

Program Area: Wildlife Management

Subject: County deer advisory council governance of operations

Public Input Period: Closed.

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These policies and procedures are intended to guide the operation and organization of the County Deer Advisory Councils (CDAC). They are being developed for the guidance of individual council members, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (the department) staff, and the public to allow orderly and transparent transaction of business and to ensure that all citizens of Wisconsin have an opportunity to be heard on deer hunting and deer management issues.

This guidance was developed by department staff and we solicited comments on it from January 19 through February 9, 2016. All comments were considered and the final guidance is being made available to internal and external stakeholders. A response to comments and a summarization of all comments received are attached.

Response to Comments:

We appreciate that many individuals thoughtfully and diligently reviewed the proposed guidance and provided 74 individual comments. With exceptions, the department was responsive to recommendations by modifying the guidance as suggested on topics related to the purpose, authority, timeline and recommendations, individual membership, the role of the Conservation Congress, meetings, general comments, and formatting. There were suggestions that would have required rule or statute changes which are outside the scope of this guidance and no related changes were made. Likewise, there were comments directed at individuals involved directly or indirectly in deer management but those comments were not relevant to developing this guidance and no changes were made.