed mills, etc. have seen their revenues plummet due to fewer hunters resulting in less business.

Hunting license sales have decreased and will continue to do so. I hunt in several locations all on public forested lands and am sorry that I purchased an archery license. I have harvested a buck during archery season for most of the last ten years. This year I have yet to see a deer closer than 100 yards--all season. In fact, my son refused to purchase a license this year because he knew that it would be next to impossible to have a deer come close enough to harvest. The majority of archery hunters that I know and have talked with did not purchase a license this year. And the reason is not a fear of CWD as the DNR keeps insisting. Everyone of these "ex" hunters is not participating because they wish to see deer. Using scents and sitting near deer trails is not going to allow a hunter to see very many deer--at least not in the northern forested parts of the state.

I believe that it is becoming more apparent each day that CWD was brought into our state through game farms. These "farms" should be more more accountable to the DNR. Trophy hunting on these farms should be abolished.

The state's deer population is quite high in many parts of the state. We need to harvest animals this year or the problem is going to multiply. This is not good for the state's forest ecology and will result in many more car/deer accidents. The intelligent thing was not to remove the hunter from the woods as the ban on baiting/feeding has accomplished.

If this ban continues for years, Wisconsin's hunting tradition will suffer tremendously. This troubles me because I am an avid deer hunter and hope to pass my love of the outdoors and the sport on to my children and grandchildren.

However, if your committee would decide to lift the ban, I would strongly urge a common sense limit on the amount of bait that can be used. Five or fewer gallons should be the limit, and it should have to be spread out over an area. People who exceed the bait/feed limits should receive a citation and fine. It should be high enough so that it deters over baiting/feeding.

Thank you for your support of wildlife management in our state as well as the hunting heritage that so many of us enjoy.

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From: Chris Schwersenska [chris@water-right.com]
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'Rep.Gunderson@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Rep.Seratti@legis.state.wi.us';
'rep.grothman@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: Baiting

Just an FYI to all of you. I don't know your positions on deer baiting, but to date this year out of 4 of us that hunt a private 160 acre plot in Rhinelander WI we have 0 deer. Last year at this time we had 7. I had 3 (2 with the bow, and 1 T zone) 2 of them were bonus tags bought from the DNR. My father had 1. Cousin = 2, and Uncle = 1. During the 9 day gun deer season, each of us took 1 more deer with the exception of my cousin, he had 2. That's 12 deer off of a 160 acre plot hunting over bait piles. Last year was not an exceptional year either. Most years we have that much success. This year, we are not sure we will shoot any deer at all.

Please do something about this. I have heard a report that Oneida Counties deer kill so far is down 80%!!!! Most locals I talk to up there are very unhappy about the baiting ban, and many are not hunting this year because of it. If I come home with a zero this year for both bow and gun seasons, it will be my last year hunting. And no I have no concern about getting my deer tested. By the time I would get the test back, the deer would have already been eaten in my household.

Thank you for your time.

Christopher Schwersenska
Production Manager
Water-Right Inc.

against ban

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From: The Thorns [rthorn@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2002 9:08
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: baiting deer in Wisconsin

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Randy Thorn

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Sent: Friday, November 01, 2002 10:00 AM
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(<http://www.bandeerbaiting.org/articles/geist.html>, Dr. Geist's credentials at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/EV/>).

As elected officials, you should make your decisions based on what is best for Wisconsin and Wisconsin's future. This is not always the same thing as what a few outspoken individuals or special interest groups (feed mills) want. It is your responsibility to do what is right, and in the best interest for the future of Wisconsin's whitetail deer herd. Baiting and feeding is not in the best interest of the whitetail deer herd.

2) Many pro-baiters argue that the license sales are down, and the deer kill is down, simply because of not being able to bait. I would like to respectfully disagree, and urge you to consider the fact that the lack of hunters and the lower deer kill is a direct result of the uncertainty associated with the extent of CWD in our deer herd across the state. While some people who have hunted in the past (simply because they could dump out a pile of corn or apples and have deer come to them) may not continue to hunt, the majority of hunters who are hesitant to hunt are hesitant because of the fear of CWD. The recent cases of CWD in captive deer in Portage and Walworth counties, along with the escape of captive deer from a quarantined deer farm in Walworth county, have helped to support the fears the CWD is in parts of the state outside of the eradication zone. Almost without exception, hunters I have talked to are hesitant to harvest deer not because they can't bait, but because their spouses and other family members refuse to eat the venison until more is known about CWD. Rescinding the ban on baiting and feeding will do nothing to alleviate this concern, and will in fact help to sustain artificially high deer numbers once again. Only when more is known about CWD will many of these hunters once again hit the woods.

3) The argument that rescinding the ban will help more hunters harvest more deer is simply not true. First, those areas of the state with artificially high deer numbers are primarily private land. The issue is not those hunters who wish to hunt over a gallon or two of bait. The issue is those "hunters" who illegally place exceptionally large amounts of bait on

"their" land to keep "their" deer from wondering onto the neighbors property. Thus, in reality, baiting does not help the majority of hunters harvest deer. In fact, it can often prevent hunters (especially those who choose not to bait) from harvesting, much less seeing, deer during the open season. Many hunters, myself included, often feel compelled to bait just so we can compete with the neighboring landowners who often bait by the truckload.

4) Not only is baiting and feeding a concern for the spread of CWD, but as documented by DNR wardens during the 2001 gun deer season, baiting and feeding is simply getting out of control in Wisconsin and is increasingly leading to more serious violations and hunter conflicts. Please consider the following from Chief Conservation Warden Tom Harelson (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/enforcement/01report.htm>):

"The use of bait/feed continues to grow at an exponential rate each year. As reported in past seasons, many persons who are not in favor of baiting are doing so themselves, because they feel they need to just to compete. Wardens' sense that there is a growing concern from the majority of hunters who feel that baiting/feeding cannot continue as it has. Many complaints before and during the season were either directly or indirectly related to the practice of baiting. These complaints occurred on both private and public lands. "

and this excerpt:

"Warden Judi Nigbor of Montello stated that baiting problems appear to be increasing in the county. Hunters are putting truckloads of corn, potatoes, and carrots on their property so the neighbors don't shoot "their" deer. Most of the large bait piles were found along the edges of standing cornfields and hay fields. One hunter was found hunting within 50 yards of two separate piles of corn. There were about 100 gallons of corn in each pile, and a dump truck load of corn within 150 yards of the stand."

In conclusion, I apologize for the length of this letter. However, this is something I feel very passionate about. I cannot express strongly enough how important it is for you to base your decision on science and facts, and not on the concerns of the minority of those who would like to see baiting re-instated. At the very least, it is crucial that the temporary ban be extended as originally intended so that the DNR can continue to carry out its monitoring plan. It would be a shame to look back in a few years at what was once the greatest whitetail state in the country, and know that rapid spread of CWD was simply because a few individuals in this state were too selfish and narrow minded to look beyond their piles of corn and apples and consider the implications of their actions on the state as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, November 01, 2002 9:36 AM
To: Sen.Cowles; Sen.Welch; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Grobschmidt; Sen.Robson; Rep.Hebl;
Rep.Turner; Rep.Gunderson; Rep.Seratti; Rep.Grothman
Subject: DNR Emergency Rules - Baiting and Feeding

Hopefully, you are all aware of the importance of affirming the rule that prohibits feeding and baiting of deer. All science, logic, and common sense indicates that cessation of these practices is a necessary step if we are to contain, and hopefully, eradicate CWD from the state. This prohibition is part of a comprehensive strategy to specifically address CWD. However, maintaining a prohibition on baiting and feeding deer will also:

1. mitigate the possibility of establishment and transmission of about a dozen other communicable diseases of deer,
 2. improve deer herd control by allowing deer productivity, survival, behavior, and distribution to return to normal, and
 3. invoke science to quell a rancorous debate among deer hunters over the ethics of baiting.
- There is much more that I could add, but won't at this time.

Meanwhile, I am curious where the pressure originates to rescind the DNR baiting rule. The most recent surveys indicate that 40% of bowhunters and 16% of gunhunters admit using bait. Recent license sales indicate there are about 250,000 archers and 685,000 firearm hunters. This means that about 100,000 bowhunters and about 110,000 gunhunters admit to baiting. For the most part, these are likely the same hunters as more than 85% of bowhunters also hunt with a gun. Thus, possibly 100,000 out of 700,000 total deer hunters admit to baiting. Even if these numbers were totally additive, those using bait would be a small minority of all deer hunters. Baiting of deer is not necessary to insure hunter success or to achieve harvest goals (to the contrary), so please affirm the DNR rules.

If you wish more information, please contact me: Ph 715-365-2641 mornings, or 715-362-3566 evenings, or e-mail.

Keith McCaffery, State Deer Biologist (retired)

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Subject: keep the ban on baiting and feeding deer in Wisconsin.

State Senators and Representatives:

I am mailing this message to you to indicate my support for the state to continue the ban on baiting and feeding for deer in Wisconsin. To lift the ban flies in the face of all scientific knowledge and opinion. To lift the ban would be unconscionable, incredibly short-sighted and flat out a bad decision which could have a tremendous, and catastrophic impact on the deer herd in Wisconsin. To bow to pressure from people who do not care about the future of the deer herd in Wisconsin, who only have selfish self-centered concerns would be a terrible decision. Listen to the scientific community and not the people who selfishly and short-sightedly care only about themselves. This is far, far bigger than them.

People will be watching how you vote. The people who care about the future of deer hunting do not want the ban of baiting and feeding lifted. Listen to the experts, not the guys from the corner bar. If you have a question about your health, you go to the experts, the medical people, not the corner bar guys. The same for this dilemma that we face with CWD. You listen and go to the experts, the biologists and the people who know about the disease not the guys from the corner bar.

I live in Green Bay and hunt in Forest County. I want to continue to be able to hunt there for years to come. There is absolutely no reason why you need to feed deer to hunt. We need to control the CWD and stop it from spreading.

Please, continue the baiting and feeding ban in the State of Wisconsin for a minimum of three years. Thank you.

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against ban

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"The implications for free-living deer is that artificial feeding, watering and salting sites will transmit the disease. At least until the earth surface has been rinsed by rains and melting snow and the diseased prions are dissipated into the soil beyond any reach by deer."
(<http://www.bandeerbaiting.org/articles/geist.html>, Dr. Geist's credentials at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/EV/>).

As elected officials, you should make your decisions based on what is best for Wisconsin and Wisconsin's future. This is not always the same thing as what a few outspoken individuals or special interest groups (feed mills) want. It is your responsibility to do what is right, and in the best interest for the future of Wisconsin's whitetail deer herd. Baiting and feeding is not in the best interest of the whitetail deer herd.

2) Many pro-baiters argue that the license sales are down, and the deer kill is down, simply because of not being able to bait. I would like to respectfully disagree, and urge you to consider the fact that the lack of hunters and the lower deer kill is a direct result of the uncertainty associated with the extent of CWD in our deer herd across the state. While some people who have hunted in the past (simply because they could dump out a pile of corn or apples and have deer come to them) may not continue to hunt, the majority of hunters who are hesitant to hunt are hesitant because of the fear of CWD. The recent cases of CWD in captive deer in Portage and Walworth counties, along with the escape of captive deer from a quarantined deer farm in Walworth county, have helped to support the fears the CWD is in parts of the state outside of the eradication zone. Almost without exception, hunters I have talked to are hesitant to harvest deer not because they can't bait, but because their spouses and other family members refuse to eat the venison until more is known about CWD. Rescinding the ban on baiting and feeding will do nothing to alleviate this concern, and will in fact help to sustain artificially high deer numbers once again. Only when more is known about CWD will many of these hunters once again hit the woods.

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"their" land to keep "their" deer from wondering onto the neighbors property. Thus, in reality, baiting does not help the majority of hunters harvest deer. In fact, it can often prevent hunters (especially those who choose not to bait) from harvesting, much less seeing, deer during the open season. Many hunters, myself included, often feel compelled to bait just so we can compete with the neighboring landowners who often bait by the truckload.

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and this excerpt:

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In conclusion, I apologize for the length of this letter. However, this is something I feel very passionate about. I cannot express strongly enough how important it is for you to base your decision on science and facts, and not on the concerns of the minority of those who would like to see baiting re-instated. At the very least, it is crucial that the temporary ban be extended as originally intended so that the DNR can continue to carry out its monitoring plan. It would be a shame to look back in a few years at what was once the greatest whitetail state in the country, and know that rapid spread of CWD was simply because a few individuals in this state were too selfish and narrow minded to look beyond their piles of corn and apples and consider the implications of their actions on the state as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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'sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.cowles@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: keep the ban on baiting and feeding deer in Wisconsin.

State Senators and Representatives:

I am mailing this message to you to indicate my support for the state to continue the ban on baiting and feeding for deer in Wisconsin. To lift the ban flies in the face of all scientific knowledge and opinion. To lift the ban would be unconscionable, incredibly short-sighted and flat out a bad decision which could have a tremendous, and catastrophic impact on the deer herd in Wisconsin. To bow to pressure from people who do not care about the future of the deer herd in Wisconsin, who only have selfish self-centered concerns would be a terrible decision. Listen to the scientific community and not the people who selfishly and short-sightedly care only about themselves. This is far, far bigger than them.

People will be watching how you vote. The people who care about the future of deer hunting do not want the ban of baiting and feeding lifted. Listen to the experts, not the guys from the corner bar. If you have a question about your health, you go to the experts, the medical people, not the corner bar guys. The same for this dilemma that we face with CWD. You listen and go to the experts, the biologists and the people who know about the disease not the guys from the corner bar.

I live in Green Bay and hunt in Forest County. I want to continue to be able to hunt there for years to come. There is absolutely no reason why you need to feed deer to hunt. We need to control the CWD and stop it from spreading.

Please, continue the baiting and feeding ban in the State of Wisconsin for a minimum of three years. Thank you.

Michael Parmentier
1448 11th Avenue
Green Bay, WI

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From: McCaffery, Keith R
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2002 9:36 AM
To: Sen.Cowles; Sen.Welch; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Grobschmidt; Sen.Robson; Rep.Hebl; Rep.Turner; Rep.Gunderson; Rep.Seratti; Rep.Grothman
Subject: DNR Emergency Rules - Baiting and Feeding

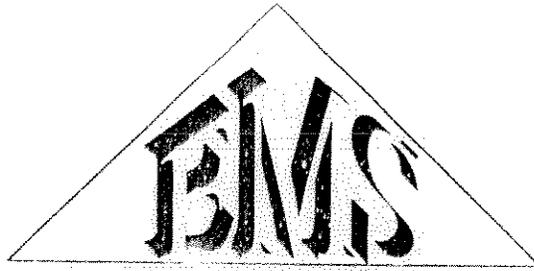
Hopefully, you are all aware of the importance of affirming the rule that prohibits feeding and baiting of deer. All science, logic, and common sense indicates that cessation of these practices is a necessary step if we are to contain, and hopefully, eradicate CWD from the state. This prohibition is part of a comprehensive strategy to specifically address CWD. However, maintaining a prohibition on baiting and feeding deer will also:

1. mitigate the possibility of establishment and transmission of about a dozen other communicable diseases of deer,
 2. improve deer herd control by allowing deer productivity, survival, behavior, and distribution to return to normal, and
 3. invoke science to quell a rancorous debate among deer hunters over the ethics of baiting.
- There is much more that I could add, but won't at this time.

Meanwhile, I am curious where the pressure originates to rescind the DNR baiting rule. The most recent surveys indicate that 40% of bowhunters and 16% of gunhunters admit using bait. Recent license sales indicate there are about 250,000 archers and 685,000 firearm hunters. This means that about 100,000 bowhunters and about 110,000 gunhunters admit to baiting. For the most part, these are likely the same hunters as more than 85% of bowhunters also hunt with a gun. Thus, possibly 100,000 out of 700,000 total deer hunters admit to baiting. Even if these numbers were totally additive, those using bait would be a small minority of all deer hunters. Baiting of deer is not necessary to insure hunter success or to achieve harvest goals (to the contrary), so please affirm the DNR rules.

If you wish more information, please contact me: Ph 715-365-2641 mornings, or 715-362-3566 evenings, or e-mail.

Keith McCaffery, State Deer Biologist (retired)



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11/2/02

DEAR SENATOR JUDITH ROBSON,

PLEASE ELIMINATE THE DEER FEEDING BAN

AT YOUR NOVEMBER 7, 2002 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES,

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ALL DEER FEEDING, BOTH RECREATIONAL BACKYARD FEEDING AND FEEDING BY DEER HUNTER HAS STOPPED. SINCE OUR COMPANY WAS A MAJOR FEED SOURCE FOR DEER FEEDING WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A DRAMATIC SALES DECLINE RESULTING IN A SERIOUS FINANCIAL LOSS TO OUR SMALL COMPANY.

PLEASE CHANGE THE RULE AND REINSTATE DEER FEEDING !!!

CORDIALLY,

Bernie Entler
BERNIE ENTLER

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From: Ldsteinborn7@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 9:56
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Baiting Deer
Please do not extend feeding ban

against ban

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From: medicinesprings@cheqnet.net
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 1:30 PM
To: sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us

against ban

Subject: Joint Committee on Review of Administrative

The Wisconsin Legislature gave the DNR broad authority to ban the feeding of deer as a means of controlling the spread of chronic wasting disease. I believe this decision was made without adequate research to substantiate that this ban will help control CWD.

When citizens feed deer on their own property, the deer tend to congregate in small groups of 10 to 20. If feeding is discontinued, the deer will yard up in much greater numbers. Will this then help spread CWD? There is still no proof that backyard feeding causes the spread.

The available facts and the actions taken by the DNR contradict each other. I do not agree with the DNR decision to ban feeding. I enjoy feeding all wildlife (deer, birds, squirrels, chipmunks, etc) so my grandchildren have the experience of viewing all different types of Wisconsin wildlife in MY BACKYARD.

Timothy Skaggs
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Iron River, WI 54847

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From: MGHLIFTS@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 6:00
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: baiting deer

against ban

Please allow the baiting of deer to continue. Thankyou, Mark Heyrman

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From: Joel Stigler [joeson@centurytel.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 7:43 PM
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Please reinstate deer Baiting!!!!

against ban

Dear Senator,

I am writing you to voice my disapproval of this ban, it is silly to think deer won't congregate (this is their nature). Any disease they may have will be spread whether we Bait, try to Eradicate, feed or not! By banning baiting they have taken away an important hunting tool (like it or not), which did allow for a much higher deer kill than can now be expected! Also the reverberations are already being felt throughout the already faltering Northern Wisconsin rural economy. Not just the feed mills, but all the "trickle Down" businesses affected - Restaurants, bars, shopping centers, motels, gas stations, grocery stores, sporting goods dealers, etc. etc

Please do the right thing and re-instate some form of baiting/feeding, before it is too late, and we have thousands of deer starving in the "deer yards" this winter.... Sincerely Joel Stigler (Wi. deer hunter of 30 years) Rusk Co. Wi.

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Subject: Public Hearing Regarding CWD

I just wanted to drop you a line to voice my opinion against the feeding/baiting ban that is up for discussion at the next meeting. We need to kill a large number of deer this year or the deer heard will get out of control. That is happening. Because of bad weather during last years opening weekend (gun season), approximately 100,000 less deer were taken than expected. Now with the CWD scare on, people are not hunting. There are people I used to give deer to that no longer are willing to take them. I still am hunting but I was surprised to hear that a large number of hunters are not doing the same.

I work for the State and attended a training session last week. I ran into a DNR Warden from the northern part of the State that I've known for years. We started talking about hunting and I asked him how the deer hunting was going in his area. He said that **the kill is down 56% from last year**. When I asked why he said that guys don't want to hunt if they can't bait. He also agreed with me in that the State and the DNR "jumped the gun" at pointing the finger at feeding and baiting.

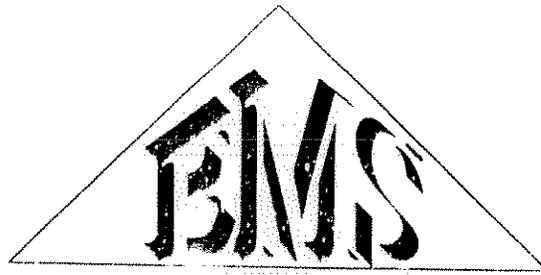
I have read reports from the DNR's Chief Warden saying he's getting reports that hunters are happy with the baiting ban and that people are seeing deer. Why then am I not hearing the same? I am hearing the opposite. I feel it's the DNR trying to make thier decision on the baiting ban appear to be the right one.

If the State wants all these deer killed then we need the tools to do so. Many hunters have used baiting for years as a tool to hunt deer. Most of us don't have the large amount of money to plant "food plots" on thier land. I think that the State/DNR "jumped the gun" and needed to put the blame on something for the CWD so they said it was people feeding and baiting. Personally I feel that it's been pushed by Mr. Johnsrud's personal agenda (but that's a different story). CWD has been in the western states for 40 years and it has yet to be the cause of the concern that has been hyped up in Wisconsin.

All I ask for the committee to do is to put the baiting ban "on the back burner" until someone has some more definite information on CWD and it's affects on humans. If we do not put a big dent in the deer heard, the population in Wisconsin will reach a point where we will never get it back to "normal".

I thank you for your time,

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DEAR SENATOR JUDITH ROBSON,

PLEASE ELIMINATE THE DEER FEEDING BAN
AT YOUR NOVEMBER 7, 2002 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ALL DEER FEEDING,
BOTH RECREATIONAL BACKYARD FEEDING AND FEEDING
BY DEER HUNTER HAS STOPPED. SINCE OUR COMPANY
WAS A MAJOR FEED SOURCE FOR DEER FEEDING WE
HAVE EXPERIENCED A DRAMATIC SALES DECLINE
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PLEASE CHANGE THE RULE AND REINSTATE
DEER FEEDING !!!

CORDIALLY,

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Subject: Joint Committee on Review of Administrative

against ban

The Wisconsin Legislature gave the DNR broad authority to ban the feeding of deer as a means of controlling the spread of chronic wasting disease. I believe this decision was made without adequate research to substantiate that this ban will help control CWD.

When citizens feed deer on their own property, the deer tend to congregate in small groups of 10 to 20. If feeding is discontinued, the deer will yard up in much greater numbers. Will this then help spread CWD? There is still no proof that backyard feeding causes the spread.

The available facts and the actions taken by the DNR contradict each other. I do not agree with the DNR decision to ban feeding. I enjoy feeding all wildlife (deer, birds, squirrels, chipmunks, etc) so my grandchildren have the experience of viewing all different types of Wisconsin wildlife in MY BACKYARD.

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