

**SUBJECT:** Information item: Update on the report and review of deer management practices prepared by Wisconsin's deer trustee.

**FOR:** AUGUST, 2012 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE:** Tom Hauge, Director of the Wildlife Management Bureau

**SUMMARY:**

The White-tailed Deer Trustee's report was released to the public in July and has received an initial review by department staff and a variety of stakeholders. This informational presentation will include a brief review of the report, a discussion of its significance to white-tailed deer management, and potential department responses and implementation activities.

The report contains a number of recommendations that, to be implemented by the department, would require statutory, administrative rule, and policy changes.

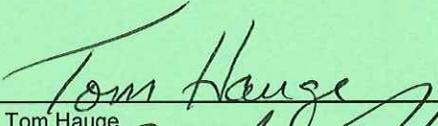
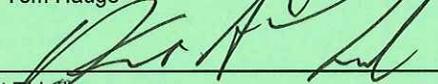
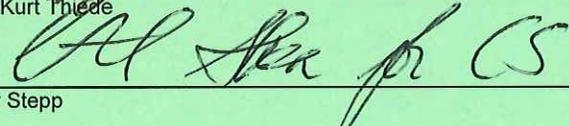
Dr. James C. Kroll officially known as Wisconsin's white-tailed deer trustee entered into a contract with the State of Wisconsin to conduct an independent, objective and scientifically-based review of Wisconsin's deer management practices. The goal being to gather ideas and solutions from citizens, sportsmen and sportswomen to help forge a new age for Wisconsin's deer management practices. Dr. Kroll hired Dr. David Guynn, a wildlife management professor at Clemson University in South Carolina, and Dr. Gary Alt, a former Pennsylvania Game Commission deer manager to assist in his assessment of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No action is needed on this informational item.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

 Bureau Director, Tom Hauge	<u>7/31/12</u> Date
 Administrator, Kurt Thiede	<u>7/31/12</u> Date
 Secretary, Cathy Stepp	<u>7/31/12</u> Date

cc: NRB Liaison  
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