

Update on Management Actions Related to Chronic Wasting Disease



South Dakota
GAME, FISH and PARKS

November 2018 Commission Meeting



Accomplishments to Date

- Three internal workgroup meetings.
- Met with South Dakota Animal Industry board regarding captive cervid program and regulations.
- A list of Frequently Asked Questions was compiled and placed on the disease webpage at <https://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife-disease/>.
- Attended the “Best Management Practices for Surveillance, management, and Control of Chronic Wasting Disease in Free-Ranging Cervid Populations” symposium at The Wildlife Society’s annual conference. Notes were shared and discussed at 3rd internal workgroup meeting.
- A “draft” outreach and communications section of the action plan has been developed. This has been shared with the internal workgroup and will be further discussed as the CWD action plan progresses.



Accomplishments to Date (cont.)

- In collaboration with South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, an interactive map has been developed for hunters to learn about those landfills that are permitted for accepting carcasses. This can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/maps/>. Targeted emails and other awareness will be shared with hunters on this available service.
- An interactive map of all confirmed CWD positive samples has been developed. This can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/maps/>.
- Communication has occurred with other wildlife biologists and wildlife veterinarians from other states.
- CWD plans from other states have been obtained and shared with internal workgroup.
- Discussions have occurred with SD Public Health and they are willing to assist as needed with communication and outreach related to public health.

Accomplishments to Date (cont.)



- Compiled list of game processors that are permitted by USDA and AIB, those that are except, and have shared with regional staff for review. This information will be used to reach out to game processors in the near future.
- Videos on how to remove samples from deer and elk have been created and shared with staff across the state.
- A draft annotated bibliography of human dimensions of CWD research was developed and shared with internal work group.
- Training on collection of CWD samples was provided to tribal staff.
- A CWD stakeholder group is almost complete that includes a diverse representation of public interests (hope to meet in mid to late November).

Public Interest Assessment



Score:	1.0 to 1.9	2.0 to 2.9	3.0 to 3.9	4.0 +
Level:	Inform	Solicit Input/Consult	Involve	Collaborate
Description:	One-way communication between SDGFP and public to provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	Seek public feedback on a proposal, analysis or alternatives. Requires a response from the public, but limited opportunity for two-way dialogue.	Work directly with public throughout the process to ensure that issues, aspirations, and concerns are consistently understood and considered. Includes elements of information and outreach but adds a 3rd dimension of 2-way communication.	Collaborate with public on some or all aspects of the planning or decision including development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solutions.
Accountabilities:	SDGFP will keep stakeholders informed.	SDGFP will keep stakeholders informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns, aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	SDGFP will work with stakeholders to ensure that their concerns, aspirations and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	SDGFP will look to stakeholders for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate their recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.
Tools:	Fact sheets; press release; open house; tour/site-visits	Public meeting; appreciative inquiry; focus group; survey	Workshop; design charrettes; citizen advisory committee	Board-appointed commission; special task force

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CWD Stakeholder Group

- Will be comprised of the following:
 - Other state and federal agencies: Animal Industry Board, Environment and Natural Resources, Transportation, SDSU Diagnostic Laboratory, Wind Cave National Park, US Forest Service
 - Captive cervid operators
 - Taxidermists
 - Game Processors
 - SD Wildlife Federation and affiliate chapters
 - SD Veterinary Medical Association
 - SD Sportsmen Against Hunger
 - Tribal representation
 - Landowners
 - Several conservation/hunting organizations: SD Big Game Coalition, SD Bowhunters, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, Quality Deer Management Association

In Progress/Planned Items



- Analysis of alternative regulations/requirements related to the movement of carcasses for both intra and interstate movement, mandatory submission of samples, etc.
- Finalize outline of action plan.
- Finalize timeline for upcoming action items.
- Have begun those portions of action plan that are supportive information, etc.
 - Work on other portions of plan will not begin until input has been obtained from first stakeholder group meeting.
- Targeted emails will soon be going to hunters to inform them of endemic areas and best management practices for carcass transportation, carcass disposal, etc.
- News releases will be used as needed.
- Keep Department staff informed of process and to help answer questions from the public.

Questions?

