

Plan For A Statewide Deer Test For Chronic Wasting Disease

The Problem:

Whereas chronic wasting disease in the deer herd has been found in one identified location in Wisconsin last year, it is prudent and necessary to implement a credible plan NOW to verify for the people IF and to what extent it may be present in the deer herd throughout the state as quickly and efficiently as possible. Deer hunters are the best and most effective way of controlling our deer herd. Bad media publicity or the lack of credible facts as to the presence of the disease or the risk of consuming venison could adversely reduce the number of deer hunters. Proper action now can prevent that.

The Solution:

There are over 44,000 deer throughout the state being killed on Wisconsin's highways annually. Their heads could be a readily available source of brain tissue for testing of chronic wasting disease and their location can be accurately identified. Deer hunters and sports-persons statewide are very concerned and desire the facts as to the extent of the disease and are ready, willing and able to work with the DNR without compensation to produce answers to these questions. They can, and would report car kills when found fresh in their neighborhoods and a plan should be devised by the DNR whereby an individual giving his name, address and phone number would be permitted and directed to remove the carcass from the road and remove its head and deliver it to a designated place for extraction of brain tissue.

The Question:

Should the DNR promptly devise a program in cooperation with sportsmen statewide to get deer brain-cell tissue from roadkills for testing for chronic wasting disease?

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County Vote: _____ Yes _____ No Phone #: _____