

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Acreage requirement for hunting on deer farms					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this proposal the department would be required to allow the hunting of farm raised deer on premises with less than 80 contiguous acres, if specific requirements are met.

When an owner of a premises with less than 80 contiguous acres applies for a hunting preserve certificate, staff will need to be made available to verify that the applicant qualifies for the exemption from 80 contiguous acres. This will require an inspection and record review. This record review and inspection is estimated to take 8 hours of staff time per premises.

The Department of Natural Resources has indicated that there were 182 premises with greater than 10 acres licensed in 2002. Any premises with greater than 10 acres would have been eligible to conduct hunts on their premises under their DNR license.

The department estimates that half of these eligible premises will apply in the first year, therefore, it will require 728 hours, or approximately \$15,000, to verify eligibility.

Additionally, this will be a continuing issue as the proposal does not specify an end date for individuals to apply for the exemption to the requirement for 80 contiguous acres in order to have a hunt. As time progresses it may become more difficult to verify that owners meet the requirements to qualify for this exemption because it may become more difficult to verify income claimed and hunting status in 2002.

The department anticipates being able to absorb this additional workload with current staff because it is expected to have a significant workload impact in the first year only and then moderate workload in following years. This initial workload increase will result in other Animal Health priorities being delayed.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications