



Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

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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 presented then followed by additional background information.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION

H.9. In the long-term, we recommend developing a wildlife disease unit to: 1) respond quickly to CWD outbreaks; 2) monitor health and disease of other wildlife species; and, 2) train and support local biologists/technicians in conducting annual herd health surveys.

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:

- A DNR Wildlife Health Unit has existed for over 30 years. It is supported by technical staff in other states and federal agencies. It works well with the existing organization and a large cadre of field staff.

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

- The existing Wildlife Disease Unit works well with current budget staff and organizational structure.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- The main concern of the Action Team is whether the Wildlife Health Team will have the resources to handle the expected response with increasing CWD distribution and prevalence while still handling other disease and species challenges.

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

- Action Team doesn’t anticipate this proposal will result in a significant change.