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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance Zone, Mandatory Check,
and Ban on Removing Carcasses
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 16 of 2008
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

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

Discussion and Background:

The Department adopted the Michigan Surveillance and Response Plan for Chronic Wasting Disease of Free-Ranging and Privately-Owned Cervids (CWD Plan) on August 26, 2002. The CWD Plan requires various surveillance and control measures to be implemented when CWD is documented.

On August 25, 2008, the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa confirmed CWD in a deer from a privately-owned facility in Kent County. The confirmation from Ames, Iowa triggered these control measures required in the CWD Plan.

An interim order by the Director was issued on August 29, 2008 establishing a surveillance zone (CWD Surveillance Zone) around the documented case of CWD, requiring all hunter-harvested deer be submitted to the Department for CWD testing, and limiting only boned meat, capes, and antlers of hunter harvested deer be removed from the surveillance zone. The interim order expires on February 28, 2009.

This amendment replaces the Director's Interim Order on the CWD Surveillance Zone and restriction of carcass movement.

The CWD Surveillance Zone will consist of the townships of Tyrone, Solon, Nelson, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon in Kent County.

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Within the CWD Surveillance Zone the entire carcass of all hunter-harvested deer, either intact or without the deboned meat, shall be presented within 72 hours of harvest at the Department deer check station established within the CWD Surveillance Zone. The head with a portion of the neck, or other parts of the carcass the Department may request, shall be submitted to the Department for CWD testing. The hunter may retain the antlers.

Hunter's harvesting a free-ranging deer within the CWD Surveillance Zone shall not remove the carcass or parts of the carcass from the CWD Surveillance Zone, except for the following:

- (a) Deboned meat, antlers, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, and hides.
- (b) A finished taxidermist mount.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the September 2, 2008 Department Calendar and is eligible for action on October 9, 2008.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 16

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders that, effective October 10, 2008, the following sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

3.100b. Prohibition on import of free-ranging deer or elk carcasses or parts of deer or elk carcasses from certain states or provinces, exceptions; reporting requirements, prohibition on removing free-ranging deer carcasses or parts of deer carcasses from the chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance zone.

Sec. 3.100b. (1) A person shall not import the carcass or parts of the carcass of a free-ranging deer or elk into Michigan if the carcass or parts thereof originated in a state or province listed in the Michigan hunting and trapping guide for the current year as a state or province detected to have chronic wasting disease (CWD) in free-ranging deer or elk populations except for the following:

(a) Deboned meat, antlers, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, and upper canine teeth.

(b) A finished taxidermist mount.

(c) Tissues imported for use by a diagnostic or research laboratory.

(2) A person that is notified by mail or other means that a carcass part imported into Michigan tested positive for CWD shall within the business hours of the next 2 business days report such finding to the Michigan department of natural resources, wildlife disease laboratory, and shall provide such information as may be requested by the laboratory.

(3) A person shall not remove the carcass or parts of the carcass of a free-ranging deer outside the CWD surveillance zone defined in section 12.900 except for the parts of the carcass listed in subsection (1).

3.101h Deer check; requirements.

Sec. 3.101h. A person killing a deer within the CWD surveillance zone defined in section 12.900 shall present the entire deer, or head with at least 3 vertebra attached, at a department designated check station within the CWD surveillance zone within 72 hours after killing the deer. The field validation kill tag must be attached to the deer. The head, with vertebra, will be surrendered to the department for CWD testing. The hunter may retain the antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain material.

12.900 " CWD surveillance zone" defined.

Sec. 12.900. "CWD surveillance zone" means the townships of Tyrone, Solon, Nelson, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon in Kent County.

Issued this 9th day of October, 2008.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director



Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Zone, Kent County, Activated Aug. 25, 2008

This CWD Surveillance Zone was activated in response to test results of a single deer from a privately-owned facility in Kent County, as part of the activated measures of the Michigan's CWD Plan. This map figure is part of a Director's Order and other materials, and should not be used without consulting those resources.

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Legend

-  Surveillance zone
-  Kent County Townships
-  County

