

Citizen Resolution # 700420

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Working together to find solutions to CWD

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) continues to spread to new areas of Wisconsin. CWD affects free ranging populations as well as farm raised cervids. CWD is a death sentence for deer and elk farmers. Cervid farmers are doing everything they can to prevent the disease from entering their farms.

Cooperation between cervid farmers, wildlife agencies, the Conservation Congress, and all other parties with a vested interest in CWD, is necessary to prevent further spread of the disease and to help find possible solutions.

More research is needed in specific areas such as how the disease is spread, determining when a CWD infected animal starts to shed prions, determining how resistant the more resistant genetic animals are, determining if CWD is a naturally occurring disease, determining the different strains of CWD, determining if the CWD strain in deer is different than the elk strain, etc.

I submitted and watched this same resolution, (700119), pass at every level last year until it was rewritten and condensed to 2 sentences, only to be rejected at the WCC District Leadership Council meeting for not being clear enough. All stakeholders need to be involved to solve the CWD issue.

It is recommended by the Conservation Congress that all parties work together to find possible solutions to CWD as well as securing funding for the additional research that is needed to find solutions to CWD.

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