

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Update of the elk management plan and information regarding the 2018 elk hunt.

FOR: April 2018 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Kevin Wallenfang, deer and elk ecologist, Bureau of Wildlife Management

SUMMARY:




The department plans to update the state elk plan. The current plan is almost 15 years old and was last amended in 2012. Since the last update, the department has translocated elk into the state and the elk population has increased. Changes in the number of elk and location of the elk herd has prompted the department to update the plan to include new partners, challenges, and management goals. An updated elk management plan will allow the department to effectively manage elk in line with biological and social needs.

Also, the department would like to update the board on the upcoming elk hunting season in 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Only

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

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