

# Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Committee

## AmericInn Hotel

### Plover, WI

**Friday, October 2, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairiman Rob Bohmann

Members present: Rob Bohmann, Stan Brownell, Larry Bonde, Tony Janecek, Gerald Merryfield, Mark Noll, Al Phelan, Mike Riggle

Members excused: Arold Ninneman, Roger Sabota

Also present: CC Chairman Ed Harvey, Kari Lee-Zimmerman, Dr. Robert Rolley, WDNR and Chris Jacques  
WDNR

Motion to approve agenda by Larry Bonde, second by Mike Riggle

Discussion on Department proposal:

Ed Harvey – generate as much discussion about Congress proposal as possible. Department will not bring out CC proposal at hearings

Larry Bonde – discuss all proposals to see what parts could be combined or removed

Tony Janecek – when would public meeting results go back to NRB

Gerry Merryfield – discussion on proposals at public meetings should be individuals and not as Congress delegates

WDNR – Dr. Robert Rolley presentation:

- Discussion on how deer herd estimates are achieved
- How surveys are random hunting license selections
- Deer sighting in units do not reflect deer estimates even in units where range has not changed
- Satellite imagery has been used in deer estimates since 1992

Committee comments and questions

- Deer range in Northern units is not the same as Eastern and Western farmland and should not be treated as such
- Habitat changes affect deer range
- After 2008, data reviewed (what happened?) Was winter severity index under estimated? Has predation changed more than estimated?

- Public survey data not being used enough
- If Dept has confidence in their data, it should be more forthcoming with the public
- With all available data, the Dept needs to put out a deer herd estimate before the 2009 gun deer season to insure credibility with the hunting public
- Deer should be estimated in abundance and not density
- Data being used is getting almost two decades old

Motion by Larry Bonde, second by Gerald Merryfield; To request that the Department of Natural Resources does a statewide re-evaluation and re-calculation of deer range that would be based off of more current data.

Motion approved 7–0

Motion by Mike Riggle, second by Al Phelan; To request that whenever the DNR conveys deer population estimates to the public, they do so in abundance of deer per unit, the abundance of deer over goal in that unit, the abundance of deer that needs to be harvested to reach these goals, the amount of tags they intend to issue in the unit, and the historical harvest rate of those tags in that unit.

Motion approved 7–0

Member matters:

Tony Janecek – thank department for time and presentation

Next meeting – November 6, 2009. (Location to be determined)

Deer 2000 Review Ad- Hoc committee, 9:30 a.m.

Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Committee Secretary

Stan Brownell