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Department of Natural Resources

Colorado Chronic Wasting Disease Advisory Group
July 25th 2018 Meeting
Colorado Mountain College
3695 Airport Road (room 162/164), Rifle, CO 81650
9am-2:15pm

Members in attendance: Chris Journey, Craig McLaughlin, Don Cook, Keith Roehr, Marty Holmes, Matt Eckert, Reid DeWalt

Members on videoconference: Mark Leslie, Matt Dunfee

Members absent: Dan Gates, JT Romatzke, Marie Haskett, Troy Sweet

Technical advisors in attendance: Brad Bannulis, Wayne East

Technical advisors on videoconference: Ben Kraft (for Janet George), Brian Dreher, Darby Finley (for Brad Petch), Lauren Truitt, Marie Haas, Mike Miller, Mike Quartuch, Travis Duncan

Technical advisors absent: Lisa Wolfe, Scott Wait

Guests in attendance: Denny Behrens

Meeting Summary

Discussions: public meetings - past and future, draft FAQ handout

Key Points:

- The CWDAG conducted 2 public meetings (Craig and Meeker) to discuss the upcoming CWD plan, explain past actions taken, take public input/comments, discuss CWD in general and the path forward.
- Meeker meeting responded 62% strongly approve taking action to manage CWD and about 80% approved taking action (Craig was not as high in the strongly approve category).
- At the Meeker meeting, the public did not have a strong memory of the Motherwell.
- Realistically, CPW's approach is not to eliminate CWD but rather to manage it at low prevalence levels. We are proposing to manage deer according to the objective ranges set in herd management plans that have already been approved by the public.
- The draft plan is currently up on the public website, not including the edits completed at this meeting.

- Upcoming meetings - SW and SE are working on incorporating CWD in HMPs, NE is going to discuss at Sportsman's Roundtable on Aug 1, Aug 11 is the Statewide Sportsman's roundtable.
- Other states are looking to CO as a leader in scientific management of CWD.

Follow-up Required:

- Lauren Truitt developed a draft FAQ for public, planning to have it ready by end of Aug. This FAQ may end up being multiple smaller FAQs that target more specific groups (i.e. public, hunters, wildlife viewers, etc.)
- CWDAG would like to find ways to get non-hunting public involved in this conversation as well.
- The executive summary of the plan will be written after this meeting.
- The communication strategy section of the plan will be written by Lauren Truitt and Matt Eckert after this meeting.
- CPW will list the organizations represented in the advisory group in CWDAG section of the plan.
- Lauren Truitt will reach out to Ken Morgan about a possible reoccurring communication with Cattleman's Association.
- CWDAG will review and respond to Chris Journey's list of management recommendations.
- Schedule: next draft plan should be ready around Aug 8, final draft should be ready by the end of Aug after internal review. Additional public process may occur to review the plan, possibly an online review period. CPW will present the draft plan at the Nov Commission mtg. ad final approval of the plan is anticipated at the January Commission mtg.