



Resolution

No. 2022-56

Enact Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease

WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of cervids which threatens to cause significant economic, cultural and ecological damage to Wisconsin's deer and elk populations; *and*,

WHEREAS, since its discovery in Wisconsin in a deer harvested in 2001 it has now spread to wild deer in 36 counties and has been found in over 25 captive cervid farms; *and*,

WHEREAS, there are 60 counties that are 'CWD affected', either having CWD detected in the county or are within 10 miles of CWD detection; *and*,

WHEREAS, in the most highly infected areas of Dane and Iowa counties the prevalence rate in adult males is about 50 percent and in adult females is about 35 percent; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization all recommend that cervid meat only be eaten after the animal harvested has tested negative for CWD; *and*,

WHEREAS, in 2021 over 800,000 gun and archery deer hunting licenses were sold in Wisconsin; *and*,

WHEREAS, according to a study, hunters in Wisconsin spent \$2.5 billion in 2011. Eighty-eight percent of the hunters in Wisconsin participated in deer hunting, making it the most popular form of hunting in the state; *and*,

WHEREAS, with no known cure or preventative vaccine, the only option currently available to manage CWD is to aggressively limit the transmission and spread of CWD; *and*,

WHEREAS, current regulations do not adequately limit the human assisted transmission of CWD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 31st day of May, 2022, recommends that the Wisconsin Counties Association urge the State Legislature to make the following changes to State Statutes and supporting Administrative Rules:

- Change ATCP 10.56(1) to eliminate the exceptions that allow the transport of live cervids without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- Change NR 10.105(7) to prohibit the export of cervid carcasses which have any part of the spinal column or head attached from CWD affected areas in which wild or captive cervids have tested positive for CWD within the last 10 years.
- Enact new rules to require the disposal of harvested cervids carcasses in approved landfills, rendering, or composting facilities.
- Enact new rules to prohibit the export of live cervids from areas within 10 miles of a known positive CWD detection within the last 5 years.

