

Deer Trustee Report Assignment Sheet

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Regulations/Season Structure Action Team

Responsibilities: Review the Regulation and Season-oriented recommendations from the Deer Trustee Report and identify and develop the specific functions the Department should enact to meet the intent of the recommendations. Provide implementation suggestions and function as a sounding board regarding the Regulation and Season-oriented actions to the Department. As a starting point, the Action Team should focus on answering the following questions:

- What should the season framework look like into the future?
- What different types of seasons and permits should be available across the state?
- What type of process and metrics should be used to define an acceptable deer population at the county level?

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Regulations/Season Structure Recommendations

Population Management section

5. Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions. **Science/Research**

Hunting Regulations, Seasons and Bag Limits section

1. Simplify the regulatory process by setting antlerless harvest goals, harvest regulations and antlerless permit quotas on a 3-5 year cycle.
2. Base Antlerless Permit Quotas on DMU historical demand.
3. Increase the cost of all antlerless tags for Regular and Herd Control Units to \$12.
4. Consider charging a fee for antlerless tags in the CWD Zone. **(Herd Health/CWD)**
5. Establish a public lands antlerless permit system.
6. Limit antlerless deer harvest in Regular and Herd Control Zones.
8. Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zone. **(Herd Health/CWD)**
9. Maintain the current buck limit of one buck per Deer Gun License (may be used in muzzleloader season) and one buck per Archery Deer License.
10. Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone. **(Herd Health/CWD)**
11. Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process.
12. Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.
13. Put the fun back into hunting by simplifying seasons, bag limits and youth qualifications!

People section

3. Develop a public lands antlerless permit system.

Conservation Congress

1. We feel the Conservation Congress must have a more active role in deer management decision-making at the local level.