



Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Deer Management Assistance Program	Chronic Wasting Disease D.7; Harvest Data Herd Health & Productivity E.4; People G.2; G.5; Conservation Congress H.8
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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is then presented followed by a brief summary by the WDNR.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION #D7, E4, G1k,G3,H8

8. An annual meeting of DMAP cooperators would be an excellent venue for reporting on various aspects of CWD, in addition to the topics discussed earlier. This would greatly enhance public awareness and WDNR credibility.

4. An annual report should be prepared for each DMU and Region summarizing these studies and a PowerPoint/video presentation developed for annual DMAP workshops and public presentations. Health indices such as average number of fetuses by age, breeding phenology, lactation rates, true recruitment and antler development should be discussed.

k) DMAP data analysis and reporting. Each DMAP cooperator should receive an annual report summarizing current data and trend data over years to monitor progress toward goals (Appendix 4) from the Virginia DMAP as an example). Most of the report generation can be computerized and cooperators should be provided an option to allow online submission of data to reduce staff time commitments. It is desirable to provide a report of all DMAP cooperators within a DMU or other region to allow the cooperators to compare deer herd metrics on their property with overall herd conditions within their area.

3. Expand public education/outreach efforts to serve landowners whose goals include management for white-tailed deer and other wildlife species. The WDNR should provide technical assistance to landowners interested in wildlife management similar to that provided to landowners interested in timber management. Technical assistance should include on-site consultations by wildlife biologists/technicians and other natural resource specialists (forestry, fisheries, agriculture, etc.), development of management plans, field days at demonstration sites, workshops, and written and online materials. Management plans should be developed from an ecosystem perspective relative to landowner goals. These activities could be facilitated by DMAP cooperators, NGOs such as QDMA, WU, NWTF and RGS, and the cooperative extension and outreach programs at the University of Wisconsin. Other information popular with deer hunters such as the Wisconsin Big Game Records maintained by the Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club and QDMA's Annual Deer Report could be linked to the WDNR website.

8. Project results should be extended to the public through media, workshops and field days, as part of the DMAP program and regional stakeholder conferences. This will increase credibility of WDNR and techniques used to manage deer, habitats and people.

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

The action team supports all of the recommendations.



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2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

- Look at other organizations that have similar meetings, workshops, and public outreach.
- Workshops could be conducted at the DMU or County (or another) level.
- DMAP success will require strong public acceptance. Success can be demonstrated at annual workshops and used to build the program and gain new interest.
- CWD management, research, and updates should be incorporated into workshops/reports.
- Local biologist/forester will contribute to workshops, meetings, DMAP implementation, and site visits.
- Diversity of inputs will be important.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Coordinator will need to get the information out and do it well.
- Standardized format of reports/workshops/meetings from year to year and region to region.

4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin.

- Simplification within cooperatives. Additional data collection and research can occur on DMAP properties.
- These recommendations will increase participation and sharing of information. Will facilitate cooperation between landowners, hunters, and the Department.

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