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Front cover: *Jo Ann Kuharske with the doe that she shot in Oneida County during the 2006 season.*

How to Use this Pamphlet

• **Regulation Pamphlet Format.** This pamphlet includes Deer Season tables that explain the specific seasons and harvest limits for each type of Deer Management Unit (DMU). A complete listing of all available carcass tags is provided with detailed information regarding each tag. After you read and understand the general regulations, all you need to do is:

1. Use the map to locate your DMU (center spread on page 28).
2. Find that type of DMU (Regular, Herd Control, Earn a Buck, or CWD Earn a Buck) at the top of the page on pages 20–25.
3. Look on the appropriate page to find the archery, gun, and muzzleloader seasons, which carcass tag can be used, and the harvest limit for your season in that unit.
4. For more information on carcass tags, see page 26.

Unit Breakdown 2007 (See pages 20-25 for season dates)

See Map on Page 28

• **22 CWD Units: Disease Eradication Zones (DEZ) and Herd Reduction Zone (HRZ):** All CWD Units for 2007 have unlimited Earn-A-Buck (EAB) regulations for entire Archery and Gun Deer Seasons, except for the Youth Gun Deer Hunt on October 6 and 7.

* **Note: No change in CWD boundaries for 2007** (See map page 30.)

• **60 Herd Control Units:** The buck deer carcass tag and one free antlerless deer carcass tag issued with each deer license are valid in these units, plus unlimited \$2 antlerless tags are available.

• **35 Earn-A-Buck units:** Individuals who registered an antlerless deer in 2006 in a unit that is designated EAB this year have prequalified and will be mailed their buck authorization sticker in August. **You may check your prequalification status at dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/index.htm.** With a buck authorization sticker attached to the back, the buck deer carcass tag issued with each license is valid for a buck. The free Herd Control antlerless deer carcass tag issued with each license is valid for an antlerless deer, plus unlimited \$2 antlerless tags are available for these units.

• **16 Regular Units:** The buck deer carcass tag issued with your license is valid for a buck in these units. All antlerless tags are \$12 for residents, \$20 for non-residents, and are sold over the counter on a first come, first served basis until sold out. Sales for Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags begin on Saturday, August 25 at noon at any license vendor or online at dnr.wi.gov.

**Regular Unit Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags and Park Access Permits
go on sale Saturday, August 25 at noon at any license vendor
or online at dnr.wi.gov.**

What's New in 2007

- New information regarding Chronic Wasting Disease and the DNR's disease management strategy on pages 45–47.
- **Overview of hunting and fishing regulations in Hmong and Spanish can be found on page 53.**

Descripción de las regulaciones en Español (página 53).

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- **All CWD Units (both Herd Reduction Zone and Disease Eradication Zones)** have **unlimited Earn-a-Buck requirements** in effect for the entire 2007 deer season except for the 2-day October Youth Gun Deer Hunt.
- **Earn-A-Buck Prequalification**—Hunters who registered an antlerless deer in 2006 in a Herd Control Unit that is designated EAB (including CWD Units) in 2007 have prequalified for a buck authorization sticker which will be sent out in late summer. **Hunters are advised to check the DNR website dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/index.htm as soon as possible to verify their qualification.** If you did not qualify for a buck last year, you may earn a buck in 2007 by registering an antlerless deer in an EAB Unit during the archery or gun seasons. Hunters who earned a purple buck sticker last year during the hunting season but did not use it should have held onto these stickers. They are valid in 2007, but they are **not replaceable**.
- **Kewaunee County**—The use of rifles is now permitted in Kewaunee County during the gun deer season.
- **High Cliff State Park**—A limited access deer hunt is permitted in 2007 for High Cliff State Park. See page 31 for restrictions.
- **Greenwood No Entry Wildlife Refuge**—Greenwood No Entry Wildlife Refuge in Waushara County has been eliminated and is now open to hunting.
- **No October Antlerless Hunt**—there will be no October 4-day antlerless only firearm deer hunt in 2007.
- **December 6–9 Antlerless Only Deer Hunt**—There will be an antlerless only hunt held in *all units statewide (including those units north of Hwy. 8)* except state park units and non-quota units.
- **Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt Oct. 6–7**—The two-day hunt is held *in all units statewide* except State Park units and non-quota units. Earn-A-Buck requirements **do not** apply to youth gun deer hunters for these two days. See page 38 for details.
- **Carcass Tags**—The Archery Either Sex Deer Carcass Tag is no longer available. It is replaced by the Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag and a separate Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag. See page 26 for details.

Dear Wisconsin Deer Hunter,

Welcome to the 2007 deer hunting season, one that will be full of tremendous hunting opportunity. Let me share some news about Wisconsin's deer herd and management.

The population model that Wisconsin uses to estimate the size of the deer herd was recently audited by a panel of nationally and internationally recognized experts. I am happy to report their conclusion that Wisconsin collects and analyzes more information and does a better job of estimating the size of our deer herd than any other state.

That audit and our history of sizeable deer harvests both lend credibility to current population estimates which reflect the high number of deer in Wisconsin. The average annual kill for the last 10 years is over 466,000 deer. For comparison, the average kill in the 80s was less than 270,000 animals—an increase of 75% in just over 20 years. That is good hunting but keep in mind that deer are not spaced evenly across the landscape. They do not use all habitats equally and over time their patterns of use change.

There are environmental and social consequences to high deer populations that require our attention. But there is good news. Hunting is still an effective way to bring the deer population back in line. Hunting is not only fun, it's good conservation. Wisconsin hunters helped a great deal last year by harvesting more than 500,000 deer. Thank you.

Moving the deer herd towards goal is difficult and it will take several years to get where we need to be, despite a harvest of half a million deer last year. This year's season will include free antlerless deer tags and earn-a-buck rules in many units to control our fast-growing herd.

Proving their commitment to conservation, hunters helped design the seasons we will have in place this fall. There will again not be an October gun hunt in most of the state but that is likely to return in 2008.

Public hunting is the primary means by which deer populations are managed. Future support for hunting and hunters is dependent on society's perception that hunting results in a properly managed deer herd, not just record harvests. The next generation of hunters is watching us. We hope to leave them a conservation legacy of sound, cooperative deer herd management. We all play a vital part in making this happen.

Have fun hunting this fall and thank you for your commitment to sound deer herd management.

*Keith Warnke
Big Game Biologist*

License and Privilege Information

License	Resident	Non-Resident
Conservation Patron	\$165	\$600
Conservation Patron Junior (12–17 year olds)	\$75	\$77
<i>Privileges Included:</i> Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, General Fishing, Trapping (proof of certification or exemption required), State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, and most permit fees. DNR Magazine subscription, vehicle admission to state parks and related areas (including State Trail Pass) are included in the Conservation Patron license, but not in the Conservation Patron Junior license.*		
Sports	\$60	\$275
Sports Junior (12-17 year olds)	\$35	\$36
<i>Privileges Included:</i> General Fishing, Small Game, Deer with Firearm*		
Gun Deer	\$24	\$160
Archery	\$24	\$160
Junior Gun Deer (12–17 year olds)	\$20	—
<i>Privileges Included:</i> Deer with Firearm		
Junior Archery (12–17 year olds)	\$20	—
<i>Privileges Included:</i> Small Game and Deer may be harvested with a bow.		
Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag		
Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag One free with license	\$0	\$0
Additional Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag	\$2	\$2
Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag	\$12	\$20

* Does not include furbearing animals: for non-residents

Resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications via the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov. Licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 to 10 days. When submitting permit applications, the customer will receive an immediate, printable confirmation that their application data was received. Licenses are also available at DNR Service Centers (see page 55), authorized license agents, or over the phone at 1-877-WI-LICENSE (1-877-945-4236).

Licensing Requirements

- Hunters must carry their valid hunting license on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibit it to a Conservation Warden upon request.
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license, tag or buck authorization or for you to use or carry some other person's license, tag or buck authorization when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor (available from any license sales agent).

Deer Permits, Carcass Tags and Licenses

- See page 26 for detailed instructions on carcass tags.
- While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag (of any kind) unless it is attached to a legally killed deer.
- It is illegal to possess, move or transport an untagged deer. The proper carcass tag must be immediately validated and attached to the harvested deer.
- A Gun Deer License is required to hunt deer with a firearm (including muzzleloaders).
- An Archery License is required to hunt deer with bow and arrow (or crossbow by qualified individuals as described on page 10 under “Bows, arrows and crossbows”).
- Your **backtag must be displayed** where it can be clearly seen in the center of the back of your outermost garment. **Note:** the backtag number must not be hidden by a coat hood, displayed upside down or be marked up in any manner.

Resident Licenses

To purchase a resident hunting license:

- a person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal state income taxes, or obtains a driver’s license. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period and/or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. **Non-residents 12-17 years of age who have a parent that is a Wisconsin resident may purchase licenses at resident rates.**

Non-resident students attending school in Wisconsin:

- Full-time non-resident students in residence at **any** public or private Wisconsin college, technical college, or university offering a degree OR foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, may purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident prices.

Effective Dates

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons, except Archery Licenses purchased after the opening of the deer season.
- **Archery Licenses** purchased after the open season for deer begins are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for qualified U.S. Armed Forces Members. See page 10 for details.
- **Gun Deer Licenses** may be purchased during any open deer season.
- All 2007 deer hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2008.

Hunter Education Requirements

Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must present their Wisconsin Hunter Education certificate (or proof of a hunter safety course recognized by the Department from another state, province or country), previous year’s Wisconsin hunting license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate of successful completion of a Bow Hunter Education course can be used to purchase an Archery License. Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at dnr.wi.gov.

First-time Hunter Education Graduates

Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tags are no longer valid for an antlerless deer for those individuals who graduated from a Wisconsin Hunter Education course in the year preceding the deer hunting season. Hunter Education graduates may instead receive a free special Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag. This carcass tag is valid for an antlerless deer during any open deer season with the appropriate license and corresponding weapon, and may only be obtained through a DNR Service Center.

CWD Landowner Permit Information

The following information pertains only to the Disease Eradication Zone (DEZ)

Landowners owning at least 5 contiguous acres of land within a Disease Eradication Zone may **without a license** kill deer on that land with the purchase of a department issued **\$2 Disease Eradication Zone Landowner Permit**. These permits are also required to allow others to hunt deer as a **participant** on the land for which the permit is valid without having to purchase a deer license.

These **participants** must purchase a **\$2 DEZ Hunter Permit**.

Note: *DEZ Landowner Permits and DEZ Hunter Permits are not required during the deer hunting seasons if a hunter has purchased a deer hunting license.*

Landowners not intending to hunt, but who wish to allow others to hunt deer on their property may obtain a landowner permit for no charge at any DNR Service Center or by calling 1-877-WISC-CWD.

Conditions:

- Owners of multiple separate parcels will only receive one permit (one permit per DNR Customer Identification Number).
- Landowners may not charge any form of a fee to a participant who is hunting under the authorization of a DEZ Landowner/Hunter Permit.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain or hunt under the authority of a DEZ Landowner or DEZ Hunter permit.
- Hunter Education course requirements apply.
- Rifles legal for hunting deer may be used in the DEZs by landowners and participants that have been authorized by the landowner.
- All other hunting regulations in this pamphlet apply unless otherwise noted.

Permits:

DEZ Landowner Permit: \$2 and DEZ Hunter Permit: \$2

- **From Sep. 15-Jan. 6, the Disease Eradication Zone is Earn-a-Buck, and carcass tags are only valid if a Buck Authorization Sticker is attached to the back of the tag, or if an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered.**
- Both permits may be obtained at any license sales location (these permits will not be available via the Internet or over the phone).
- Permits issued in 2007 will be valid beginning on September 15, 2007 and will expire on March 31, 2008 (**Valid in the DEZs only**).
- Permits may be used during both the archery and gun season. **Legal archery** equipment may be used from September 15–March 31, 2008. Firearms may only be used from October 13–21 and November 17–March 31, 2008.
- Landowners will be issued a DEZ Landowner Permit/Backtag and one DEZ carcass tag for their own personal use during any season on the property that they own in the DEZ. This carcass tag may not be transferred to or possessed by anyone except the landowner to whom it was issued, and is not valid outside of the DEZ or on land owned by someone else in the DEZ. **Earn-a-Buck regulations do not apply to this one DEZ landowner deer carcass tag.**
- Participants will be issued a DEZ Hunter Permit/Backtag and one DEZ carcass tag for their own use and two **landowner authorization forms**. In order to be valid, the authorization form must be signed by the landowner of the land that is hunted and include the DEZ Landowner Permit/Backtag number. A hunter must receive separate authorizations from the landowner holding a DEZ Landowner Permit for each property that they intend to hunt.
- Hunters may obtain additional landowner authorization forms if they wish to hunt on more than two landowner properties from any ALIS vendor for free.
- Additional 2007–2008 CWD Deer Carcass Tags can be obtained free of charge (limit 4 per hunter per day) at deer registration stations and participating license vendors located in the CWD zones and at all DNR Service Centers.

Regulations

In the DEZ ONLY: A landowner, an immediate family member of the landowner, or an employee of the landowner may use a firearm or bow and arrow to shoot deer from a farm tractor or an implement of husbandry (**Note:** Implement of husbandry means a vehicle or piece of equipment or machinery designed for agricultural purposes, used exclusively for agricultural operations and used principally off the highway.)

ONLY in the following areas:

1. Only on the landowner's land, **and**
2. Only in a designated Disease Eradication Zone

No person may: (including the above individuals)

1. Hunt, or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

Armed Forces Members

Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:

- Exemption from Hunter Education requirements (see page 7).
- A U.S. Armed Forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a **Wisconsin resident**:
 1. in **active service, outside of the state**, with the U.S. Armed Forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces, and
 2. is on **furlough or leave**, may harvest one deer of either sex during any firearm deer season established by the department with his or her Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag.
- **Any U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces** who exhibits proof of **active service** and that he or she is:
 1. **stationed in the state**, or
 2. is a **resident on furlough or leave**, is exempt from the 3 day waiting period for Archery or Conservation Patron Licenses purchased after the season opens.
- **Any non-resident active duty U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and is stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase any hunting, trapping, or fishing license at resident prices.

Armed Forces members are not exempt from the need to purchase a valid deer hunting license.

Disabled Hunters

A qualified disabled person may obtain a permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Class A and C disabled hunters are authorized to harvest deer of either sex with their regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag during any gun deer season. This means that a hunter with a Class A or Class C Disabled Permit may fill their one regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag with:

1. an antlerless deer
2. a buck during the December antlerless only deer hunt, or
3. a buck in EAB units without the need to shoot an antlerless deer first.

Contact a DNR Service Center for details. Allow 30–60 days for processing. **Important:** Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit, which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

Ask First and Say Thanks!

Wisconsin landowners appreciate those people who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is illegal and creates a negative image for all hunters

General Deer Hunting Regulations

Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

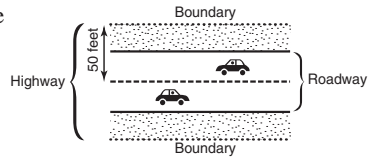
In any area of the state where a firearm deer season is open (including the regular 9-day hunt, muzzleloader season, October 6–7 Youth Hunt, December 4-day antlerless only hunt, or CWD hunts), no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze that is 50% blaze orange is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended. **Note:** Blaze orange requirements do not apply to those hunters participating in legal night hunting (i.e. raccoon) from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

Hunting Hours:

- See tables on pages 48–51 for specific daily legal hours.

Hunting Near Roadways

- **Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.
- **Roadway** means the portion of the highway which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.
- **Public road** means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation for public use (**does not** include private roads or driveways).



It is illegal to:

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
 - a. From or across a highway, or
 - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). **Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B Disabled Permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (page 55) for an explanation of these exceptions.

Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.

Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local Sheriff's Department or township officials for local shining restrictions.
- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

General Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a firearm discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow. Handguns may be used as described under the “Handgun” section (page 14). Crossbows may only be used as described under the “Bows, arrows, and crossbows” section (page 14).
- possess any firearm from 12:00 midnight–11:59 p.m. on November 16, 2007 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. **Exceptions:** target shooting at established target ranges and on private lands by landowners and immediate family members who live with them, waterfowl hunting during open season, hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves, and hunting small game in CWD Zones.

Note: An established target range means an existing location that is set up for target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.

- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own (including public lands) without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- hunt deer with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, non-expanding type bullets.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer.
- possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1–Dec. 11 (unless legally engaged in waterfowl hunting).

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities for local restrictions before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

Shotguns:

- Must have an overall 26” minimum length with 18” minimum barrel length.
- Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18” in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28. These are the only legal gauges for hunting deer.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.

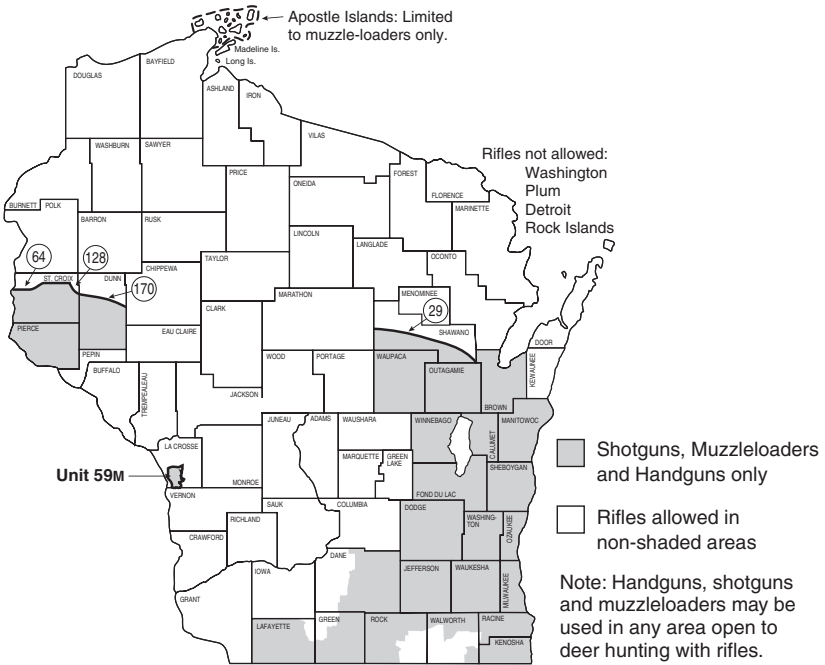
Rifles:

- Must have an overall 26” minimum length with 16” minimum barrel length.
- Are legal for hunting deer in areas not restricted to shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns only as indicated by non-shaded areas on map on opposite page.
- It is illegal to possess any rimfire rifle larger than .22 caliber or any center-fire rifle .22 caliber or larger during any gun deer season in shotgun only areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. **Note:** Rifled barreled shotguns and muzzleloaders are not considered rifles for purpose of hunting deer.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with any air rifle, rimfire rifle, or any center-fire rifle less than .22 caliber.

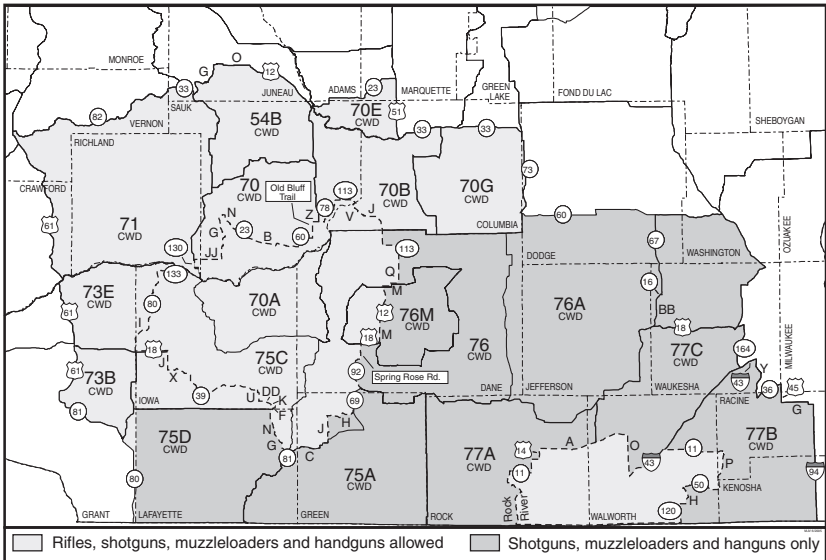
Adult Supervision Required

A parent or guardian (at least 18 years of age) must accompany hunters 12 and 13 years of age. **Accompanied** means within sight **and** voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device (other than a hearing aid). Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm or hunt unless participating in a DNR Learn to Hunt event or Hunter Education Course.

Deer Firearm Restricted Areas



Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones Firearm Restrictions



Firearm and Bow Restrictions *continued*

Muzzleloaders

- Muzzleloaders that are discharged from the shoulder must be at least .45 caliber if smoothbore and .40 caliber or larger if rifled barrel, and must be loaded with a single ball or slug to be legal for deer hunting. **During the 10-day muzzleloader only season (Nov. 26–Dec. 5)**, muzzleloaders must have a solid threaded breech plug, only be able to be loaded from the muzzle, and may not have telescopic sights (1 power or less are legal). Telescopic sights are legal to use on muzzleloaders during other firearm seasons. **Note: Inline muzzleloaders** are legal to use during the 10-day muzzleloader hunt with black powder or any black powder substitutes.
- Muzzleloaders may be used statewide in all areas open to hunting deer with guns.
- Muzzleloading handguns must be .44 caliber and larger with a minimum barrel length of 7 inches measured from muzzle to breech face, and fire a single projectile weighing 138 grains or more to be legal for deer hunting.
- Black powder revolvers are legal **but not for hunting deer during the 10-day muzzleloader only season** (because they are capable of being loaded by the cylinder instead of the muzzle).

Handguns:

- To be legal for deer, handguns must use center-fire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and have a 5½ inch minimum barrel, measured from the firing pin to the muzzle with the action closed.
- You may not possess a concealed handgun.
- Muzzleloading handguns, see “Muzzleloaders,” above.
- It is illegal to hunt with a handgun if under age 18.

Bows, arrows, and crossbows:

- Bows must have a draw weight of 30 pounds or greater and metal broadheads must be at least 7/8 inches wide and kept sharp to hunt deer.
- Crossbows are only allowed for resident hunters 65 yrs of age or older and any disabled hunters with a Class A, C, B Crossbow, or crossbow permit. The crossbow must have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads (requires an Archery License).
- Compound bows equipped with a drawlock mechanism that is capable of holding the bow at full draw without the aid of a hunter are considered crossbows. These are exempt from the 100 pound requirement but must meet the 30 pound minimum.
- You may not possess, while hunting, any poison, drug or explosive tipped arrow.

Arms transportation:

- All firearms must be **unloaded and completely enclosed** within carrying cases designed to carry a firearm when **in** or **on** any vehicle whether moving or stationary. All firearms must be **unloaded** when **in** or **on** any motor driven boat while the motor is running.
- All bows/crossbows must be **unstrung or enclosed** when **in** or **on** a vehicle **OR in** or **on** any motor driven boat while the motor is running. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Note: Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

Note: A holster is not a legal carrying case for a handgun unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

Muzzleloader Only Deer Season

- A valid, unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag or Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag is required to participate in the muzzleloader only season.
- Blaze orange clothing requirements apply (see page 11).
- The muzzleloader only season will be held statewide except in some state parks and metro units.
- Antlerless deer may only be harvested with unfilled Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags in units for which they are valid (see exemption for qualified military personnel and disabled hunters on page 10).

Group Deer Hunting Law

Group Hunting: It is illegal to kill game for another person EXCEPT that during a *deer firearm season only* (group hunting is **not legal** for archery deer hunting), any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party. All participants **must** be licensed and each **must** possess a firearm. Members of a group deer hunting party should also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag on a deer killed by another member of the party.

The following conditions are established by law to ensure that hunters are actively participating in the hunt, are in the field and do not harvest more deer than the group has tags for:

1. A group deer hunting party must be at least 2 or more hunters who are hunting together within sight or voice contact of one another at all times. Temporary loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are not out in the field actively hunting with the party or are at other locations apart from the area where the hunter killed the deer.
2. Group deer hunting *is not allowed* to fill the special free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag issued to first-time Hunter Education graduates.
3. Hunters may not use cellular phones, radio communications or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices, (except hearing aids) to get someone to tag a deer. It is legal to use electronic devices for reasons other than getting someone to tag a deer.
4. The hunter for whom the deer is killed must possess a valid, unused carcass tag for the type of deer killed.
5. The hunter killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged and the tag is validated according to the deer carcass tagging instructions (page 19). A hunter is attending a deer if the hunter can see the deer.
6. Convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by anyone else. Deer drivers are not required to possess firearms or hunting licenses.
7. Adults may *not* gun deer hunt during the October 6 and 7 youth gun deer hunt.

Use of Devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an aircraft.
- use any bow equipped with a draw-lock type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw without the aid of the hunter while hunting. **Note:** For exceptions, see page 14.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting, except by Class C visually handicapped permit holders.
- **Note:** Electronic calls or decoys are legal for hunting deer.

Dogs

- It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs.
- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only Conservation Wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

Transport, Possession and Sale of Deer

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any deer or deer part thereof except: the head, skin not in spotted coat, and antlers not in velvet of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
- possess a deer with broken or removed antlers in an EAB deer management unit or during an antlerless only deer season, which makes determination of legality impossible.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged and registered as required.
- possess deer antlers in velvet, spotted hides, albino or white deer which are entirely white except the hooves, tarsal glands, heads and parts of the head, unless special written authorization is obtained from the department.

Note: Deer with antlers in velvet or in spotted coat may be harvested during the open deer season, however, to keep the antlers or spotted hide the hunter must contact a Warden within 7 days of tagging the deer and request written authorization. The spotted hide and velvet antlers may not be sold or transferred to another person. Albino and white deer may not be harvested without prior written authorization from the DNR (albino and white deer may be harvested and possessed in the CWD DEZ, **but not in the Herd Reduction Zone**). Upon harvest you must contact the DNR within 7 days of tagging the deer to obtain a Possession Authorization Receipt to retain possession of the deer).

- transport another person's unregistered deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the deer.

Note: Residents and non-residents may transport legally possessed deer out of state once registered. *For transportation requirements in CWD zones and in the United States, see opposite page.*

Taking of Game

It is illegal to:

- take or possess any deer or wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.

Deer Carcass Transportation Regulations in the United States and Canada

The number one objective in the management of CWD is to prevent its spread into new areas. One theoretical mode of disease transmission is via infected carcasses. Therefore, in an effort to minimize the risk of disease spread, a number of states have adopted regulations addressing the transportation of hunter-harvested deer and elk.

It is important that resident hunters, as well as hunters traveling to other states are aware of the restrictions that apply to them.

Since the suspected infective agent (prion) is concentrated in the brain, spinal cord and lymph glands, the most common regulation is the prohibition of the importation of whole carcasses harvested from CWD areas. Some states, like Colorado, also have established regulations addressing the transport of deer and elk out of CWD areas. Generally, states that have adopted carcass transportation regulations **do not allow the importation of any brain or spinal column tissue** and allow transport of only the following:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately).
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers," "whistlers," or "ivories."
- Finished taxidermy.

Although the Wisconsin DNR does not restrict deer carcass movement once a deer has been registered, we recommend that only the parts mentioned above be transported from all CWD zones.

When unaware of the current rules in the state you will be hunting or transporting deer or elk carcasses into or through, following the above criteria should prevent any unintentional violation.

Since each state's regulations are subject to change, it is recommended that before hunting you check the hunting and CWD regulations in your home state, the state in which you will be hunting and states in which you will travel through en route home from your hunting area. Most state wildlife agencies provide regulations information on their websites which may be accessed by links provided in the following web site for all the other states: www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/links.main.

Vehicle-Killed Deer Tagging and Possession

- Contact your Sheriff's Department to obtain a tag before moving the deer so that the carcass, or part of the carcass, can be legally possessed.
- Any person may claim a deer that has been killed by a motor vehicle operated on a highway. The driver of a vehicle that accidentally collides with and kills a deer has first priority to the deer. If the driver does not want the deer, any other person who arrives at the scene may request a tag for the carcass.

Taxidermists

These regulations are available at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cs/licenses.htm.

Hunters' Code of Ethics

Positive hunter behavior and ethics will preserve the future of hunting and will help ensure continued opportunities and places to hunt. Ethics include behavior related to issues such as respect, responsibility and fairness, which cannot always be addressed with laws. Responsible and ethical hunters should always:

1. Respect Landowners

- Always know where you are hunting and gain permission before entering private lands. Know how to use a map, compass or GPS unit when needed.
- Be courteous, follow the landowner's rules and treat their property with respect.

2. Respect other Hunters

- Don't interfere or disrupt the hunt of another. Treat other hunters in a manner that you would expect to be treated.

3. Respect Non-Hunters

- Understand that not everyone supports hunting. While everyone is entitled to their own view, positive hunting behavior will not turn someone who is neutral into someone that is opposed.

4. Respect Wildlife and other Natural Resources

- Follow all hunting laws and report violations observed to your local warden.
- Assist or support landowners and the DNR with wildlife habitat projects.