

Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

Action Team: Deer Management Assistance Program	Hunting Regulations, Seasons & Bag Limits B.7
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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

B.7. Establish a DMAP antlerless permit system. Regulations pertaining to DMAP Antlerless Carcass Tags will need to be developed. Major considerations include how tags are issued (individual tags sold to hunters or bundle of tags issued to cooperator for a specific property), private access or public access lands, fees, limits (per hunter, per unit of land area, Deer Management Zone), and establishment and allocation of funds generated from fees. DMAP permits are in lieu of tags issued with a license and are valid only on the specified DMAP property during regular hunting seasons.

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 the recommendation of establishing a DMAP antlerless permit system. Tags would be issued based on a property-specific assessment. Antlerless tag fees should be consistent with the current established fees (i.e. \$0 in CWD units, \$2 in Herd Control units, or \$12 regular units)
- Will not replace existing antlerless permit system. A DMAP antlerless permit system will only supplement what already exists.

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

- Historical data from DMAP permit systems in other states.
- WI's existing permit system, Ag damage program.
- County and state habitat information/records.
- The issuance of antlerless permits will recognize local deer density variability and customized management based on landowner goals.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Will potentially require statutory changes.
- Funds generated from the sale of antlerless permits on DMAP properties should be used to fund DMAP.
- This may create a perception of privatizing the deer herd.
- How will this system be applied to public lands?
- Cooperator accountability – will harvest recommendations be voluntary or mandatory?
- Relationships with neighboring landowners may be impacted by an increase/decrease in antlerless harvest.
- Length of land ownership may impact long term consistency in antlerless harvest.



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

- Simplification of antlerless harvest management within the DMAP cooperatives.
- Increases management requirements if harvest recommendations are made on more/smaller properties
- Collection of harvest data will assist population estimation and research needs.

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