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Flury, Kelley

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

Flury, Kelley

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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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: Steve and Teresa Johnson [wsp617@centurytel.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 8:51 PM
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: Rep.Seratti@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Grothman@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Hebl@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Hansen@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Cowles@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Gunderson@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Turner@legis.state.wi.us; sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us
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,

Steve Johnson
Fall Creek, WI

for ban

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Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2002 10:08 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.

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I'm begging you to vote with the DNR and their biologists to make this a permanent rule. We must do what is sound scientific behavior, not politics.

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Nov 3, 2002

Senator Judith Robson
Room 15 South, State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

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Without harvest, there will be *overpopulation and severe disease spread*. Also, there will be a severe decrease in license purchases. A lift on the ban would make a lot of sense for the northern half of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Sakowski". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michael Sakowski

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From: John Luoma [dgh_fbbt_jl@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2002 6:11 PM
To: sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Vote on Baiting/Feeding of Deer

against ban

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John Luoma
139 Heritage Lane
Park Falls, WI 54552

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Subject: VOTE

Dear Senators, I'm urging you to PLEASE vote in favor of baiting deer in Wisconsin. I've lived in Rusk county for 15 years on a farm. Deer and wildlife have always been my past time. My family and I have always enjoyed seeing the deer, squirrels, grouse, snowshoe and now Turkeys that feed on the corn and other grains we put out for them. It's was a sad day when all that was taken from us due to CWD that has not proven a ounce of evidence that feeding our wildlife has caused this OR it is spreaden through feeding. We are very sadend a person can't put out a little feed to enjoy wildlife on ones own land. PLEASE consider your vote wisely. Sincerly, Steve Stigler & Family, Rusk County, Wi.

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Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2002 3:22 PM
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Subject: CWD

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Nancy Morrow. I am a Location Manager for a small independent Feed and Seed Dealer. To be up front with you, my concerns with the CWD situation are both personal and professional. On the business side of this I have seen my business take a drastic drop in sales. Previous years it was nothing to use 4 tons of corn(give or take), deer grain, mineral,apple cubes, salt licks, and apple flavored protein blocks, deer pellets all in the work week. This was enhanced by the availability of cedar feeders for the customers that fed deer all year long for their own back yard pleasure.

My sales are also affected with the loss of the people traffics thru the store. As we all know people purchase several item on the--spur of the moment--. As a result many of my small sales have declined.

I do maintain that we do need to be very concerned about the cause and effect of CWD. The old cliché'es--don't buy the cart before the horse--which came first the chicken or the egg, this was the way the CWD situation was handles.

MUCH MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED!!!!!!!

CWD has been in the western states for years, they have never allowed feeding or baiting.

Much has been said about the lack of copper in the affected deer (is this true or not true)?

A challenge to the DNR Board: Many of your fellow citizens feel that a wrong decision was made July 3, 2002. Now is the time to stand up and correct the wrong decision that was made.

LIFT THE DEER FEEDING BAN.

Sincerely,

Nancy Morrow

Location Manager

General Farm Supply

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Brule, WI 54820

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Respectfully,

Tim Landolt
1289 Wheatfield Way
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Flury, Kelley

From: Tim Landolt [tlandolt@new.rr.com]

Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 2:51

To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us

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Flury, Kelley

From: William R. Moe/USA [wrmoe@buckman.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 3:38 PM
To: Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Baiting

Please forward my opinion with many other hunters that reinstating baiting would be wrong.

1. Unnatural eating habits-decease
2. Fighting over public land due to feeding
3. Unnatural food supply(corn)-leads to larger herds

You don't teach young people anything while baiting.

Anything worth having or doing usually does not and should not come easy. Baiting is easy. Hunting can teach life lessons to kids and adults. What lessons do you want our kids to learn? Mine will never bait and will be educated on why it's wrong.

Bill Moe
3721 Ridgeway trail
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Flury, Kelley

Subject: FW: extending the deer baiting/feeding

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Sabrowsky [mailto:huntshop@frontiernet.net]

Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 3:29 PM

To: Flury, Kelley

Subject: Re: extending the deer baiting/feeding ban

Dear Senator Robson: I am writing concerning the DNR emergency rule banning deer baiting and feeding which is to be discussed on November 7th.

I am a retired conservation warden, having retired this past July, after 28 years of service to the state. A significant amount of my time the last 12 years was devoted to bringing attention to the problems associated with deer baiting/feeding and attempting to get a ban on deer feeding and baiting. Unfortunately it took Chronic Wasting Disease to finally bring about a ban. The pro-baiters are making a concerted effort to bring back baiting and are hanging their collective hats on the fact that the bow-kill is down. Please don't be fooled by that fact. That was an easy event to predict. That kill will be picked up during the gun season should we not be hampered by 9 days of rain.

But I'm not writing this letter to have you listen to a retired warden list all the reasons for a ban on deer baiting/feeding nor will I waste my time and yours refuting all the lame excuses the pro-baiters use to justify the practice. I simply want to ask you to listen to the professionals concerning this issue. The professionals I'm referring to are the biologist and game managers.

If you had a child that was sick I can only assume that common sense would dictate you would seek advice from a doctor and not a carpenter. If you had a toothache, I can only assume that common sense would dictate you listen to what the dentist has to say and not seek advice from someone who owns a grocery store. When it comes to CWD I have to assume we should listen to the biologist and game managers. I am asking you to listen to what they have to say and recommend. The stakes are much too high for us not to. When the biologist and game managers think the best course of action is to continue the ban on baiting/feeding, then we should follow their recommendations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David J. Sabrowsky

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Sargent, Justin

From: Kostelic, Jeff
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 4:44 PM
To: Sargent, Justin
Subject: CWD

William Koepp for Sturgeon Bay thinks that hunting over bait is the most unethical way to hunt deer. "Its like shooting cattle in a feed lot". He supports the ban on baiting because it is unethical and because it may help prevent the spread of CWD.

Flury, Kelley

From: John Rasmussen [jras@newnorth.net]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 5:53 AM
To: 'WDHA'; 'Sen.Cowles'; 'Sen.Welch'; 'Sen.Hansen'; 'Sen.Grobschmidt'; 'Sen.Robson'; 'Rep.Hebl'; 'Rep.Turner'; 'Rep.Gunderson'; 'Rep.Seratti'; 'Rep.Grothman'
Subject: RE: DNR Emergency Rules Extension

-----Original Message-----

From: WDHA [mailto:WDHA@BanDeerBaiting.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2002 10:01 PM
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 Extension

Dear JCRAR Committee members:

This letter is to encourage your committee to vote to keep the feeding ban in effect. I work in a sporting goods store selling both archery and rifles and all the trimmings. It is important to all the citizens of Wisconsin that every effort is made to help protect our whitetail deer herd from disease. It would not be good science not to follow the recommendations of the leading disease experts in trying to prevent the spread of CWD statewide. In addition to the threat of CWD, there are a dozen or so very serious contagious diseases that can spread through intensive feeding and baiting of deer. The artificial feeding of Deer has been proven to spread bovine TB in Michigan and poses a serious threat to our Wisconsin Dairy Industry. Many of the hunters that have come into our store this fall report seeing many more deer this year especially some big bucks because all of the deer are doing their natural feeding movements and they are returning to more normal and natural feeding patterns instead of bedding down next to a corn pile. A friend who flew from Rhinelander to Ashland last year during rifle season said it looked like a yellow ocean in the wood on his flight; it is hard to realize the extent of extensive feeding that has grown up around this practice. It has long been known that artificial feeding of wildlife is detrimental to their health and welfare. **"Do the right thing. Vote to keep the feeding ban to save our deer"**

Thank You,
Sincerely,

John Rasmussen
2919 Wausau Rd.
Rhinelander, WI.
54501
715 282 5756

Flury, Kelley

From: Slominski, Aaron [aslominski@weathershield.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 3:46 PM
To: 'sen.cowles@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us';
'sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: FW: Emergency Rule NR 10, and 45

Dear State Senators

> I am writing to voice my opinion on emergency Rule NR 10, and 45, relating
> to the control of Chronic wasting Disease. I know that this rule will be
> up for review at your upcoming Nov. 7th session.
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> I believe very strongly that we need to keep the ban in place, and extend
> it for the original proposal term of 3 years. This ban was supported by
> the Wisconsin deer Hunters Assn, The Wisconsin Bow Hunters Assn, and
> others during the hearings in Racine when the Natural Resources Board
> heard public testimony by the D.N.R., and others on the proposed ban.the
> Board approved the ban that evening in private session.
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> I realize now there is a movement to rescind the ban, as the feeling is
> not enough deer are being harvested. The experts, State Ag, and Vets have
> stated that the biggest threat to the deer herd in the state is the
> potential spread of CWD, and that potential is heightened when we
> artificially manipulate the natural movement patterns of the deer, and
> bring them in close proximity to each other, where saliva, feces, and
> urine is concentrated. That risk is greatest with the presence of bait
> piles.As Bill Mytton, the former head of the DNR Wildlife Division stated
> passionately at the Racine meeting, once the cows are out of the barn,
> it's too late to close the doors.Carrying that further, if then baiting is
> reestablished, and the CWD spreads as the experts indicate as the greatest
> risk, we won't be discussing how to harvest more animals, but rather the
> total extinction of the resource.I don't believe that's a tradeoff anyone
> wants to make.
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> I know as well that commercial sellers of corn want the ban lifted, but
> I've hunted for 47 years, and most of those were when baiting, or corn
> sales weren't an issue.there are several Ethanol plants coming on in the
> state, and that alternative market should more than offset the commercial
> interests loss's with the current ban.
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> additionally, the further advancement of baiting creates more hunter
> conflicts, as baiters claim territory rights, and because it concentrates
> deer in certain areas, the hunter who scouts,and tries to figure out
> natural deer patterns, and hunt accordingly, has all that detrimentally
> affected by the intrusion of baiters. That's something I can personally
> attest to several times over.
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> I personally ask for your support to continue the extension on the baiting
> ban, and believe it's been the most detrimental activity to invade the
> hunting landscape ever.
>
> Thank You for listening.
>
> Aaron Slominski
> Director of Sales
> Weather Shield Mfg. Inc.
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November 4, 2002

Dear Senator:

I manage an agricultural coop in south central Wisconsin and am writing in regards to the feeding and baiting ban the DNR board put in place in June. I understand that the rule is set to expire on November 30, 2002 unless an extension is approved. I am writing to ask that you let the feeding and baiting ban EXPIRE.

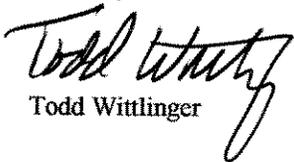
Our specialty feed business has taken a financial hit due to the feeding and baiting ban. It is important for our business to continue to find new business to replace that lost by a shrinking number of agricultural patrons each year. The ban has had a effect not only on our deer feed business but the other facets of our business that goes hand in hand with feeding wildlife, cameras, feeders, and other high margin items. The specialty feed business offers us the opportunity to sell products to a new clientele and a chance to remain viable and possibly profitable.

As an avid hunter I also ask that you remove the feeding and baiting ban as I feel that properly fed wildlife becomes healthier and less susceptible to disease. I also have seen NO scientific evidence to prove the spread of CWD through saliva, feces, urine, or nose to nose contact. I believe that the DNR is using CWD to further their agenda to outlawing the practice of feeding deer.

I believe we need to continue to search for answers to the CWD disease, but lets not jump to conclusions without hard scientific evidence. The baiting and feeding ban is hurting businesses that require the deer and specialty feed business to remain profitable. The ban hurts the responsible sportsman and wildlife enthusiasts the opportunity to provide adequate nutrition and viewing enjoyment. The ban also affects the deer by cheating them proper nutrition that allows them to fight off disease and sickness and most certainly death.

LET THE BAN ON FEEDING AND BAITING EXPIRE!

Sincerely, *


Todd Wittlinger

**Buchholz Feed Store, Inc.
Ladysmith – Bruce**

**P.O. Box 144
Ladysmith, WI 54848**

715-532-3900

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Thanks for hearing us!



Mark Buchholz
Buchholz Feed Store, Inc.

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Flury, Kelley

From: brijje [brijje@execpc.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 8:35 PM
Subject: DNR Emergency CWD Rule Review

Legislative Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules:

I feel the ban on baiting and feeding deer should be lifted. The negative impact on our business is 200 ton of feed and related products with a financial loss of \$40,000.00 in sales per year. This negatively effects the whole farming economy by ultimately lowering demand for corn and lowering corn prices.

Richard Borenitsch
Owner-Wauke Mills
W230 N3655 Hwy. 74
Pewaukee, WI 53072
262-691-4330

Flury, Kelley

From: Afscome Local 3409 [Local3409@new.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 6:39 PM
To: Sen Judith Robson (D-15); Sen Richard Grobschmidt (D-7); Sen Dave Hansen (D-30); Sen Robert Welch (R-14); Sen Robert Cowles (R-2); Rep Glenn Grothman (R-59); Rep Lorraine Seratti (R-36); Rep Scott Gunderson (R-83); Rep Robert Turner (D-61); Rep Tom Hebl (D-46)
Cc: sen.Roessler Carol; Rep Gregg Underheim (R-54)
Subject: Baiting Ban (Issue)
Importance: High

Hello Joint Committee For Review Of Admin Rules:

I understand that you will be considering whether to extend the ban on baiting in Wisconsin.

I would simply like to say that if you examine Michigan a few years back, you will see the problems that baiting can cause. I cannot say that these problems will happen in Wisconsin. However given the CWD issue that the DNR is working on, I would believe it is best to continue the ban on baiting.

I would hate to not provide the DNR every option/tool/resource to get CWD under control. Please strongly consider the continued BAN on baiting.

Respectfully,
Nate Elliott
Oshkosh, WI 54901
nelliott@new.rr.com

This is personal email, and is not endorsed by any group or organization.

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Clarence E. Taylor
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Oct 30th 02

C.H.O.W.

Tom Halverson;

Hi Tom;

I am 76 yrs. old & have hunted since I was 11. I hunted this same 4-40s with my father & gr father when they were alive. We own 4-40s here in the Town of Waukomis - Oneida Co. which my son & daughter-in-law hunt with me. We have always put out 100 bale of alfalfa each Sept. plus salt blocks for summer.

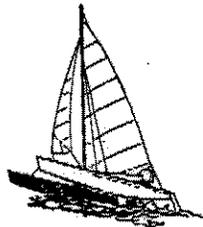
my son & daughter are from out of state & some of us are buying a license as we refuse to give heartless people money when there is nothing wrong with our deer up here in unit 31. We tried to keep a few deer alive over winter but those jokers just want us to shoot them & haul them to a dump as the meat markets are forced to cut up, grind, & package. when they let us feed them we will hunt.

I have made up cards for C.H.O.W. & your name & address & are passing them out.

Best of Luck 12-3-02

Clarence E. Taylor

FOR BAITING



Flury, Kelley

From: Holt Schraufnagel [fnagel84@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 9:48 AM
To: sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Baiting/Feeding Hearing

To whom it may concern:

My name is Holt Schraufnagel and I am an eighteen year old senior at Glidden High School in central Ashland county. It has come to my attention that this committee will be voting to extend the 150 day ban on deer baiting/feeding on Thursday, November 9. As a voter and active community member I feel it is important to express my feelings on the subject.

When taken into account the vast economical, social, and environmental effects of such a ban, the importance of such a decision becomes paramount.

The current ban on baiting has instituted a vast economical strain. Many businesses in my area have been hit hard by the lack of money that was normally brought in by the selling of corn and other feeding related sales. These businesses depend on such sales to get them through the winter, since tourism in the dead of winter is not exacty a selling point for northern Wisconsiners.

The DNR is facing strains due to the scare of CWD. This desease coupled with how it may potentially spread, is what made our governing bodies insitute the ban in the first place. It is my belief that the days until and including the normal Deer Hunting Season, the DNR will see a major decline in tag sales: from in and out of state. I happen to know a group of hunters from neighboring Minnesota have decided not to participate in the coming hunting season because of the ban on baiting/feeding.

To date there is no conclusive evidence that CWD can be contracted by humans. It has also been found that evidence of CWD has been located in a SMALL area in SOUTHERN Wisconsin. Now I am not saying this problem does not affect the area I live in. On the contrary, this effects all of Wisconsin.

However, the means must be adequate measures for the weights. A futher ban on baiting will have a detrimental affect on the Wisconsin economy and its people.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to not vote in favor of extending the baiting/feeding ban.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sargent, Justin

From: Kostelic, Jeff
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 4:38 PM
To: Sargent, Justin
Subject: CWD

Tom Gearing from Black River Falls called to voice his support for deer baiting and feeding.

Sargent, Justin

From: Kostelic, Jeff
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 9:25 AM
To: Sargent, Justin
Subject: Baiting

Dennis Frerks called in support of baiting and against the baiting ban. He thinks that a limit of 2-5 gallons of bait for every 40 acres is a good idea, however. His address is 6330 Lakeshore Drive, Winneconne WI 54986

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From: Kostelic, Jeff
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 10:17 AM
To: Sargent, Justin
Subject: CWD

Todd Mascaretti called about time limits for testimony on Thursday. Please contact him at work 920-294-6946 or at home 920-293-8688.

AND

Walter Krueger, W140N9750 - Highway 145 - Germantown, WI 53022. Supports baiting - too many feed mills are going to go out of business.

Sargent, Justin

From: Flury, Kelley
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 10:23 AM
To: Sargent, Justin
Subject: FW: Ban on baiting and feeding from Rep. Gary Sherman

-----Original Message-----

From: Sherman, Gary
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2002 3:14 PM
To: Sen.Robson; Rep.Grothman; Sen.Grobschmidt; Rep.Gunderson; Sen.Hansen; Rep.Seratti; Rep.Turner; Sen.Weich; Sen.Cowles; Rep.Hebl
Cc: 'cowpatti@cheqnet.net'; Tribys, Eleanora; Rep.Sherman
Subject: Ban on baiting and feeding

Members of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules:

You have received a letter from one of my constituents, Patricia Rantala. I would like to take this opportunity to support the message that she is trying to deliver and to state that the point of view which she expresses represents that of a great number of my constituents in the North.

I moved to this area in 1973. At that time, winter feeding of deer was very rare, largely because of the hostility of the DNR to the practice. Every winter, the deer would "yard up" in large herds in places like the Flag River Deer Yard. In bad winters, they would starve in the hundreds, unable to forage for food in the snow. These unhealthy conditions would have been ripe for the rapid spread of an opportunistic disease. One winter, the starvation was so extreme that even the DNR recognized the need for human intervention and dropped feed from airplanes, reversing years of claims that such feeding would exacerbate the problem, rather than help.

Once that occurred, the doors were open. The public would no longer accept the leadership of those whose actions did not reflect their own claims and people began feeding in ever greater numbers. As a result, the habits of the deer herd in this area were altered. While deer do gather in small groups in those places where feeding takes place, they no longer gather in the enormous herds in the deer yards, despite the fact that the deer population is much greater than it was at that time.

So, demonstrably, the net effect of feeding has been less congregation of deer, not more. Banning feeding will not halt the congregation of deer in this area; it will promote it.

I attended all of the legislative hearings in the days preceeding the special session at which DNR received authority to regulate feeding and baiting. I feel that the testimony given at that time does not reflect the actions of the DNR since. Those who testified on behalf of DNR asked to have the authority to make careful decisions about feeding and baiting, based upon scientific evidence and tailored to local situations. As Patty says, a scalpel and not a meat axe.

What we got was a meat axe. The blanket ban in all areas of the state is without scientific basis of any kind and totally ignores the differences in local conditions between different areas of the state. The North is not corn country. In this area, people live differently, hunt differently and deal with a different natural environment than people do in Mount Horeb. Hunters don't shoot from stands over corn fields. They stalk deer in deep, brushy woods. To make matters even more complicated, recent changes in land ownership patterns have rendered traditional hunting methods obsolete. The deer herd and the local hunters need, deserve and demand different treatment from those in Mount Horeb.

Other aspects of deer management are developed by deer management unit. I have seen people successfully prosecuted in our courts for doing something in the wrong deer management unit, divided only by a local road from the unit where they would have been legal. There is no reason in the world why the DNR rule on baiting and feeding could not be different in different deer management units.

I ask you to insist that the DNR stop disregarding the welfare of the citizens and wildlife in this area and send DNR back to redraft the rule in a way that takes into account local conditions and addresses the issues of wildlife health in a rational and scientifically defensible manner, not simply long-standing institutional bias. If that is not done, not only will feed mills go out of business all over the North, but the resultant loss of hunting pressure will inevitably result in the deer herd becoming unhealthy in ways that far outweigh any risk from feeding.

Rep. Gary E. Sherman
74th Assembly District

Flury, Kelley

From: Afscome Local 3409 [Local3409@new.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 6:39 PM
To: Sen Judith Robson (D-15); Sen Richard Grobschmidt (D-7); Sen Dave Hansen (D-30); Sen Robert Welch (R-14); Sen Robert Cowles (R-2); Rep Glenn Grothman (R-59); Rep Lorraine Seratti (R-36); Rep Scott Gunderson (R-83); Rep Robert Turner (D-61); Rep Tom Hebl (D-46)
Cc: sen.Roessler Carol; Rep Gregg Underheim (R-54)
Subject: Baiting Ban (Issue)
Importance: High

Hello Joint Committee For Review Of Admin Rules:

I understand that you will be considering whether to extend the ban on baiting in Wisconsin.

I would simply like to say that if you examine Michigan a few years back, you will see the problems that baiting can cause. I cannot say that these problems will happen in Wisconsin. However given the CWD issue that the DNR is working on, I would believe it is best to continue the ban on baiting.

I would hate to not provide the DNR every option/tool/resource to get CWD under control. Please strongly consider the continued BAN on baiting.

Respectfully,
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This is personal email, and is not endorsed by any group or organization.

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From: brijje [brijje@execpc.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 8:35 PM
Subject: DNR Emergency CWD Rule Review

Legislative Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules:

I feel the ban on baiting and feeding deer should be lifted. The negative impact on our business is 200 ton of feed and related products with a financial loss of \$40,000.00 in sales per year. This negatively effects the whole farming economy by ultimately lowering demand for corn and lowering corn prices.

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From: Slominski, Aaron [aslominski@weathershield.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 3:46 PM
To: 'sen.cowles@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us';
'sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us'; 'sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: FW: Emergency Rule NR 10, and 45

Dear State Senators

> I am writing to voice my opinion on emergency Rule NR 10, and 45, relating
> to the control of Chronic wasting Disease. I know that this rule will be
> up for review at your upcoming Nov. 7th session.
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> I believe very strongly that we need to keep the ban in place, and extend
> it for the original proposal term of 3 years. This ban was supported by
> the Wisconsin deer Hunters Assn, The Wisconsin Bow Hunters Assn, and
> others during the hearings in Racine when the Natural Resources Board
> heard public testimony by the D.N.R., and others on the proposed ban.the
> Board approved the ban that evening in private session.
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> I realize now there is a movement to rescind the ban, as the feeling is
> not enough deer are being harvested. The experts, State Ag, and Vets have
> stated that the biggest threat to the deer herd in the state is the
> potential spread of CWD, and that potential is heightened when we
> artificially manipulate the natural movement patterns of the deer, and
> bring them in close proximity to each other, where saliva, feces, and
> urine is concentrated. That risk is greatest with the presence of bait
> piles.As Bill Mytton, the former head of the DNR Wildlife Division stated
> passionately at the Racine meeting, once the cows are out of the barn,
> it's too late to close the doors.Carrying that further, if then baiting is
> reestablished, and the CWD spreads as the experts indicate as the greatest
> risk, we won't be discussing how to harvest more animals, but rather the
> total extinction of the resource.I don't believe that's a tradeoff anyone
> wants to make.
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> I know as well that commercial sellers of corn want the ban lifted, but
> I've hunted for 47 years, and most of those were when baiting, or corn
> sales weren't an issue.there are several Ethanol plants coming on in the
> state, and that alternative market should more than offset the commercial
> interests loss's with the current ban.
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> additionally, the further advancement of baiting creates more hunter
> conflicts, as baiters claim territory rights, and because it concentrates
> deer in certain areas, the hunter who scouts,and tries to figure out
> natural deer patterns, and hunt accordingly, has all that detrimentally
> affected by the intrusion of baiters. That's something I can personally
> attest to several times over.
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> I personally ask for your support to continue the extension on the baiting
> ban, and believe it's been the most detrimental activity to invade the
> hunting landscape ever.
>
> Thank You for listening.
>
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From: Holt Schraufnagel [fnagel84@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 9:48 AM
To: sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Baiting/Feeding Hearing

To whom it may concern:

My name is Holt Schraufnagel and I am an eighteen year old senior at Glidden High School in central Ashland county. It has come to my attention that this committee will be voting to extend the 150 day ban on deer baiting/feeding on Thursday, November 9. As a voter and active community member I feel it is important to express my feelings on the subject.

When taken into account the vast economical, social, and environmental effects of such a ban, the importance of such a decision becomes paramount.

The current ban on baiting has instituted a vast economical strain. Many businesses in my area have been hit hard by the lack of money that was normally brought in by the selling of corn and other feeding related sales. These businesses depend on such sales to get them through the winter, since tourism in the dead of winter is not exacty a selling point for northern Wisconsiners.

The DNR is facing strains due to the scare of CWD. This desease coupled with how it may potentially spread, is what made our governing bodies insitute the ban in the first place. It is my belief that the days until and including the normal Deer Hunting Season, the DNR will see a major decline in tag sales: from in and out of state. I happen to know a group of hunters from neighboring Minnesota have decided not to participate in the coming hunting season because of the ban on baiting/feeding.

To date there is no conclusive evidence that CWD can be contracted by humans. It has also been found that evidence of CWD has been located in a SMALL area in SOUTHERN Wisconsin. Now I am not saying this problem does not affect the area I live in. On the contrary, this effects all of Wisconsin.

However, the means must be adequate measures for the weights. A futher ban on baiting will have a detrimental affect on the Wisconsin economy and its people.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to not vote in favor of extending the baiting/feeding ban.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: John Rasmussen [jras@newnorth.net]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 5:53 AM
To: 'WDHA'; 'Sen.Cowles'; 'Sen.Welch'; 'Sen.Hansen'; 'Sen.Grobschmidt'; 'Sen.Robson'; 'Rep.Hebl'; 'Rep.Turner'; 'Rep.Gunderson'; 'Rep.Seratti'; 'Rep.Grothman'
Subject: RE: DNR Emergency Rules Extension

-----Original Message-----

From: WDHA [mailto:WDHA@BanDeerBaiting.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2002 10:01 PM
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 Extension

Dear JCRAR Committee members:

This letter is to encourage your committee to vote to keep the feeding ban in effect. I work in a sporting goods store selling both archery and rifles and all the trimmings. It is important to all the citizens of Wisconsin that every effort is made to help protect our whitetail deer herd from disease. It would not be good science not to follow the recommendations of the leading disease experts in trying to prevent the spread of CWD statewide. In addition to the threat of CWD, there are a dozen or so very serious contagious diseases that can spread through intensive feeding and baiting of deer. The artificial feeding of Deer has been proven to spread bovine TB in Michigan and poses a serious threat to our Wisconsin Dairy Industry. Many of the hunters that have come into our store this fall report seeing many more deer this year especially some big bucks because all of the deer are doing their natural feeding movements and they are returning to more normal and natural feeding patterns instead of bedding down next to a corn pile. A friend who flew from Rhinelander to Ashland last year during rifle season said it looked like a yellow ocean in the wood on his flight; it is hard to realize the extent of extensive feeding that has grown up around this practice. It has long been known that artificial feeding of wildlife is detrimental to their health and welfare. **"Do the right thing. Vote to keep the feeding ban to save our deer"**

Thank You,
Sincerely,

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November 4, 2002

Dear Senator:

I manage an agricultural coop in south central Wisconsin and am writing in regards to the feeding and baiting ban the DNR board put in place in June. I understand that the rule is set to expire on November 30, 2002 unless an extension is approved. I am writing to ask that you let the feeding and baiting ban EXPIRE.

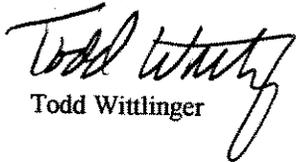
Our specialty feed business has taken a financial hit due to the feeding and baiting ban. It is important for our business to continue to find new business to replace that lost by a shrinking number of agricultural patrons each year. The ban has had a effect not only on our deer feed business but the other facets of our business that goes hand in hand with feeding wildlife, cameras, feeders, and other high margin items. The specialty feed business offers us the opportunity to sell products to a new clientele and a chance to remain viable and possibly profitable.

As an avid hunter I also ask that you remove the feeding and baiting ban as I feel that properly fed wildlife becomes healthier and less susceptible to disease. I also have seen NO scientific evidence to prove the spread of CWD through saliva, feces, urine, or nose to nose contact. I believe that the DNR is using CWD to further their agenda to outlawing the practice of feeding deer.

I believe we need to continue to search for answers to the CWD disease, but lets not jump to conclusions without hard scientific evidence. The baiting and feeding ban is hurting businesses that require the deer and specialty feed business to remain profitable. The ban hurts the responsible sportsman and wildlife enthusiasts the opportunity to provide adequate nutrition and viewing enjoyment. The ban also affects the deer by cheating them proper nutrition that allows them to fight off disease and sickness and most certainly death.

LET THE BAN ON FEEDING AND BAITING EXPIRE!

Sincerely,



Todd Wittlinger