

## **HOMEWORK INSTRUCTIONS:**

At the CWDAG's first meeting we began discussing the tactics CPW should have in the toolbox that can be used to manage CWD in Colorado. The toolbox intends to include all tactics available. CPW provided a draft list of tactics for CWDAG's consideration and that list is included in this document. The draft list of tactics includes approaches used by other states as well as some that are custom for Colorado.

Your homework assignment is to add to this list of tactics provided under each heading (in **bold**) and present them at our second meeting on May 16th. Each heading has its own page to allow plenty of room for ideas. You are welcome to add additional headings (I've already created an additional heading placeholder on Page 7). Working directly in this document is encouraged to maintain organization. There is no need to email your ideas ahead of the meeting.

**Reduce Buck/Doe Ratio** (Reduce Buck:Doe Ratios to the Lower End of the Sex Ratio Objective Range Identified in the Herd Management Plan)

- a) Increase male hunting licenses
- b) Increase male harvest in late seasons or in high prevalence areas
- c) Shift male harvest from early seasons to late seasons in high prevalence areas
- d) Adjust hunt codes to focus harvest
- e) Eliminate float groups to better control late season hunter pressure
- f) Increase opportunities for male harvest, such as changing male licenses from List A to List B, increasing availability of Private Land Only (PLO) licenses, and hunting on open spaces
- g) Increase male harvest by creating a Special Hunting Season for Disease Management in Big Game
- h) [Long-term focused herd reduction measures](#)
- i)

**Reduce Population/Density** (Reduce Population to the Lower End of the Population Objective Range Identified in the Herd Management Plan)

- a) Increase female and either sex hunting licenses
- b) Increase harvest in late seasons or high prevalence areas
- c) Increase opportunities for harvest, such as increasing access or the availability of PLO licenses and hunting on open spaces
- d) Increase harvest by creating a Special Hunting Season for Disease Management in Big Game
- e) Increase harvest through targeted population reductions not related to hunter harvest. In areas where hunters are not able to access herds, CPW will consider the use of focused herd reduction measures as a last resort.
- f)

## Remove Motivations that Cause Animal Congregations

- a) Per CPW Regulations in W-0 #021 - FEEDING OR ATTRACTING WILDLIFE, no person shall place, deposit, distribute or scatter grain, hay, minerals, salt, or other foods so as to intentionally constitute a lure, attraction or enticement for big game not lawfully held in captivity (with exceptions).
- b) Per Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission policy, feeding or baiting of wildlife shall not occur in wild ungulate populations without prior approval of the Commission.
- c) Per WAFWA's "Recommendations for Adaptive Management of Chronic Wasting Disease in the West," identify consistently available, artificial point sources of food/minerals/water causing deer to aggregate (e.g., leaky grain bins, grain bags, stack yards, artificial feeders or feeding stations, mineral bins). Work with producers, landowners, and agriculture authorities to mitigate the point source and reduce the density of deer at these point-sources.
- d) *Specific Education efforts?*
- e) *Specific Cooperative efforts?*
- f)

## **Remove Motivations that Cause Prion Point Sources**

Disposal of parts and derivatives of CWD positive animals in the environment can create point sources of CWD prions. Considering the CWD prevalence in deer statewide and the high number of animals that are handled by meat processors and taxidermists, CPW should consider creating education materials or regulations that specify appropriate ways for meat processors and taxidermists to dispose all parts and derivatives of big game. Federal and state public health organizations would determine standards associated with use of meat processing equipment. We are looking to the CWDAG for advice on this issue.

CWDAG Advice:

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**Maximize Ability to Remove Diseased Animals (tactics not already included above)**

- a) Mandatory testing to identify smaller scale prevalence epidemics (hot spots)
- b) Cooperation with municipalities to remove deer on open spaces
- c)

**ADDITIONAL HEADING?**

a)