Re-establish In-Person Deer Registration Stations, Back Tags, and Tagging Procedures

RESOLUTION: Currently, harvested deer are registered digitally on an honor system. This registration system increases the potential for improper, inaccurate, or missing registrations. It is suspected that all harvested deer are not being registered. Not having registration stations has substantially affected the funding to participating bars, gas stations, and other stores, which depended upon such revenues for existence. Previous tagging procedures mandated back tags, which allowed for easy reference of trespassing parties on private lands and for law abiding hunters to report illegal activities on public lands. Harvested deer are not displayed when traveling via vehicle from the point of harvest, making poaching easier. All of the above can make law enforcement more difficult than when the hunter wore a back tag, had to tag and register the animal at the time of harvest, and display a portion of the harvested animal from the vehicle while transporting. Be it resolved: Re-establish in-person registration stations for harvested deer. Such registration stations would also allow for the taking of samples for CWD infected deer. Re-establish tagging and back tagging procedures. Re-establish a portion of the animal being displayed while traveling from the point of harvest. Provide for the sale of heritage hunt tags (metal tags used in previous decades). Such sales would not be mandatory, but show support for the heritage of deer hunting in Wisconsin and offset costs.

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