

2013 DTR Action Team

Meeting Report Form

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Use this form to capture the Team's activities and proposed implementation action items.

(Note: The format of this form is intentionally very basic to simplify completion at the end of the meeting. Will be transferred to another format before publishing on the DTR website for public viewing.)

1. **Meeting Date:** April 6, 2013

2. **Action Team Name:** Science & Research Action Team

3. **Data reviewed, presentations viewed or any experts heard from today:**

- 10 action team members from the public
- Karl Martin; Bureau of Science Services – Camera/Predator Monitoring
- Jordan Petchenik; Bureau of Science Services – Human Dimensions
- 3 other representatives/liaisons from DNR

4. **Main topics discussed by Team today:**

- Set the agenda for the next 5 meetings:
 - People (April 6th)
 - Predator Studies and Management (April 27th)
 - DNR Research and Technical Publications (April 27th)
 - Population Management (May 18th)
 - Harvest Data, Herd Health and Productivity (June 29th)
 - Chronic Wasting Disease (June 29th)
- Karl Martin; Bureau of Science Services – Camera/Predator Monitoring
- Jordan Petchenik; Bureau of Science Services – Human Dimensions
 - Five Deer Management Challenges in WI: A Human Dimensions Perspective (PowerPoint)
 - Private landowners & access to their land
 - Barriers to hunter/landowner support of CWD management
 - DNR credibility & confidence in population estimate
 - Hunter recruitment & retention
 - Can we keep deer hunting fun?

5. **Additional questions or information requests made by the Team today:**

- Cross-functional concerns
 - How to coordinate issues that cross DTR action teams?
- DNR surveys on deer impacts on vegetation?

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6. Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Team today:

- People Section (Item #4)
 - This approach, talking to farmers, hunters, tribes, etc. should be used in all the management decisions (all the action items)
 - It's a preamble to the other action items
 - Unanimous agreement on People Section (Item #4)

7. Any general comments or considerations (if any) Team would like noted:

- Deer hunter drop-out study
- Longitudinal study of hunter expectations
- Evaluation of trade-offs between seeing more deer and harvesting more deer
- How much more public land and Managed Forest Law land would we need to increase hunter satisfaction?
- Better ways of using public lands and Managed Forest Law in a manner that reduces hunter conflict and increases satisfaction

8. Next Meeting Date is: April 27, 2013

- Future meeting dates:
 - May 18
 - June 8 (midterm progress)
 - June 29
 - July 20 (final report)

DTR Regulations and Season Structure Action Team

April 27, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

- Reduce DMU size and group farmland regions
- Base antlerless permit quota's on DMU historical demand
- Set harvest goals, regulations on a 3-5 year cycle
- Increase cost of all antlerless tags for regulation and herd to \$12
- Consider charging a fee for antlerless tags in the CWD zone
- Limit antlerless deer harvest in regular and herd control zones
- 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
- Maintain bonus buck in CWD management zones

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Additional Action Team questions/information requests:

- N/A

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- Reduce DMUs and combine farmland regions
 - Combine southern, east, west farmland region
 - Season Structure that does not require DMU combined (hunting zone)
 - Keep units same size (SAK by DMU, SAK by regions, SAK by state)
 - Combine 5 regions , north, south, east, west, central
 - Change DMU's annually based on deer/sq mi

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Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- Voted – Propose to combine DMU's into regions (5)
- Voted – Propose to keep annual process in north and central regions, only have a 3 year cycle for the rest
- Voted – Propose to base antlerless permit quota's on DMU historical demand
- Voted – Propose for the 3 farmland regions sell a gun deer permit for either sex, additional generic tags are bought in groups of 3 antlerless for one price. This would include the CWD tag. This would be good for bow and gun and group bagging is allowed for gun only

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Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- Voted – Propose to maintain bonus buck, however in CWD zone you must shoot 2-3 antlerless deer before you can shoot your bonus buck

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General comments or considerations noted by the Team:

- Southern units don't have control over deer harvest
- Larger units will group regulations where they aren't wanted
- We need tools to eliminate overpopulated areas of deer

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May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

- Review and edit April 27 draft proposals
- Develop 1st draft proposals for the following DTR recommendations:
 - B5: Establish a public lands antlerless permit system
 - B8: Re-evaluate the October antlerless season in CWD Zone
 - B12: Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas
 - I-1 WCC must have a more active role in deer management decision-making
 - B-11: Resolve the cross-bow season issue

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May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- **DTR Recommendation B5: Establish a public lands antlerless permit system of some sort**
 - Initial poll – Supported (14 yes 4 no)
 - **Proposal** - Restrict the use of antlerless tags exceeding an (x) amount of acres of public land – public land defined as any land with public access (0 yes 13 no)
 - **Proposal** - Gun deer licenses are limited by a lottery system (0 yes 16 no)
 - **Proposal** - Restrict number of hunting days on public land for antlerless harvest (16 yes 2 no)
 - **Proposal** - Youth exempt from restriction (10 yes 7 no)
 - **Proposal** - Opening weekend buck only and Mon/Tues either sex (3 yes 13 no)
 - **Proposal** - Private landowner with more than 10 acres cannot hunt does on public land (0 yes 16 no)
 - **Proposal** - Antlerless permits would be based on percentage of deer range on public vs private property (4 yes 3 no)

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May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- **DTR Recommendation B5: Establish a public lands antlerless permit system of some sort**
 - **Decision Item:** Restrict the days of hunting with allowable harvest on public lands – public land is defined as any property with public access. Let the DNR decide the days. Bow hunting and muzzleloader season will remain unchanged. Youth will be exempt from this.

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May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team:

- **DTR Recommendation B-8 Re-evaluate October antlerless season in CWD Zone**
 - **Proposal** - Should we have an annual October antlerless season in CWD zone? (6 yes 9 no)
 - **Proposal** - WDNR shall retain the process to have the ability to establish a CWD antlerless season? (10 yes 4 no)
 - **Proposal** - Establish an early (prior to Oct 15) antlerless only hunt on private land in CWD zone Supported (10 yes, 4 no)
 - **Decision Item:** Should not have an annual October antlerless hunt in the CWD zone. The DNR shall retain the process to have an October (early season) hunt. Allow an early antlerless only hunt on private land in CWD zone.

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Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team:

- **DTR Recommendation B-12: Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas**
 - **Proposal** - No baiting and feeding statewide (13 yes 2 no)
 - **Proposal** - Leave legislation as is (3 yes 14 no)
 - **Proposal** - Legalize baiting and feeding statewide (2 yes 14 no)
 - **Decision Item:** Ban baiting and feeding statewide
- **DTR Recommendation I-1 WCC must have a more active role in deer management decision-making**
 - **Proposal** - Approve DTR I-1 as is with an emphasis on public outreach/involvement and let conservation congress sort out details (16 yes 0 no)
 - **Proposal** - WCC serve as a leadership role at a regional scale and provide summary to department (10 yes 1 no)
 - **Proposal** - Spring hearings in each county, allow a public vote – do you want more deer, same, or less? (14 yes 0 no)

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May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team:

- **DTR Recommendation I-1 WCC must have a more active role in deer management decision-making**
 - **Decision Item:** Conservation Congress should have a more active role in deer management decision making at the local level. WCC shall take a leadership role – solicit and summarize input at a regional level to then be provided to the DNR. WCC should have a stronger outreach and education effort. At spring hearings each county should vote on the levels of deer.

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May 18, 2013 Progress Report

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team:

- **DTR Recommendation B-11: Resolve the cross-bow season issue**
 - **Proposal** - Crossbow season separate from archery season (5 yes 7 no)
 - **Proposal** - Same license for archery and crossbow (4 yes)
 - **Proposal** - Separate license for archer and crossbow (10 yes)
 - **Proposal** - Do you support the concept of AB-194 in its current form as of 5/17/13? (13 yes 4 no)
 - **Proposal** - Allow crossbow use starting opening day of gun season and then including late archery season(1 yes 15 no)
 - **Proposal** - Monitoring and adjust season structure if data showed any disproportion (11 yes, 0 no)
 - **Proposal** - Maintain disabled cross-bow opportunity (16 yes, 0 no)
- **Decision Item:** Cross-bows shall have a separate license for archery and crossbow. The crossbow season will be monitored to adjust season structure if data showed any disproportion added to harvest based on historical data. Disabled cross-bow opportunity will be maintained.

DTR Regulations and Season Structure Action Team

June 8, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

- **Discuss Region vs. Zone vs. Unit**
- **Review and revisions of the following DTR recommendations**
 - A.5. Reduce the number of DMUs and combine Farmland regions
 - B.1. Simplify the regulatory process 3-5 year cycle
 - B.3. Increase the cost of all antlerless tags to \$12
 - B.4. Charge a fee for antlerless tags in the CWD Zone
 - B.6. Limit antlerless deer harvest in Regular and Herd Control Zones
 - B.9. Maintain the current buck limit for Gun and Archery
 - B.13. Simplifying seasons, bag limits and youth qualifications!

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June 8, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

- **Review and revisions of the following DTR recommendations**
 - B.2. Use DMU historical demand as base for permit quotas
 - B.5. Establish a public lands antlerless permit system.
 - B.8. Re-evaluate October antlerless season in CWD Zone

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- **Revision of B-1,9,13:** Issue one either sex tag statewide with purchase of gun and archery license was supported (15 yes 1 no)
- **Revision of B-3,4,13:** Eliminate the statewide free antlerless tag with purchase of gun or archery license was supported (12 yes 4 no)
- **Revision of B-3,4,6,13** Sell individual antlerless tags for \$12.00 statewide, eliminate the sale of 3 antlerless tags in a package for \$20.00 was supported (14 yes 1 no)

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June 8, 2013 Progress Report

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- **Revision of B-6,13:** Limit the sale of one antlerless tag for \$12.00 to one per day was supported (11 yes 2 no)
- **Revision of B-5:** Change definition of public land from public access to publically owned lands was supported (12 yes, 1 no)
- **Revision of B-8:** October hunt to only be allowed in CWD zone through emergency rule and the hunt can take place on public and private properties was supported (13 yes, 1 no)

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June 29, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Review and revisions of the following DTR recommendations

- **B.8 October hunt in CWD zone**
 - **What constitutes authority to establish an October hunt?**
 - Areas with overpopulation, CWD and other disease such as TB, CWD presence, high crop damage, high car killed deer all constitute an emergency rule was supported (14 yes 0 no)
 - Utilize science group metrics to constitute an emergency rule was supported (7 yes 1 no)
 - Group recommends that the DNR regain authority to have an October hunt without asking for emergency rule in CWD was supported (9 yes 2 no)

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June 29, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Review and revisions of the following DTR recommendations

- **B.8 October hunt – what constitutes authority to establish an October hunt?**
 - Allow DNR to manage the deer herd while utilizing public participation statewide (12 yes, 2 no)
- **B.10 Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone**
 - Discussed how to handle Bonus Buck with telecheck (no resolution or ideas presented)
- **B.12 Baiting and feeding – what is plan B if a statewide ban fails and if a plan B is needed, what should it look like?**
 - Supported unanimously to keep proposal as is

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June 29, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Discuss Parking Lot:

- **Antlerless only season (long and late)**
 - Establish a pilot antlerless only season - units, weapons, and length of season up to negotiate was not supported (4 yes 8 no)
- **How do we address over population?**
 - Move season closer to the rut longer than 9 day season was not supported (6 yes 7 no)
 - Pilot program for earn-a-buck in farmland zones was supported (9 yes and 4 no)
 - Keep Dec Antlerless hunt in overpopulated areas was supported (9 yes and 5 no)
 - Create an additional 9 day rifle season coinciding with the archery season starting opening day of the established archery season was not supported (1 yes and 8 no)

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June 29, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Discuss Parking Lot:

- **How do we address over population?**
 - Longer gun season (continuous) was supported (8 yes, 4 no)
 - Restrict number of days you can shoot bucks DNR would determine how many days was not supported (4 yes 9 no)
- **Expand group bagging to archery season**
 - Was not supported (0 yes, 11 no)
- **Expand bonus buck (harvest 2 or more doe for 1 bonus buck) outside CWD zone (gun & archery) where ever needed to increase antlerless harvest exists**
 - Was supported (12 yes, 1 no)

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June 29, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Discuss Parking Lot:

- **Allowed to earn unlimited bonus bucks in the same season**
 - Was supported (9 yes, 3 no)
- **Discussed Mississippi model of deer management**

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July 20, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

- **Revisions to the following DTR recommendations:**
- **B.9 Maintain the current buck limit of one buck per Deer Gun License**
AND
- **B.10 Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone**
 - **It was supported (12 yes, 2 no) to limit hunters to only 1 bonus buck and maintain the limit of one buck per deer gun license and one buck per deer archery license (3 total bucks)**
 - **It was not supported (6 yes, 10 no) to allow 2 bonus bucks (4 total bucks) and it was also not supported (2 yes, 13 no) to have no limit to bonus buck**

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July 20, 2013 Progress Report

- **Revisions to the following DTR recommendations:**
- **B.11 Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process.**
 - It was supported unanimously (17 yes, 0 no) to retain verbiage in AB 194 to protect 65 and older as well as the disabled
- **A.5 Reduce the number of DMUs and combine farmland regions**
 - It was supported (14 yes, 2 no) to eliminate the need for a CWD zone with the creation of farmland hunting zones

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July 20, 2013 Progress Report

Today's Activities/Discussions:

Discuss Parking Lot Items

- **It was supported (16 yes, 1 no) to maintain the Non resident fee of \$20 for bonus antlerless tags**
- **Parking lot item #5:**
 - **Implement a holiday hunt in all farmland zones (or where needed for disease control was supported (11 yes, 5 no)**
- **Parking lot item #6:**
 - **Ban group bagging was not supported (3 yes, 14 no)**