

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

B.12. Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas. The primary concerns expressed about baiting at the Town Hall and stakeholder meetings were the effects on deer behavior (becoming nocturnal) and potential conflicts with other hunters on public lands. While legality of baiting varies among states due to past customs, several aspects of baiting are cause for concern, especially transmission of diseases. Although Wisconsin has the most strict baiting regulations in the nation, with the current extent of CWD in the Farmland Regions and the recent discovery of a CWD positive deer in Washburn County, it is time to resolve the baiting and feeding issue as soon as possible. Involving human dimensions studies would help considerably. If not resolved, we feel spread of CWD will render this a moot point!

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:

- Ban baiting and feeding statewide

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

- A recommendation to leave legislation as is was not supported
- A recommendation to legalize baiting and feeding statewide was not supported
- Legislators asked for research on disease transmission via baiting and it was proving
- DTR survey showed respondents are about 50/50 on baiting issue
- Baiting and feeding artificially increases deer numbers, confounding herd control effort

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- It is a legislative matter and elected officials do not want to address it again, as it is very contentious. Legislators claim they have already addressed it with CWD rules.

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

- Baiting and feeding has created a divide amongst hunters. This proposal will help eliminate that divide and complication of where and how much bait can be used.