

# Update on Management Actions Related to Chronic Wasting Disease



South Dakota  
**GAME, FISH and PARKS**

January 2019 Commission Meeting

# CWD Stakeholder Group



- CWD Stakeholder Group meeting was held on 11/28/18
- Of the 26 stakeholders, 20 members were present
- High level of engagement and input from the group
- Presentations were provided by SD Game, Fish and Parks; SD Animal Industry Board; and Wind Cave National Park
- Much discussion on the following topics:
  - Background of disease, history, and concerns in South Dakota
  - Inter and intra-state carcass transportation and disposal
  - Communication and outreach to hunters and the public
  - Captive cervids
  - Game processing
  - Potential to work with commercial processors, taxidermists, and SD Dept. of Transportation on obtaining samples from desired areas
  - Baiting and feeding of wildlife
  - Scents and lures
  - Future surveillance needs and logistics

# CWD Information



- Department's website at <https://gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease/>
- Visitors can follow the progression of the CWD action plan, such as the following:
  - Audio and PDF's of presentations provided to GFP Commission
  - CWD Stakeholder Group meeting notes and PDF's of presentations
  - Timeline of the CWD Action Plan, including public comment period, Commission meetings when adoption of the plan and administrative rules will likely be considered
  - Once finalized, any upcoming public meetings regarding the draft plan

# Update Since November Commission Meeting



- Held first stakeholder group meeting
- GFP's Podcast and Blast includes a conversation on chronic wasting disease
- Met with SD Department of Transportation on using vehicle-killed deer and elk for disease testing
- Discussion with SD Taxidermy Association on partnering with taxidermists to assist with collection of samples
- Upcoming meeting with SD Animal Industry Board to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding related to CWD management
- Contacted several conservation organizations indicating willingness to meet and discuss draft plan
- Will be attending GFP regional meetings to discuss draft plan

# Update Since November Commission Meeting



- Internal work group meeting on 12/14/18 to discuss draft objectives and strategies of action plan
- Several staff assisting with various segments of the draft plan
- Communications staff continue to discuss methods and timing of communication/outreach with our hunters and public
- Initial discussions have occurred on public open houses
- Discussions have occurred with SDSU lab and their capabilities to assist with enhanced surveillance and testing efforts
- Discussions will soon occur with some commercial processors to determine feasibility of storing heads for collection of samples
- Interviews with media on CWD management

# Timeline Moving Forward



- **January 10-11:** provide next update to GFP Commission
- **February 1:** make draft action plan available for public comment
- **February 22:** end of public comment period on 1st draft
- **February – March:** present information at GFP regional meetings, meet with organizations and other stakeholders on draft action plan, and solicit public comment
- **February 28-March 1:** present summary of modifications incorporated from public comment and provide 2nd draft to Commission for review and additional public comment
- **March 11:** next CWD stakeholder group meeting
- **March 12-19:** hold four public open houses across the state
- **March 20-21:** staff meet to discuss and develop Dept. recommendations
- **April 4-5:** ask GFP Commission for adoption of final draft and present Department recommendations related to applicable administrative rules
- **May 2-3:** ask GFP Commission to finalize proposed rule changes and follow-up with implementation of action plan



Questions?