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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Chronic Wasting Disease Response Measures
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 7 of 2016
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

After the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa positively confirmed the first case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a Michigan free-ranging deer from Ingham County, the Director issued an interim order of the Director (Interim Order of the Director No. 1 of 2015), on May 26, 2015, authorizing the implementation of *Michigan's Surveillance and Response Plan for Chronic Wasting Disease of Free-Ranging and Privately-Owned Cervids* (CWD Plan). The Interim Order of the Director amended the Wildlife Conservation Order to enact initial CWD plan protocols and measures. At the August 2015 Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting, the NRC approved the CWD Response Measures for Deer in Clinton, Ingham, and Shiawassee Counties (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2015).

Since the initial finding of CWD on May 20, 2015, six additional free-ranging deer were positively confirmed with CWD. Three were found in Meridian Township (Ingham County); one in Dewitt Township (Clinton County); and two in Watertown Township (Clinton County). With the additional findings of CWD positive free-ranging deer, the Department recommends amending the protocols and control measures in the Wildlife Conservation Order to maintain the aggressive surveillance outlined in the CWD Plan.

To continue aggressive surveillance and CWD plan measures, the Department recommends expanding the Core CWD Area to include additional townships adjacent to each location where the seven infected animals were documented. The Core CWD Area, which will continue to be referred to as Deer Management Unit (DMU) 333, will now consist of Lansing, Meridian, Williamstown, Delhi, Alaiedon and Wheatfield townships in Ingham County; DeWitt, Bath, Watertown, Eagle, Westphalia, Riley, Olive and Victor townships in Clinton County; Woodhull Township in Shiawassee County; and Oneida and Delta townships in Eaton County.

In addition and at a minimum, any county with a boundary that is intersected by a 10-mile radius around each of the documented cases where the infected animals were located has been

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defined as part of the CWD Management Zone. The CWD Management Zone now includes all of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia and Shiawassee counties.

The following measures in Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2015 are proposed to be continued:

- The feeding and baiting of cervids, including deer and elk, within the Core CWD Area and CWD Management Zone is banned.
- Any licensed taxidermist receiving a carcass or parts thereof from a deer originating within the Core CWD Area must report the acquisition to the Wildlife Disease Laboratory within the business hours of the next 72 hours unless the deer has been affixed with a CWD survey tag, the hunter presents a portion of the CWD survey tag for that deer, or a not detected test result for CWD has been reported by the Department for that deer.
- Any commercial processor receiving a carcass or parts thereof from a deer originating within the Core CWD Area must report the acquisition to the Wildlife Disease Laboratory within the business hours of the next 72 hours unless the deer has been affixed with a CWD survey tag, the hunter presents a portion of the CWD survey tag for that deer, or a not detected test result for CWD has been reported by the Department for that animal.
- A free-ranging deer from the Core CWD Area may be taken to a licensed processor or taxidermist or to the hunter's home for storage and processing after it is presented for mandatory deer check. The hunter shall retain at least a portion of the Department-issued CWD survey tag and dispose of unused parts in a landfill.
- The elimination of antler point restrictions in DMU 333 to maximize harvest and to help prevent the potential spread of disease.
- Private lands in both the CWD Management Zone and Core CWD Area are open for the early antlerless firearm deer season.

The following new measures are proposed:

- Add Watertown, Eagle, Westphalia, Riley, Olive, and Victor townships in Clinton County and Oneida and Delta townships in Eaton County to DMU 333.
- Create a CWD Management Zone Unit named DMU 419.
- Add Ionia county and all townships not currently in DMU 333 from Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, and Shiawassee counties to DMU 419.
- Remove DMU 308 (Bellevue Unit) and eliminate all quotas associated with DMU 308.
- Reinstitute DMU 013 (Calhoun County) and establish an antlerless license quota of 7,500 for private land and 100 for public land.
- Reinstitute DMU 008 (Barry County) and establish an antlerless license quota of 7,500 for private land and 1,000 for public land.
- Remove DMU 329 (Stanton Unit), along with previous quotas of 28,000 for private land and 2,800 for public land.
- Reinstitute DMU 354 (Montcalm and Mecosta counties), along with previous quotas of 20,000 for private land and 1,200 for public land.

- Open DMU 419 to the early antlerless deer season and establish an antlerless license quota of 40,000 for private land and 2,000 for public land.
- Reinstitute DMU 029 (Gratiot County) and establish antlerless license quotas of 9,000 for private land and 1,300 for public land.
- Allow roadkill deer in the Core CWD Area to be possessed and kept with a Department issued salvage tag. The head must be submitted to a Department biologist, biologist appointee or check station to acquire a salvage permit from a Law Enforcement Officer or Department employee.
- Implement a technical change to allow shooting from inside a standing vehicle when using out-of-season permits in conjunction with deer population management under conditions approved by the wildlife management unit supervisor and district law enforcement supervisor.
- Require hunters to present the head of all hunter-harvested deer originating from the Core CWD Area within the business hours of the next 72 hours of harvest to a Department deer check station established within the Core CWD Area. The head must be surrendered to the Department for CWD testing, along with any other material requested by the Department, and affixed with a CWD survey tag. The hunter will retain at least a portion of the CWD survey tag, may retain the antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue from a head that is submitted to the Department, and shall dispose of unused parts in a landfill. After the head has been presented for mandatory deer check, the carcass may be taken to a licensed processor or taxidermist or to the hunter's home for storage and processing.
- Require hunters leaving the Core CWD Area to present the entire carcass of all hunter-harvested deer originating from the Core CWD Area within the business hours of the next 72 hours of harvest to a Department deer check station established within the Core CWD Area. The entire carcass must be surrendered to the Department for CWD testing, along with any other material requested by the Department, and affixed with a CWD survey tag. The hunter will retain at least a portion of the CWD survey tag, may retain the antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue from a head that is submitted to the department, and shall dispose of unused parts in a landfill. After the head has been presented for mandatory deer check, the carcass may be taken to a licensed processor or taxidermist or to the hunter's home for storage and processing.

The Department's wildlife rehabilitator permitting process allows individuals to rehabilitate sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife. The intention of wildlife rehabilitation is to release all animals back to the wild or humanely euthanize, if necessary. In order to prevent the unintentional spread of disease through rehabilitation of deer, the Department recommends:

- Prohibiting all deer obtained from within the CWD Management Zone or Core CWD Area from being rehabilitated. In addition, permittees located within the CWD Management Zone or Core CWD Area may no longer rehabilitate deer.

- Allowing rehabilitators from within the CWD Management Zone and Core CWD Area to euthanize deer obtained from within the CWD Management Zone or Core CWD Area within 24 hours of receipt. The deer must be submitted to the Wildlife Disease Laboratory for disease testing after being euthanized.
- Prohibiting deer found outside of the CWD Management Zone or Core CWD Area from being taken to a rehabilitator from within the CWD Management Zone or Core CWD Area.
- Prohibiting licensed rehabilitators located north of the limited firearm deer zone from rehabilitating deer originating from south of the limited firearm deer zone. All deer rehabilitated south of the limited firearm deer zone must be released back into their county of origin.

The biological, social, and economic issues regarding CWD identified in Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2015 remain unchanged.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's March calendar and may be eligible for approval on May 12, 2016.

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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 7 of 2016

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by sections 40107 and 40113a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40107 and 324.40113a, it is ordered that effective May 13, 2016, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

3.101 Deer hunting open seasons; type of deer that may be taken; carrying of firearms, season limit.

Sec. 3.101. (1) The open firearm deer season shall be from November 15 to November 30.

(2) The open muzzle-loading and black-powder firearms deer season in zone 1 and zone 2 shall be a total of 10 days from the first Friday in December to nine days thereafter. The open muzzle-loading and black-powder firearms deer season in zone 3 shall be a total of 17 days from the first Friday in December to 16 days thereafter.

(3) Subject to section 43510(2) and (3), 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.43510, an individual hunting deer with a muzzle-loading firearm during the muzzle-loading and black-powder firearms season shall only possess or carry afield, or take a deer with a muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading ~~g~~ shotgun, or black-powder pistol, loaded with black-powder or a commercially manufactured black-powder substitute, or a crossbow.

(4) The open bow and arrow season shall be from October 1 through November 14 and from December 1 through January 1.

(5) Subject to section 43510(2) and (3), 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.43510, during the open bow and arrow season, an individual hunting deer with a bow and arrow or a crossbow shall not possess or carry afield a pistol, revolver, or any other firearm unless the individual is properly licensed to hunt deer with a firearm and is hunting in an area open to firearm deer hunting.

(6) The early antlerless firearm deer season shall be a 2-day hunt starting the Saturday following September 15 upon privately owned lands within Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Clinton, **Eaton,** Genesee, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, **Ionia,** Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Midland, Monroe, Montmorency, Oakland, Oscoda, Presque Isle, St. Clair, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties and upon privately owned lands within that portion of Charlevoix county within deer management unit 015. Only an individual possessing a valid private land antlerless deer license issued for the deer management unit in which they are hunting or a mentored youth hunting license may take a deer during this season.

(7) The late antlerless firearm deer season shall be from the first Monday following the third Saturday in December through January 1 upon privately owned lands within Alcona, Allegan, Antrim, Alpena, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Oscoda, Ottawa, Presque Isle, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, and upon privately- owned lands within that portion of Charlevoix county within deer management unit 015. Only an individual possessing a valid antlerless deer license issued for the deer management unit in which they are hunting may take a deer during this season.

(8) The deer management assistance firearm hunt period shall be from the first Monday following the third Saturday in December through January 1 upon lands owned by federal, state, county, or local units of government, non-profit organizations, and other urban or suburban properties in zone 3. Only those areas with a wildlife division approved deer population management plan will be considered for issuance of these special deer management assistance permits. Only an individual possessing a valid deer management assistance permit issued for this hunt period may take a deer with a firearm or a crossbow during this season.

(9) The season limit shall be 1 deer per deer license.

(10) Except as provided by sections 3.101a, 3.101c and 3.101d, the kind of deer which may be taken during the respective open seasons for each combination of season and deer license, except antlerless deer license, shall be as shown in table 2:

TABLE 2

License, Season, Deer to be Taken

Type of license	Season in which used	Kind of deer that may be taken
Deer license, deer combination regular license	Bow and arrow only seasons (zone 1)	Antlered deer.
Deer license, deer combination regular license	Bow and arrow only seasons (zones 2 and 3)	Antlerless or an antlered deer. Antler point restrictions apply for individuals not hunting in DMU 333.
Deer license, deer combination regular license	Firearm deer season, muzzleloading and black-powder firearms only season	Antlered deer or antlerless deer in deer management units 333 and 487. Antler point restrictions apply for individuals not hunting in DMU 333.
	Liberty hunt and independence hunt	Antlerless or antlered deer.
Deer combination restricted license	Bow and arrow only (zone 1)	A deer which has at least 1 antler with 4 or more antler points 1 or more inches in length.
Deer combination restricted license	Bow and arrow only (zones 2 and 3)	Antlerless deer or a deer which has at least 1 antler with 4 or more antler points 1 or more inches in length, except antler point restrictions do not apply to DMU 333.
Deer combination restricted license	Firearm deer season or muzzleloading and black-powder firearms only season	Antlerless deer in DMUs 333 and 487. A deer which has at least 1 antler with 4 or more antler points 1 or more inches in length, except antler point restrictions do not apply to DMU 333.
	Liberty hunt and independence hunt	Antlerless or antlered deer.
Mentored youth deer license	Bow and arrow only seasons, firearm deer season, muzzleloading and black-powder firearms only season, or liberty hunt	Antlerless or antlered deer. Antler point restrictions do not apply.

3.102 Antlerless deer license; validity; authority; types; restrictions; units.

Sec. 3.102. (1) Antlerless deer licenses are only valid in their specified deer management unit when the unit has a season open to the taking of deer. Antlerless deer licenses do not grant permission to hunt on private property without the permission of the owner.

(2) It shall be unlawful for an individual to purchase an antlerless deer license unless the individual holds a current base license.

(3) Antlerless deer licenses shall only be valid for taking an antlerless deer.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the holder of a valid public land antlerless deer license shall only take a deer from publicly owned lands within the deer management unit specified on the antlerless deer license. Public land antlerless deer licenses shall not be valid on any privately owned lands except lands open to hunting by the general public under the provisions of Part 511, Commercial Forests, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.51101 to 324.51120.

(5) The holder of a valid private land antlerless deer license shall only take a deer from privately owned lands within the deer management unit specified on the private land antlerless deer license. The private land antlerless deer license shall not be valid on publicly owned lands and lands open to hunting by the general public under the provisions of Part 511, Commercial Forests, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.51101 to 324.51120.

(6) The deer management units, as defined in chapter XII, listed in section 3.105a are open to the taking of antlerless deer by public land antlerless deer license or private land antlerless deer license, or any combination.

(7) The director, in consultation with and concurrence of the natural resources commission, may require an application to obtain an antlerless deer license or may issue antlerless deer licenses through the retail sales system on a first-come, first-served basis for use in designated deer management units.

(8) The director in consultation with and concurrence of the natural resources commission may issue antlerless deer licenses through the retail sales system on a first-come, first-served basis for use in designated deer management units when the director determines that antlerless deer licenses remain unsold after the drawing, provided for in section 3.104, has been held or where such issuance is in the best interest of deer management. An application for the current year is not required to purchase an antlerless deer license that remains after the drawing, provided for in section 3.104, has been held.

(9) Requirements; restrictions for young hunters:

(a) A hunter under the age of 10 must be licensed through the mentored youth hunting program and accompanied by a qualified mentor. A deer kill tag issued under the mentored youth hunting license shall be valid for any deer in any **open** deer management unit, except during antlerless-only seasons **when only an antlerless deer may be taken. When used to harvest an antlered deer, antler point restrictions do not apply.**

(b) A hunter 10 to 16 years of age on or before the 4th Saturday in September may purchase 1 private or public land antlerless deer license, over the counter, on a first-come, first-served basis, during the application period for antlerless licenses for any deer management unit with antlerless licenses available.

(10) For deer management units ~~019, 033, 078, and~~ 333 **and 419** an individual may purchase unlimited antlerless deer licenses per calendar day. For deer management units 452 and 487, an individual shall not purchase more than 5 antlerless deer licenses per calendar day until the quota has been met. For all other deer management units an individual shall not purchase more than 2 antlerless deer licenses per calendar day until the quota has been met.

(11) For deer management units ~~019, 033,078, and~~ 333 **and 419** an individual may purchase unlimited antlerless deer licenses per season. For deer management units ~~452 and~~ 487, an individual may purchase up to a season limit of 10 private land antlerless deer licenses until the quota has been met. For all other deer management units an individual may purchase up to a season limit of 5 private land antlerless deer licenses until the quota has been met.

3.105 Antlerless-only license quotas.

Sec. 3.105 (1) The director in consultation with and concurrence with the natural resources commission may make appropriate minor changes to antlerless deer quotas established in 3.105(2) to meet disease control, population goal, or other management objectives.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the antlerless deer license quotas are as shown in table 3:

TABLE 3

Deer Management Unit (DMU) License Quotas

DMU	DMU Name	Public licenses	Private licenses	Total licenses
001	Alcona County	5,000	0	5,000
003	Allegan County	200	5,000	5,200
004	Alpena County	2,000	0	2,000
005	Antrim County	200	5,200	5,400
006	Arenac County	500	7,000	7,500
007	Big Bay Unit	0	0	0
008	Barry County*	~~0~~ **1,000**	~~0~~ **7,500**	~~0~~ **8,500**
009	Bay County	200	3,000	3,200
010	Benzie County	100	1,000	1,100
011	Berrien County*	0	0	0
012	Branch County*	0	0	0
013	Calhoun County*	~~0~~ **100**	~~0~~ **7,500**	~~0~~ **7,600**
014	Cass County*	0	0	0
015	Charlevoix County	200	3,600	3,800
016	Cheboygan County	100	100	200
017	Sault Ste. Marie Unit	0	0	0
018	Clare County	900	8,000	8,900
019	Clinton County*	~~1,200~~ **0**	~~10,~~000 **0**	~~11,200~~ **0**
020	Crawford County	700	900	1,600
021	Manistique Unit	0	0	0
022	Crystal Falls Unit	0	0	0
023	Eaton County*	0	0	0
024	Emmet County	200	800	1,000
025	Genesee County	0	8,500	8,500
026	Gladwin County	1,200	8,000	9,200
027	Watersmeet Unit	0	0	0
028	Grand Traverse County	100	1,200	1,300
029	Gratiot County*	~~0~~ **1,300**	~~0~~ **9,000**	~~0~~ **10,300**
030	Hillsdale County	400	12,000	12,400
031	Nissula Unit	0	0	0
032	Huron County*	0	0	0
033	Ingham County*	~~600~~ **0**	~~10,000~~ **0**	~~10,600~~ **0**
034	Ionia County*	~~400~~ **0**	~~6,000~~ **0**	~~6,400~~ **0**
035	Iosco County	700	0	700
036	Amasa/Michigamme Unit	0	0	0
037	Isabella County	100	11,000	11,100
038	Jackson County	1,600	17,000	18,600
039	Kalamazoo County*	0	0	0
040	Kalkaska County	100	400	500
041	Kent County*	0	0	0
042	Keweenaw Unit	0	0	0
043	Lake County	100	2,900	3,000
044	Lapeer County	2,000	15,000	17,000
045	Leelanau County	100	1,400	1,500
046	Lenawee County	400	9,000	9,400
047	Livingston County	2,000	15,000	17,000
048	Newberry Unit	0	0	0
050	Macomb County	200	4,000	4,200
051	Manistee County	100	3,000	3,100
053	Mason County	100	4,900	5,000
054	Mecosta County*	0	0	0
055	Menominee ~~County~~ **Unit**	0	5,000	5,000
056	Midland County	1,500	7,500	9,000
057	Missaukee County	400	3,200	3,600

058	Monroe County	100	1,000	1,100
059	Montcalm County*	0	0	0
060	Montmorency County	5,000	0	5,000
061	Muskegon County*	0	0	0
063	Oakland County	2,500	7,000	9,500
064	Oceana County*	0	0	0
065	Ogemaw County	700	6,000	6,700
066	Ontonagon County	0	0	0
067	Osceola County	300	5,600	5,900
068	Oscoda County	5,000	0	5,000
069	Otsego County	100	100	200
070	Ottawa County*	0	0	0
071	Presque Isle County	3,000	0	3,000
072	Roscommon County	400	1,000	1,400
073	Saginaw County	200	6,500	6,700
074	St. Clair County	700	9,500	10,200
075	St. Joseph County*	0	0	0
076	Sanilac County*	0	0	0
078	Shiawassee County*	~~200~~ **0**	~~10,000~~ **0**	~~10,200~~ **0**
079	Tuscola County*	0	0	0
080	Van Buren County*	0	0	0
081	Washtenaw County	1,500	15,000	16,500
082	Wayne County	100	1,200	1,300
083	Wexford County	1,000	3,700	4,700
115	Beaver Island	200	300	500
117	Drummond Island	0	0	0
121	Bay De Noc	0	0	0
122	Norway Unit	0	500	500
127	Ironwood Unit	0	0	0
131	Twin Lakes Unit	0	0	0
135	Tawas Unit	100	0	100
145	North Manitou Island	**	0	**
149	Round/Bois Blanc Island	100	100	200
152	Gwinn Unit	0	0	0
155	Gladstone Unit	0	1,500	1,500
162	South Newaygo County*	0	0	0
174	St. Clair Flats	**	300	300**
245	South Fox Island	**	0	0
249	Trout Lake Unit	0	0	0
252	Rock Unit	0	0	0
255	LaBranche Unit	0	0	0
262	North Newaygo County*	0	0	0
273	Shiawassee Unit	**	0	**
~~308~~	~~Bellevue Unit (Barry - Calhoun - Eaton)~~	~~1,100~~	~~25,000~~	~~26,100~~
311	Keeler Unit (Berrien - Cass - Van Buren)	700	10,000	10,700
312	Sherwood Unit (Branch - Kalamazoo - St. Joseph)	1,000	16,000	17,000
~~329~~	~~Stanton Unit (Gratiot - Mecosta - Montcalm)~~	~~2,800~~	~~28,000~~	~~30,800~~
332	Greenleaf Unit (Huron - Sanilac - Tuscola)	5,200	42,000	47,200
333	Core CWD Area	***	***	***
341	Sparta Unit (Kent - Muskegon south - Ottawa)	1,000	17,500	18,500
349	Engadine Unit	0	0	0
361	Fremont Unit (Muskegon north - Newaygo - Oceana)	100	8,000	8,100
354	**Lakeview Unit (Mecosta – Montcalm)**	**1,200**	**26,000**	**27,200**
452	TB Core Area	2,000	0	2,000
~~486~~	~~Southern Multi-County~~	~~0~~	~~0~~	~~0~~
487	Northern Multi-County	0	30,000	30,000
419	**CWD Management Zone**	**2,000**	**40,000**	**42,000**

Total	~~58,700~~ **58,000***	~~435,400~~ **436,400***	~~494,100~~ **494,400***

License quotas for these individual units are reflected as part of multi-county units.
***Public land license quotas for these individual units are issued locally as permits for special deer hunts.*
****License quotas for these units located in the Core CWD Area are unlimited due to active disease surveillance protocols.*

3.105a Deer management units open to antlerless license quotas.

Sec. 3.105a (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section the status of each deer management unit for antlerless deer licenses shall be as shown in table 4:

TABLE 4
Open and Closed DMU Status

DMU Number	DMU Name	Private Land License	Public Land License
001	Alcona County	Open	Open
003	Allegan County	Open	Open
004	Alpena County	Open	Open
005	Antrim County	Open	Open
006	Arenac County	Open	Open
007	Big Bay Unit	Closed	Closed
008	Barry County	Open	Open
009	Bay County	Open	Open
010	Benzie County	Open	Open
011	Berrien County	Open	Open
012	Branch County	Open	Open
013	Calhoun County	Open	Open
014	Cass County	Open	Open
015	Charlevoix County	Open	Open
016	Cheboygan County	Open	Open
017	Sault Ste. Marie Unit	Closed	Closed
018	Clare County	Open	Open
019	Clinton County	Open	Open
020	Crawford County	Open	Open
021	Manistique Unit	Closed	Closed
022	Crystal Falls Unit	Closed	Closed
023	Eaton County	Open	Open
024	Emmet County	Open	Open
025	Genesee County	Open	Closed
026	Gladwin County	Open	Open
027	Watersmeet Unit	Closed	Closed
028	Grand Traverse County	Open	Open
029	Gratiot County	Open	Open
030	Hillsdale County	Open	Open
031	Nissula Unit	Closed	Closed
032	Huron County	Open	Open
033	Ingham County	Open	Open
034	Ionia County	Open	Open
035	Iosco County	Open	Open
036	Amasa/Michigamme Unit	Closed	Closed
037	Isabella County	Open	Open
038	Jackson County	Open	Open
039	Kalamazoo County	Open	Open
040	Kalkaska County	Open	Open
041	Kent County	Open	Open
042	Keweenaw Unit	Closed	Closed
043	Lake County	Open	Open
044	Lapeer County	Open	Open
045	Leelanau County	Open	Open

DMU Number	DMU Name	Private Land License	Public Land License
046	Lenawee County	Open	Open
047	Livingston County	Open	Open
048	Newberry Unit	Closed	Closed
050	Macomb County	Open	Open
051	Manistee County	Open	Open
053	Mason County	Open	Open
054	Mecosta County	Open	Open
055	Menominee Unit	Open	Closed
056	Midland County	Open	Open
057	Missaukee County	Open	Open
058	Monroe County	Open	Open
059	Montcalm County	Open	Open
060	Montmorency County	Open	Open
061	Muskegon County	Open	Open
063	Oakland County	Open	Open
064	Oceana County	Open	Open
065	Ogemaw County	Open	Open
066	Ontonagon County	Closed	Closed
067	Osceola County	Open	Open
068	Oscoda County	Open	Open
069	Otsego County	Open	Open
070	Ottawa County	Open	Open
071	Presque Isle County	Open	Open
072	Roscommon County	Open	Open
073	Saginaw County	Open	Open
074	St. Clair County	Open	Open
075	St. Joseph County	Open	Open
076	Sanilac County	Open	Open
078	Shiawassee County	Open	Open
079	Tuscola County	Open	Open
080	Van Buren County	Open	Open
081	Washtenaw County	Open	Open
082	Wayne County	Open	Open
083	Wexford County	Open	Open
115	Beaver Island	Open	Open
117	Drummond Island	Closed	Closed
121	Bay De Noc	Closed	Closed
122	Norway Unit	Open	Closed
127	Ironwood Unit	Closed	Closed
131	Twin Lakes Unit	Closed	Closed
135	Tawas Unit	Open	Open
145	North Manitou Island	Closed	Open
149	Round/Bois Blanc Island	Open	Open
152	Gwinn Unit	Closed	Closed
155	Gladstone Unit	Open	Closed
162	South Newaygo Unit	Open	Open
174	St. Clair Flats	Open	Open
245	South Fox Island	Open	Open
249	Trout Lake Unit	Closed	Closed
252	Rock Unit	Closed	Closed
255	La Branche Unit	Closed	Closed
262	North Newaygo Unit	Open	Closed
273	Shiawassee Unit	Closed	Open
~~308~~	~~Bellevue Unit (Barry - Calhoun - Eaton)~~	~~Open~~	~~Open~~
311	Keeler Unit (Berrien - Cass - Van Buren)	Open	Open
312	Sherwood Unit (Branch - Kalamazoo - St. Joseph)	Open	Open

DMU Number	DMU Name	Private Land License	Public Land License
~~329~~	~~Stanton Unit (Gratiot - Mecosta - Montcalm)~~	~~Open~~	~~Open~~
332	Greenleaf Unit (Huron - Sanilac - Tuscola)	Open	Open
333	Core CWD Area	Open	Open
341	Sparta Unit (Kent - Muskegon south - Ottawa)	Open	Open
349	Engadine Unit	Closed	Closed
354	**Lakeview Unit (Mecosta – Montcalm)**	**Open**	**Open**
361	Fremont Unit (Muskegon north - Newaygo - Oceana)	Open	Open
452	TB Core Area	Open	Open
~~486~~	~~SLP Multi-County Unit~~	~~Open~~	~~Closed~~
487	NLP Multi-County Unit	Open	Closed
419	**CWD Management Zone**	**Open**	**Open**

4.5 Wild animal killed by motor vehicle; possession; permit; issuance, disposal.

Sec. 4.5 An individual may possess a wild animal killed by collision with a motor vehicle, or so injured that it must be euthanized as allowed under law, only as provided for by the following: (1) For purposes of this section "nongame" means all wild birds and wild mammals not defined as game by Part 401, wildlife conservation, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40103(1).

(2) Nongame mammals killed by collision with a motor vehicle, except for mammals protected by section 9.3 of this order and by Part 365 endangered species protection, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.36503, may be possessed by an individual at any time without a permit. Mammals protected by the endangered species protection act may be possessed only in compliance with Part 365.

(3) Nongame birds killed by collision with a motor vehicle, except for house (English) sparrows, European starlings, feral pigeons, or endangered or threatened species, may be possessed pursuant to section 5.21 of this order. House (English) sparrows, European starlings, or feral pigeons may be possessed by an individual at any time without a permit. Protected birds may be possessed only in compliance with Part 365, endangered species protection, 1994 PA 451.

(4) An individual may possess game as defined MCL 324.40103, other than badger, bobcat, brant, coot, crow, cub bear, duck, elk, fisher, Florida gallinule, geese, marten, moose, otter, snipe, sora rail, spotted fawn deer ~~or deer originating from within the core CWD area (DMU 333)~~, Virginia rail, wild turkey, wolf, and woodcock under the following conditions:

(a) For the purposes of this section, the driver of the motor vehicle has first priority to take possession of a wild animal killed by a collision with a motor vehicle.

(b) A spotted fawn, cub bear, migratory game bird, and all game animals listed in subsection (4), except deer originating from within the core CWD area (DMU 333), killed by a motor vehicle collision may only be possessed pursuant to section 5.21 of this order.

(c) A deer originating from within the Core CWD Area (DMU 333) killed by a motor vehicle collision may only be possessed if submitted at a department designated check station within the Core CWD area (DMU 333). The head or entire carcass must be surrendered to the department for CWD testing, along with any other material requested by the department, and affixed with a department-issued CWD survey tag. The hunter may retain the antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue from a head that is submitted to the department.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** An individual in possession of beaver, coyote, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk, weasel, or small game under subsection (4) shall prepare and maintain a written record as described by 2014 PA 255, MCL 324.40115 until the individual obtains a permit from the department or until the game and its parts are consumed, composted, or no longer possessed by any individual.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4)(b) **and (c)**, an individual in possession of a deer killed by collision with a motor vehicle under subsection (4), or so injured that it must be euthanized, shall do one of the following:

(i) Obtain a permit from the department or by a police or peace officer investigating the motor vehicle collision;

(ii) Notify the department or a local law enforcement agency of his or her intent to maintain possession of the deer under subsection (4); or,

(iii) If the individual is the driver of the motor vehicle involved in the collision and as a result of that collision is calling 9-1-1 to report the collision, the individual must state his or her intent to maintain possession of the deer under subsection (4) pursuant to 2014 PA 255, MCL 324.40115.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4)(b), an individual in possession of a bear killed by collision with a motor vehicle under subsection (4), or so injured that it must be euthanized, shall obtain a permit from the department **or a peace officer** for that bear.

(6) The permit issued for the salvage of a ~~deer or~~ bear may be issued by a police or peace officer investigating the motor vehicle collision upon a form prescribed by the director and all of the following apply:

(a) A person possessing a ~~deer or~~ bear killed by collision with a motor vehicle shall immediately produce the ~~deer and~~ bear permit upon the demand of a conservation officer or peace officer.

(b) Immediately following the issuance of a ~~deer and~~ bear permit, a person possessing ~~a deer or~~ bear killed by collision with a motor vehicle carcass shall securely attach the permit to the carcass. The permit shall remain attached until the carcass is processed or butchered for consumption. If the carcass is used as bait, the permittee may remove the permit while the carcass is in use, but shall produce the permit upon the request of a peace officer.

(c) A permit authorized under this subsection may be issued by a department conservation officer to dispose of the carcass of a deer**, pursuant to subsection (4)(b) and (c),** or bear which was otherwise accidentally or unlawfully taken, or unlawfully possessed.

(7) A wild animal killed by collision with a motor vehicle from outside the state of Michigan may be kept only by an individual meeting the provisions of section 4.1 and 4.2 of this order

5.42 Deer damage shooting permit, prohibited acts; failure to comply.

Sec. 5.42 (1) It shall be unlawful for a permittee to designate more than 15 authorized shooters to implement the provisions of the permit unless additional shooters are approved by the wildlife management unit supervisor and district law enforcement supervisor.

(2) It shall be unlawful for a permittee or an authorized designee to:

(a) Kill more than the number of deer authorized by the permit.

(b) Possess a deer killed under the authority of a permit without having a validated deer damage permit tag attached to the deer.

(c) Take or attempt to take a deer within the permit boundaries unless in possession of a valid unused deer damage permit tag. The tag shall be presented upon demand to a representative of the director.

(d) Use a firearm other than a centerfire rifle or shotgun with slugload.

(e) Subject to section 43510, subsections (2) and (3), of Part 435, as amended, hunting and fishing licensing, MCL 324.43510, possess an uncased or loaded firearm in the vehicles authorized by the permit **unless approved by the wildlife management unit supervisor and district law enforcement supervisor**.

(f) Kill a deer with antlers extending three inches or more above the skull unless approved by the wildlife management unit supervisor.

(g) Take or attempt to take a deer using an artificial light or from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless approved by the wildlife management unit supervisor and district law enforcement supervisor.

(h) Take or attempt to take a deer in any area except that location described on the permit.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to buy or sell any deer killed under the authority of a deer damage control permit.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person other than the permittee or an authorized designee to take or attempt to take deer under the authority of a valid permit.

(5) For failure to comply with this section or other requirements of the deer damage control program, the department shall deny a permittee to be eligible to participate in the next calendar year.

5.74a Animals of special concern, possession, transportation and disposal.

Sec. 5.74a Animals of special concern are as follows:

(1) Deer of special concern, all wild free-ranging deer. Live wild deer ~~may be possessed and released only as follows~~ **shall not be possessed without a permit from the department, subject to the following**:

(a) All wild deer, positively confirmed to be from Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties, or positively confirmed to be from inside a CWD management zone as defined in chapter XII of this order, shall **not** be ~~sent or taken at the earliest possible time to the department pathology laboratory by direct arrangement with the pathology laboratory or by arrangement with a local conservation officer.~~ **possessed unless:**

(i) sent or taken at the earliest possible time to the wildlife disease laboratory by direct arrangement with the wildlife disease laboratory or by arrangement with a local conservation officer.

(a) obtained by a permittee located inside the CWD management zone who humanely euthanizes the animal within 24 hours of receipt.

(b) All wild deer positively confirmed to be from outside a CWD management zone but within ~~counties containing a CWD management zone or counties adjacent to a county containing a CWD management zone as defined in chapter XII of this order shall be isolated in an enclosure in a manner to prevent physical contact with animals not originating from the same county and shall be released only in the county of origin. Each enclosure shall be tagged by the permittee with the county of origin and date of capture.~~ **lands south of the limited firearms deer zone, as described in section 1.2 of this order, shall:**

(i) not be moved to lands above the limited firearms deer zone or within a CWD management zone.

(ii) be isolated in an enclosure in a manner to prevent physical contact with animals not originating from the same county and shall be released only in the county of origin. Each enclosure shall be tagged by the permittee with the county of origin and date of capture for each deer.

~~(c) All wild deer positively confirmed to originate from areas not defined in sections (1a) and (1b) above may not be released within the areas defined in sections (1a) and (1b).~~

(c) All wild deer positively confirmed to be from lands north of the limited firearms deer zone, as defined in section 1.2 of this order, shall:

(i) not be moved to lands below the limited firearms deer zone or within a CWD management zone.

(ii) be released only north of the limited firearms deer zone. Each cage shall be tagged by the permittee with the county of origin and date of capture for each deer.

(d) If the capture point of a wild deer cannot be positively confirmed to be from a particular county, the deer shall be isolated in a manner to prevent physical contact with other deer and humanely euthanized within 24 hours of receipt. If a deer has come into physical contact with a deer originating from another or unknown county of origin, both deer shall be isolated in a manner to prevent physical contact with other deer and humanely euthanized within 24 hours of receipt.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** The permittee shall permanently mark all deer in possession with a clearly visible unique identification mark as required by the department.

(2) Skunks and bats of special concern, all wild skunks and bats. Live skunks and bats shall not be possessed.

(3) Raccoons of special concern, all wild raccoons. Live raccoons may be possessed and released only as follows:

(a) Raccoons shall be released only in the same county where captured and shall be isolated in a manner to prevent physical contact with animals not originating from the same county. Each cage shall be tagged by the permittee with the county of origin and date of capture.

(b) Cages and areas used to hold raccoons for release shall be constructed of materials that can be effectively disinfected.

(c) If the capture point of a raccoon cannot be positively confirmed to be from a particular county, the raccoon shall be isolated from physical contact with other raccoons and humanely euthanized within 24 hours of receipt. If a raccoon has come into physical contact with a raccoon originating from another or unknown county of origin, both raccoons shall be isolated from physical contact with other raccoons and humanely euthanized within 24 hours of exposure.

(4) Elk of special concern, all wild free-ranging elk. Live wild elk shall not be possessed.

(5) Moose of special concern, all wild free-ranging moose. Live wild moose shall not be possessed.

(6) Mute swans of special concern, all wild mute swans. Live wild mute swans shall not be possessed.

12.8a ~~"Deer management unit 308 (Bellevue Unit; Barry - Calhoun - Eaton)" defined.~~ Repealed. Am. 7, 2016. Eff. May 12, 2016.

~~Sec. 12.8a "Deer management unit 308 (Bellevue Unit; Barry – Calhoun – Eaton)" means all of Barry, Calhoun and Eaton counties.~~ **Publishers note: The repealed section pertained to "Deer management unit 308 (Bellevue Unit; Barry – Calhoun – Eaton)" defined.**

12.19 "Deer management unit 019 (Clinton county)" defined.

Sec. 12.19 "Deer management unit 019 (Clinton county)" means all of Clinton county except **those lands defined in section 12.33a**.

12.19a ~~"Deer management unit 319 (Laingsburg Unit; Clinton - Gratiot - Ingham - Shiawassee)" defined.~~ Repealed. Am. 7, 2016. Eff. May 12, 2016.

~~Sec. 12.19a "Deer management unit 319 (Laingsburg Unit; Clinton - Gratiot - Ingham - Shiawassee)" means all of Clinton, Gratiot, Ingham, and Shiawassee counties.~~ **Publishers note: The repealed section pertained to "Deer management unit 319 (Laingsburg Unit; Clinton – Gratiot – Ingham – Shiawassee)" defined.**

12.19b "Deer Management unit 419 (CWD Management Zone)" defined.

Sec. 12.19b "Deer management unit 419 (CWD Management Zone)" means all of Clinton, Eaton Ingham, Ionia, and Shiawassee counties except those lands defined in section 12.33a.

12.23 "Deer management unit 023 (Eaton county)" defined.

Sec. 12.23 "Deer management unit 023 (Eaton county)" means all of Eaton county **except those lands defined in section 12.33a**.

12.29a ~~"Deer management unit 329 (Stanton Unit; Gratiot Mecosta Montcalm)" defined.~~ Repealed. Am. 7, 2016. Eff. May 12, 2016.

~~Sec. 12.29a "Deer management unit 329 (Stanton unit; Gratiot – Mecosta – Montcalm)" means all of Gratiot, Mecosta, and Montcalm counties.~~ **Publishers note: The repealed section pertained to "Deer management unit 329 (Stanton Unit; Gratiot – Mecosta – Montcalm)" defined.**

12.33 "Deer management unit 033 (Ingham county)" defined.

Sec. 12.33 "Deer management unit 033 (Ingham county)" means all of Ingham county except those lands **defined** in ~~Lansing, Meridian, Williamstown, Delhi, Alaiedon and Wheatfield townships~~ **section 12.33a**.

12.33a "Deer management unit 333 (~~e~~Core CWD area)" defined.

Sec. 12.33a "Deer management unit 333 (Core CWD area)" means ~~all of Lansing, Meridian, Williamstown, Delhi, Alaiedon and Wheatfield townships in Ingham county; DeWitt and Bath townships in Clinton county; and Woodhull township in Shiawassee county.~~ **those portions of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham and Shiawassee counties included in all of: Bath, Dewitt, Eagle, Olive, Riley, Watertown, Westphalia, and Victor townships in Clinton county; Delta and Oneida townships in Eaton county; Alaiedon, Delhi, Lansing, Meridian, Wheatfield and Williamstown townships in Ingham county; and Woodhull township in Shiawassee county.**

12.452 "Deer management unit 452 (TB core area)" defined.

Sec. 12.452 "Deer management unit 452 (**TB** core area)" means all of Montmorency, Alpena, Alcona, and Oscoda counties bounded by a line beginning at the junction of highway M-32 and highway M-33 in eastern Montmorency county, then easterly on highway M-32 past the city of Hillman and crossing the Montmorency-Alpena county line to King Settlement road near the city of Paxton, southerly on King Settlement road to Henry road, continue southerly on King Settlement road to Werth road, easterly on Werth road to Hubbard Lake road, southerly on Hubbard Lake road to Hubbert road at the Alpena-Alcona county line, easterly on Hubbert road to the continuation of Hubbard Lake road (also known as Scout road), southerly on Hubbard Lake road to Spruce road, continue southerly on Hubbard Lake road to highway M-72, westerly on highway M-72 past the city of Curran and crossing the Alcona-Oscoda county line to highway M-72 and highway M-33 near the city of Fairview, northerly on highway M-33 crossing the Oscoda-Montmorency county line to the point of beginning.

12.78 "Deer management unit 078 (Shiawassee county)" defined.

Sec. 12.78 "Deer management unit 078 (Shiawassee county)" means all of Shiawassee county except those lands **defined** in ~~Woodhull township~~ **in section 12.33a**.

12.901 "CWD management zone" defined.

Sec. 12.901 "CWD management zone" means ~~all of Clinton, Ingham, and Shiawassee counties except those lands in Lansing, Meridian,Williamstown, Delhi, Alaiedon and Wheatfield townships in Ingham county; DeWitt and Bath townships in Clinton county; and Woodhull township in Shiawassee county.~~ **the area defined in section 12.19b.**

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