

Colorado Chronic Wasting Disease Advisory Group Charter
(May 3, 2018)

1) Purpose:

- a. The purpose of the Colorado Chronic Wasting Disease Advisory Group (CWDAG) is to assist Colorado Parks and Wildlife in developing a Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan for the State of Colorado. The CWD Response Plan will support the West Slope Mule Deer Strategy and will have the following objectives:
 - i. Manage prevalence rates of CWD in wild deer and elk
 - ii. Control spread of infection to new herds
 - iii. Provide public with science-based information regarding CWD
 - iv. Maintain Colorado's robust deer and elk herds to support public hunting and viewing opportunity

2) Authority:

- a. The Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) has the authority under state law to direct Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to complete a strategy to address chronic wasting disease (CWD). CPW has the technical capability to develop this strategy, hereafter named "CWD Response Plan."
- b. The PWC and CPW have chosen to convene an advisory group to inform the development of the CWD Response Plan to ensure that various stakeholder interests in CWD are adequately represented. The members of the advisory group were selected to speak for various interests related to CWD in Colorado.
- c. The authority of the CWDAG is limited to advising CPW in the drafting of the CWD Response Plan by the date specified. The CWDAG is fundamental to the development of the CWD Response Plan, but the content of the plan, or parts of the plan, may be accepted or modified by CPW or the PWC prior to its approval and implementation.

3) Expectations:

- a. The CWDAG will inform CPW on specific CWD related topics that may be included in the draft CWD Response Plan. CPW will present the draft plan at its statewide regulation review meeting in August 2018. Following review and public comment, CPW will submit a revised draft to the PWC at the September 2018 PWC meeting.
- b. The CWD Response Plan will include biological and social considerations, including a summary of issues, goals, objectives and strategies, monitoring metrics, and reporting periods as appropriate.

- c. The CWD Response Plan will detail an adaptive approach to managing deer populations through public harvests, along with defined alternatives and objectives to manage CWD prevalence in Colorado's deer herds. It is important to note that the plan will be adaptive in nature and will be open to change as new information is learned about CWD in Colorado.

4) Roles and Responsibilities:

- a. Members of the CWDAG are expected to:
 - i. Read and learn information quickly and accurately;
 - ii. Attend meetings regularly (each member may designate one alternate, who may attend meetings and represent the member);
 - iii. Articulate interests, concerns and perspectives on issues;
 - iv. Maintain an open mind regarding other views;
 - v. Work as a team member to address the responsibilities of the CWDAG;
 - vi. Participate collaboratively in group discussions;
 - vii. Communicate among members exclusively using the CWDAG group email address ensuring all members are included on all communications;
 - viii. Constructively manage conflict between group members;
 - ix. Communicate on a regular basis with interests the individual was selected to represent; and
 - x. Support group decisions.
- b. Facilitator – CPW Staff
- c. CPW is expected to:
 - i. Provide media resources to the CWDAG, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Website
 - 2. News releases
 - 3. Video
 - 4. Magazine articles
 - ii. Provide advice and counsel to the CWDAG.
 - iii. Notify the CWDAG of changing circumstances, new information, etc.;
 - iv. Create a group email for CWDAG members to use for communication;
 - v. Create and manage a generic email address for the public to submit comments and questions to the CWDAG;
- d. Technical Advisers
 - i. The technical advisers designated to serve the CWDAG will provide or present information to the group upon request.

- ii. Technical advisers are welcome to attend all CWDAG meetings, but will not take part in CWDAG discussions unless asked by the group.

5) Funding and Support:

- a. CWDAG operating expenses (meeting facilities/equipment/expert speakers/etc.) will be funded via the CPW budget and various grants as needed.
- b. Meetings will generally be based in Denver, with an option for participation via conference call-in or webinar. (There will be no travel reimbursement for non-CPW CWDAG members).

6) Time Frame:

- a. The CWDAG will meet 4-5 times in April – July, 2018 to assist in the development of the draft plan.
- b. Specific timing of CWDAG activities in drafting the plan include:
- c. First meeting: April 26, 2018 in Broomfield (Department of Agriculture) (10am-4pm; Presentation on history, discuss where we are going; CWDAG INPUT)
- d. Second meeting: May 16, 2018 in Golden (Hampton Inn Denver West Golden) (9am-4pm; Confirm CWDAG INPUT from Meeting #1, Develop content of draft plan)
- e. Third meeting: June 14-15, 2018 in Frisco (Summit County Community & Senior Center) (1-5pm on June 14th; 8am-5pm on June 15th; Initial Working Draft of plan to CWDAG; CWDAG INPUT/revision)
- f. Fourth meeting: July 6, 2018 – optional, on if-needed basis (Electronic or phone discussion is possible; revised Draft to CWDAG; CWDAG INPUT/revision)
- g. Fifth meeting: July 25, 2018 in Frisco (Summit County Community & Senior Center) (9am-5pm; Working Draft presented/accepted by CWDAG)
- h. Additional steps in plan development:
 - i. August: Statewide Regulations Review (CPW staff)
 - 1. September: Draft Plan to PWC
 - 2. November: Final Plan adoption by PWC
 - ii. Annual monitoring of CWD prevalence/reporting to PWC by CPW (spring)
- i. Subsequent meetings of the CWDAG will be at the discretion of CPW.