

2013 Deer Trustee Report Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Herd Health/CWD	Parking Lot – #2
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I. ORIGINAL PARKING LOT ITEM

Revert to allowing harvest of white (albino, lutino) deer in the CWD-Management Zone.

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE PARKING LOT ITEM

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

Restore in any CWD Management Zones, the state-wide rule protecting white deer from harvest.

2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

• The DNR received a letter from State Representative Fred Clark requesting that the Herd Health/CWD Action Team consider restoring protections for albino and white deer in the CWD Management Zone. The CWD-Management Zone-specific exemption allowing harvest of white and albino deer is a DNR rule change that was one of many liberalized harvest measures implemented for controlling and containing CWD to the southern portion of the state. The current HH/CWD Team does not feel that there is sufficient value from the harvest of white deer for CWD management to make it worthwhile to have a different rule on white deer harvest in CWD Zones from the rest of the state.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

 None, except the need for informing the public who hunts in CWD Zones that the rules about harvest of white deer have changed again.

4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin.

• This will simplify the hunting experience by reducing rule differences, and will simplify enforcement responsibilities for the game wardens.