

Resolution 370209

Whereas, we recognize and acknowledge that the DNR has only been doing their job in trying to bring the deer herd down to established goals, base on:

- The best science available for determining those numbers
- The harvest tools available to them (EAB & T Zones)
- Goals that should be based on the biological and social carrying capacity

Whereas, regardless of how accurate the numbers really are, it is clear that in many areas of the state, the actual number of deer are at unacceptably low levels.

Whereas, that being the case, it is clear that the DNR has been trying to manage to goals that unrealistically low.

Whereas, while discussions about T Zones and EAB get most of the headlines, the only real way to correct this problem - in the long term - is to raise unit over-winter goals to levels that reflect acceptable deer population levels.

Whereas, if we don't raise the goals, we will always be operating in a crisis mode, trying to get to goals that nobody really wants to get down to, because regardless what the numbers say, will leave too few deer in most areas.

Whereas, in some management units, the goals may not need to increase much, perhaps 10% to 20%, but in other units, goals can be doubled and still not create significant biological or social problems.

Therefore, be it resolved that the DNR immediately review all over-winter goals for all deer management units, and propose higher goals that represent at least and overall statewide increase of 25% of our deer herd at goal levels.

Yes _____

No _____

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