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Wisconsin Forestry Alliance

Wisconsin Logging Congress - Green Bay

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Issue: Hunter damage to trail signs

Íssue: Closed gates on some properties during hunting season which would atherwise be open to snowmobile use with adequate snow

Issue: Trails kept closed by counties during a hunting season

Issue: Portion of trail loop closed because a landowner won't open his/her land during or prior to a gun deer season

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Simplify Wisconsin hunting seasons

By Scott Schultz Assistant Editor

Let's see if we have this right. If you're hunting in a Zone T area during a special Zone T hunt, you may harvest an antierless deer and tag it with either your gun deer tag or a bonus tag or an archery deer tag. And, if you harvest one with a bow and arrow during the archery season, you also may use any of your available tags; in either case leaving you with the possibility of not leaving your gun deer tag available for harvesting a deer with antiers of 3 inches or more (which still could make it OK to hunt during the gun deer season, because you still could use any bonus tags that you might have).

Factor in your hunter's choice permit - don't forget to take your card with you - and you have a ... well, you have a confusing mess.

Wisconsin's deer hunting situation is quickly sliding to the level of being little more than a maze in the eyes of the average citizen. Most hunters no longer have a real grasp on what tags they may use in a particular harvest situation. Some have difficulty remembering which season is open when and where and for what

And, don't even get us started on whether we think there is any scientific accuracy involved in deer counts or rhyme or reason for the establishment of Zone T hunts and issuance of bonus permits.

Somewhere out there is a wildlife manager who's saying, "It's a simple system; we've put it all down in black and white for you to read." What that person isn't seeing is that they've had "on the job training" of sorts — because they work daily with deer harvest issues, the system sort of "grew" on them. The average citizen, meanwhile, only has time to occasionally think about such matters — sometimes just weeks or days or hours before heading into the woods.

It's just becoming too confusing.

If there's any doubt about confusion, ask the family of a Stanley woman who was killed in the week after the "regular" nine-day gun deer season. She made the mistake of wearing a white hat while going for a walk with her dog in a wooded area near her home. A deer hunter mistook the hat for a deer's tail and shot her.

That incident occurred during the muzzleloader deer hunt in that week following the regular gun deer season and the hunter was using a muzzleloader.

Family members have said she certainly would have worn a blaze orange cap on that walk had she only realized that there was a muzzleloader hunt going on in Wisconsin then.

Fortunately, most confusion about the hunts doesn't lead to anything nearly as tragic. But, that is about the most graphic example of how, unless you're an avid student of Wisconsin hunting regulations, confusion reigns supreme when it comes to controlling the state's deer population.

Now, there's talk of extending the gun deer season into December and adding even more twists to when and where antierless deer may be harvested.

We don't need more added on to an already-discombobulated system. In a carpenter's terminology, we've already created a "cobble job" system — with each addition creating odd twists and turns onto once was a nice and simple-looking "building."

Granted, hunters to some extent have brought the system onto themselves. Bow hunters want a separate season during the rut and muzzleloader hunters want consideration of a "wilderness-style" hunt. Anyone who has hunted with bow and arrow knows that their hunt is pretty much over once hundreds of thousands of gun-toting hunters enter the woods. That's understandable.

But start adding in the likes of the Zone T hunts and a thoroughly confusing tag system quickly makes what once seemed so simple anything but that.

We challenge conservationists throughout Wisconsin to scrap the entire deer hunting system as we know it and devise a clean, clear-cut system that everyone can understand.

It would help if hunters and wildlife managers also stopped digging in their heels where deer population numbers are involved. It's obvious to many that the numbers aren't as high as the "official" state count would suggest and not as low as many hunters would believe. Find a counting system that works and many of the problems that we're addressing would take care of themselves.

While we're at it, let's not stop with deer hunting. Let's do the same with hunts for other species — waterfowl hunters who are close to abandoning the sport because they can't keep track of when the season is open might appreciate that. It would also be nice to have more statewide uniform size and bag limits for fish, especially trout.

The wildlife conservation world keeps wondering what would happen to animal populations were it not for hunters. Give hunters too much more to be confused and frustrated about, and we'll find that answer much sooner than expected.

Clearinghouse Order 00-154: Deer 2000 Rules JCRAR Hearing January 10, 2002

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Testimony by Bill Vander Zouwen, Wildlife Ecology Section Chief, Bureau of Wildlife Management

Introduction

Good morning. My name is Bill Vander Zouwen. I am the Wildlife Ecology Section Chief with the Bureau of Wildlife Management of the Department of Natural Resources. I worked with the public to generate the rule before you today. I have been given the task of shepherding the rule through the promulgation process.

Background

First, I'd like to give you a little background. The white-tailed deer is incredibly important to the state of Wisconsin. There is no other wildlife that has more impact on people and other animals and plants. Deer can affect the habitat, survival and reproduction of other plants and animals. They can change the composition of a forest. They cause up to \$30 million in crop damage and \$100 million in vehicle damage annually. On the other hand, they are one of the most popular animals for wildlife viewers. And, they support a hunting recreation industry that contributes \$1.5 billion to Wisconsin's economy. Many hunters feel very deeply about this hunting opportunity and regulation of it. From all of this, you can see why deer demand a great deal of attention and why we must seek regulations to address these issues.

Wisconsin's deer population has changed dramatically in the last half century from being primarily present in the north to being abundant statewide. Numbers of deer have climbed significantly to where we now have over 1.5 million deer in the state each fall. Unfortunately, our hunting seasons have not kept pace. The early focus was on restricting opportunity and harvest to conserve the deer herd. Now, we need regulations that **encourage** hunting to keep the herd from growing, due to economic and ecological impacts. Yet, our hunting season has had little change for decades. We still have a 9-day gun deer season that is unnecessarily restrictive both for hunting opportunity and deer herd control.

Deer management is an incredibly complex endeavor. It affects everyone in the state in one way or another. For this reason, DNR and the Conservation Congress chose to embark on one of the largest public involvement processes ever undertaken in Wisconsin. We hired professional facilitators to ensure that the process was perceived by the public as being fair; and, we hired professional marketers to ensure that word of the opportunity to participate got out to all stakeholders. This process lasted over 3 years and involved

16,000 people and over 20,000 volunteer hours at meetings. Our mailing list included 600 groups from hunters and farmers to snowmobilers. Some criticize the \$1 million expenditure for this process. But, considering the importance of deer to this state, the impacts of deer on its citizens, and the complex and controversial nature of deer management, I believe that the expenditures were justified. Our primary reason for supporting the Deer 2000 recommendations is that we want to honor the incredible input that was received in this intensive 3-year public involvement process. We believe that we owe it to these people to stick with their recommendations.

The Senate Committee did not object to the Deer 2000 rule order. The Assembly Natural Resources Committee objected to just 4 of the items in the Deer 2000 rule. We would like to ask you not to sustain these objections. I'd like to give you our reasons for continuing to support each of these 4 items.

Rule 1: Statewide, 4-day December, antlerless deer gun season with harvest limited by permit (hunters choice, bonus, free Zone T) — Wisconsin's current 9-day gun deer season is one of the most restrictive deer seasons in the United States. It is obsolete. It was initiated a half century ago when the deer population was 1/3 as many deer and more protection was needed. Since that time, a harvest quota system was implemented to limit harvest and safeguard populations; this harvest system will work to restrict harvest under any hunting season framework. However, the current system is limited in its ability to encourage <u>increased</u> harvest of deer. We cannot expect more deer to be harvested in a 9-day season. People only want to deal with so many harvested deer at one time and only want to put in a limited number of days hunting at one time.

Gun deer hunters are also one of the most restricted outdoor recreation groups in Wisconsin....in spite of having 700,000 participants. Increasing the number of days of gun deer hunting will result in a perceived conflict with one or more other outdoor recreation groups. But, we believe that it's time for these other groups, with their very long seasons, to share the woods and fields. We are only talking about 4 more days of gun deer hunting....4 days that have been offered with little conflict in 2000 and 2001 as part of the Zone T hunting season framework. Deer 2000 participants believe that many landowners will permit hunters on their land to hunt does and fawns after the 9-day gun season, but not before.

There is not enough space and time for one outdoor group to claim sole use of the land during a period of time. We must find a way to share our resources.

We ask that you not object to this proposal out of hand. The 4-day December season is proposed for just 3 years (2002-2004) with a sunset clause. Give us this trial period to work out any problems. If problems surface, this season goes away after 3 years. If there are few problems, another rule would have to be proposed to the public and reviewed by the legislature before such a hunt could be offered again. The WDNR does not have authority to offer a December gun hunt in the future, even in Zone T, without such a rule.

Some question the need for more gun hunting at a time when past experience shows a relatively low harvest. Some could also question the value of September archery hunting or early December snowmobiling as there are much better times of the year to pursue these sports. Yet, these extra days are valuable to participants. Hunter surveys in 2000 showed that 180,000 (26%) hunters expected to participate in the 4-day December hunt. They harvested about 17,000 deer. We feel that this number will increase if the entire state has this hunting opportunity and a tradition is allowed to develop. The key point here is that we cannot expect more deer to be harvested in the short 9-day gun season.

The primary objection to the December hunt is the potential for conflicts with snowmobilers over access to private lands for trail grooming and snowmobile use. However, in the 2001 December Zone T hunt, there was little or no snow across the state. It would have been a shame to keep hunters out of the woods when snowmobilers couldn't even use the trails. Indeed, 16 of the past 22 years saw less than 6 inches of snow during the period that the December hunt would be held in the area north of Highway 8. South of highway 8, only 1 in 7 years has sufficient snow for snowmobiling this time of year. Many trails are marked prior to even the 9-day gun deer season. Snowmobilers and hunters need be able to work with landowners such that there can be hunting and most of the trails can be open too. Let's not keep hunters off all lands just because a few trail segments can't be prepared as early as desired.

Some would prefer adding a week to the 9-day gun hunt instead of the 4-day December hunt. The 10,000 people who completed the Deer 2000 questionnaire had a clear preference with 2 to 1 being in favor December 4-day hunt. However, the DNR is not opposed to a 16-day gun season. Hunters will get another opportunity to tell us what they think about a 16-day gun season at the spring hearings in every county this April.

Second Rule: October Zone T gun deer hunt dates — Although this 4-day season remains a controversial one among hunters, the October Zone T hunt has proven to be the most effective tool to increase deer harvests in units well over population goals...we desperately need to keep this tool. We only use it when a regular hunting season can't keep us near population goals established in administrative code. Although some groups are opposed to this season, hunter surveys showed that about 39% or 270,000 hunters participated in this hunt in 2000, taking 67,000 deer. Obviously, not everyone dislikes it. Deer 2000 participants recommended that the October Zone T hunt begin on the Saturday following the pheasant season opener.

The Assembly Natural Resources Committee did not object to having the October Zone T hunt, but rather, only the proposed dates. The Committee wants this hunt to fall on the teachers' convention weekend each year. However, we heard from many who would like to have the Zone T hunt earlier in October to reduce conflicts with archers hunting the rut, when bucks are more vulnerable. However, we could not move the Zone T hunt much earlier due to safety concerns with leaves still on the trees, conflicts with other outdoor recreationists, conflicts with farmers, and conflicts with other hunting season opening dates. There was interest in having the Zone T hunt on the same weekend as the teachers' convention when youth hunters would have 2 days off school. But, there is no

way to codify these dates as they are not always the same dates each year. Moreover, not all schools have their teachers' convention on the same week. The dates proposed by Deer 2000 are a compromise, considering all of these issues. The proposed Zone T hunt would fall on the week of the southern teachers' convention about half the time and a week earlier half the years.

Third Rule: Early archery season extension in Zone T units – The Assembly Natural Resources Committee objected to this hunting opportunity. One of the Deer 2000 goals was to offer more hunting opportunity wherever possible. Deer 2000 participants looked for days currently closed to hunting that could be opened. They recommended that the Monday-Thursday prior to the 9-day gun deer season be opened to archery deer hunting. The Natural Resources Board modified that recommendation to offer the early archery season extension in Zone T units only. This did 3 things: it gave consideration to the concerns of those who only gun deer hunt, who want no activity in the woods before their hunt; it preserved the option of extending the gun deer season a week earlier in the future if needed or desired; and it continued a compromise that has been worked out with archers for giving up 4 days of buck hunting during October Zone T seasons. Wisconsin has had this 4 day archery season extension in Zone T units for 5 years now without any significant problems or complaints.

Fourth Rule: Deer registration in unit of kill or adjacent unit – There are now several different regulations for registering deer depending on the season and sex of the deer. Obviously, this is too confusing. Deer 2000 participants recommended that registration requirements be simplified with all deer having to be registered in the unit of kill or adjacent unit. This is what most hunters do now anyway. The Assembly Natural Resources Committee's objection would allow hunters to register their deer anywhere in the state. Allowing registration anywhere in the state would be more convenient for some, but there are concerns for effects on the accuracy of harvest numbers by unit...the backbone of population models used to estimate herd size, set harvest quotas and permit levels, and determine whether Zone T regulations are needed in a unit. We currently have a problem with hunters believing DNR population estimates and registration numbers. Allowing hunters to travel anywhere in the state with a deer before they register it will add further doubt regarding the accuracy of unit harvest and population data. We don't need any more reasons for hunters to doubt our numbers. DNR contracts with 639 registration stations to ensure that hunters can conveniently register deer in or near any unit. If someone has a problem finding a registration station that's open, DNR wardens offer solutions to meet the needs of the hunter.

Final Request

If you do decide to sustain the objections of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, we ask that you submit a bill to do so by the end of January. We hope you agree that we owe it to thousands of volunteers and participants in Deer 2000 to get resolution quickly rather than see this languish for a number of years as a late bill.

Thank you. Now, we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The Deer 2000 Initiative

Deer 2000 is the largest public participation strategic planning effort ever to occur in Wisconsin. Well over 16,000 people participated in the public forums and provided their input into the recommendations that were forwarded to the Natural Resources Board in October 2000.

Overview:

Over the past three years, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress led Deer Management for 2000 and Beyond project has undertaken successful, innovative, and aggressive efforts to contact, engage and learn from the citizens of Wisconsin. This unprecedented public participation strategic planning effort has led to the development of recommendations to improve the management of a deer herd that is a valuable natural and economic resource to the state of Wisconsin.

History:

In 1997, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board recognized the ever increasing challenges of managing Wisconsin's deer herd, and directed the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and Department of Natural Resources to conduct a review of the state's deer program and make recommendations for the future, utilizing public participation. Shortly after, *Deer Management for 2000 and Beyond* began.

Deer 2000 Purpose Statement: To create a broad range of public participation processes for developing and presenting a contemporary set of publicly supported guidelines to be used in the management of the white-tailed deer herd in the State of Wisconsin.

Using public input, the goal of the Deer 2000 project was to produce a deer management framework that is flexible, realistic, and meets the needs of other natural resources as well as the desires of a wide range of stakeholders.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress, a citizen advisory group established by the legislature, led Deer 2000. Department wildlife biologists, law enforcement, and legal personnel provided technical support and professional expertise. Private consultants with expertise in public involvement assisted in the development of the various public participation events and project design.

Invitation to Participate:

- Approximately 300 organizations received invitations to participate
- 1,500 press kits were distributed prior to each statewide forum
- 8,000 individuals and organizations received the Deer 2000 newsletter
- Deer 2000 Website averaged 1,700 visitors / month (3 month Average)

Throughout the process, the public was offered an open invitation to participate. Invitations were sent to individuals and organizations. In addition, the Deer 2000 newsletter, Let's Talk Deer was regularly mailed to approximately 8,000 individuals and organizations. The newsletter along with the Deer 2000 web page (http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/deer2000/index.htm) kept participants and interested parties abreast of ways to participate, press releases, summaries of recommendations, and meeting dates and locations.

Issue Discovery:

- 3,730 individual participants
- 29 Statewide public forums
- Facilitated 4-hour series of related participation activities

The first of three intensive statewide public involvement processes was held in February of 1999. This event included 29 public forums held throughout the state. The forums were advertised on radio and television and in major newspapers across the state. The goal of these forums was to offer the public an opportunity to identify the deer management issues that they felt were most in need of attention.

Summary Conference:

- 200 participants
- Identified 7 focus areas of study
- 7-hour multi-faceted participation event

During a Statewide Conference in April involving over 200 citizens, seven topics of first priority were identified: Agricultural Deer Damage, Baiting and Feeding of Deer, Believability of DNR Population Estimates, Forest and Ecological Damage Caused by Deer, Deer Herd Size, Private Land Access, and Sex Ratio and Age Structure of the Deer Herd.

<u>Issue Study and Preliminary Recommendation Development:</u>

- Monthly, 7-hour plenary and intense study sessions
- 140 attendees at each centrally located monthly meetings
- 7 study groups (Totaling 64 monthly meetings)
- Nearly 10,000 volunteer hours in meetings alone

Citizen-based study groups began working in July of 1999 to research the identified topics and make recommendations for improvement. These seven study groups, which consisted of Conservation Congress, DNR liaisons, members of various outdoor recreation organizations, agricultural and forestry organizations, as well as other state, county and federal agencies, met at least once a month from August 1999 through July 2000. Meetings were announced in newsletters, fliers and on the Deer 2000 web page. Thousands of volunteer hours were logged as the groups developed their preliminary recommendations.

Public Education and Input Gathering:

- 1,571 registered participants
- 70 Statewide forums
- Learning/Feedback Open House meeting format
- 2-hour self-guided learning/input sessions
- Application of new technologies to educate and solicit public input

In September 1999, the second statewide public involvement process was held. Seventy-one Open House meetings were held throughout Wisconsin to offer the public an opportunity to answer specific questions directly related to the seven topic areas. The innovative format of these events was the first statewide application of an educational and participation method that also involved new production technologies for the materials used. Over 1,400 persons participated in these learning and feedback sessions that generated an average of 1,200 responses to the nearly 70 questions asked by the seven Study Groups. From the data collected, and through other research conducted by members of each study group, recommendations were developed.

Public Review of Preliminary Recommendations:

- 10,751 registered participants
- 71 Statewide forums
- Learning/Feedback Open House meeting format
- 2-hour self-guided learning/response sessions
- 44-Page questionnaire (also available on the Internet)

In June 2000, citizens actively participated in Public Review sessions in 71 counties. In addition to an outside advertising agency, a 1-hour informational program was produced and aired statewide on Wisconsin Public Television's *Outdoor Wisconsin*. Participants reviewed informative educational "stations" prepared by each of the Study Groups. They also responded to a 44-page questionnaire designed by the Study Groups to gauge public opinion on the scores of preliminary recommendations they developed. In addition, participants visited the Deer 2000 website, reviewed data, downloaded, printed, responded to and mailed in the questionnaire. Those unable to attend an Open House meeting or download a copy of the questionnaire on a computer were sent questionnaires through the mail. In total, 10,751 individuals completed a questionnaire that provided the Study Groups with valuable feedback instrumental in developing their final recommendations.

Public Reaction to the Deer 2000 Process:

• 81% (verses 6% that either disagreed or strongly disagreed) of respondents to the June Deer 2000 questionnaire agreed or strongly agreed that "the Deer 2000 approach is a good way to get people involved in deer management decision making."

Economic impacts of hunting, fishing and wildlife watching activities in Wisconsin, 1996.

Economic Parameter	Hunting	Fishing	Birdwatching	Wildlife Watching	Total*
Retail Sales (\$millions)	1,467	1,073	225	7.160	3.700
Output (\$millions)	2,413	2,138	482	1.831	6.389
lobs Supported	28,900	30,400	7,200	26,400	85,700
Earnings(\$millions)	475	566	135	462	1,503
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(\$millions)	43	61	16	73	177
State Income Tax (\$millions)	16	22	6	25	63
itate Sales Tax (\$millions)	34	54	14	58	146
Total State GPR (\$millions)	50	76	19	83	209

^{*}Total = hunting plus fishing plus wildlife watching.

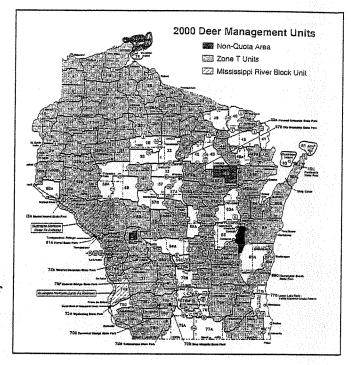
Source: Southwick Associates data for hunting, fishing and birdwatching; birdwatching is a subset of wildlife watching; wildlife watching costs from Cauidll and Laughland (1998).

<u>Deer Management for 2000 and Beyond December 4-Day Antlerless Gun Season Justification:</u>

- 1. Access to Private Land The public identified access to private lands as one of the major, if not the most important issue facing the deer hunters and the herd in the state of Wisconsin. The Deer 2000 Herd Size committee looked closely at this issue after much discussion and research the Herd Size committee concluded that the 4-Day December antlerless season, following the regular 9-day gun season would best increase the opportunities for hunters to gain access to private lands. Landowners would have already had the chance to harvest deer on their properties and they would not have to worry about bucks being shot on their property. Landowners and hunters agreed this was the top rated alternative.
- 2. Increased Opportunity for Gun Hunters Currently firearm hunters only have nine days to hunt in a state that is known across the nation and around the world for its hunting opportunities. All that Deer 2000 has recommended is an extra four days at a time of year that has little conflict with the peak seasons of other interest groups.
- 3. Opportunity to Stay out of Special Herd Control Seasons By allowing hunters an extra opportunity to harvest antlerless deer in December it will allow units more opportunity to avoid special herd control hunts (which are often unpopular with hunters) in following years, by increasing the antlerless harvest.
- 4. **Public Support** The timing of this permanent statewide antlerless deer gun season received the most support of the options presented (59% support and 28% oppose; supported in all regions of state) in the June Deer 2000 questionnaire.
- 5. Sunset Compromise In order to address the concerns of critics to this expanded gun hunting opportunity, the Board has recommended that a 3-year sunset date be instituted statewide. This would allow the Department and the Board to analyze the hunt's effectiveness and document any controversy or conflict that may develop with other user groups. We have indicated Congress support for this approach.
- 6. Limited Conflict Last year's hunt provided an example of how snowmobilers and gun hunters could co-exist across Wisconsin when the state experienced an unusually early and abundant snowfall. It wasn't until the season was being proposed as becoming permanent did the complaints of conflict and trail closures surface. In addition, by outlining a process for registering complaints experienced during the season, the Department and the NRB will effectively be able to analyze the existence of any conflict. We feel the two sports can co-exist as archery, muzzleloader deer hunting, and snowmobiling have done for years.

2000 December Zone T Fact Sheet

- **Accidents** There were no reported hunter / winter recreationist accidents
- Hunting Pressure Regional biologists and wardens reported low to moderate hunting pressure
- **Trail Closures** State Trails were open, however there were cases of County Trail closings
- Economic Impact The Department only received two public comments during the December 2000 public hearings reporting a loss of business due to the Zone T season
- Trial Grooming Conflicts Only one report was received of trails opening late due to the Zone T



- Trail Degradation Two public comments were made regarding hunters ruining groomed ski trails with ATVs
- Trail Openings -
 - Vilas, Oneida, Marinette, and Florence Counties: Avg. Dec. 16 Dec. 20
 - North of Hwy. 10 and south of Hwy. 8: Avg. Late December

Weather Conditions -

- North of Hwy. 8: 2 out of every 7 years provides adequate snow for opening snowmobile trails
- South of Hwy 8. & North of Hwy. 54: 1 out of every 7 years provides adequate snow for trail opening

Cooperation -

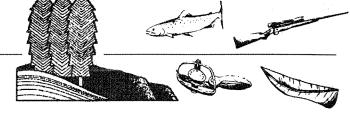
- For years muzzleloader hunters have hunted into December with no reported conflicts between user groups.
- > Archers have shared the woods for the entire month of December without conflict.
- > Small Game hunters, deer hunters, waterfowl hunters, hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists have shared the fall woods and countryside for decades.
- No user group has exclusive rights to any one season or resource in the state of Wisconsin. Cross-country skiers and snowmobilers share the woods. Fishermen, skiers, and sailboats share the water. Through cooperation we do not anticipate 4 days of gun hunting in December will result in any added conflict or loss.

Assembly Committee on

Natural Resources

State Representative DuWayne Johnsrud, Chair

December 5, 2001



TO:

Members of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

FROM:

Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud

SUBJECT:

Q&A about Assembly Natural Resources Committee objections to parts of the Deer

2000 rule.

Question:

Has the committee objected to the entire Deer 2,000 rule?

Answer:

No. The committee objected to four individual parts and allowed the DNR to enact the rest of the rule.

Ouestion:

Will the DNR still be able to hold deer herd control hunts in Zone T units?

Answer:

Yes. In fact, the DNR currently holds herd control hunts in October and December. That is why some members of the committee believe that the Deer 2000 project did not solve deer management problems and that the \$1 million price tag of the Deer 2000 project amounted to money that was misspent.

Question:

Why did the committee object to the proposed 4-day, antlerless deer only firearm season in December?

Answer:

Committee members who voted to object to the December antlerless hunt had a variety of reasons, which may have included:

- •DNR can already hold this hunt in Deer Management Units that are overpopulated.
- •No hunters showed interest in the hunt (except for DNR employees and Deer 2000 program leaders).
- •Proposed hunt would be statewide instead of confined to areas where deer populations are too high, resulting in unnecessary conflicts between outdoor groups.
- •More than 300 snowmobilers testified in committee that a firearm hunt in mid-December could result in difficulties for club members who need access to private land to brush, sign, and maintain trails.
- •More than 300 snowmobilers testified that land-owners would be less likely to open trails to the public while a deer hunting season was open.

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- •Several chambers of commerce commented that snowmobile trail closures would have significant negative impacts on area businesses and that those conflicts are likely because it only takes one landowner to close their land and render an entire trail unusable.
- •The DNR had many other options for timing of the season.
- •DNR already holds a similar hunt in certain units and that experience tells us that harvest is not significant enough to control deer numbers.
- •Hunt is not a significant recreational opportunity for hunters because bucks may not be killed and most hunters are interested in at least the opportunity to harvest a buck.

Question:

Why did the committee object to the dates of the October antlerless-only Zone T firearm hunt?

Answer:

In order to maximize participation by school aged hunters, this objection would let the DNR schedule the October Zone T hunt to coincide with the statewide teacher's convention. This is the way that DNR has timed the Zone-T hunt in past years but, in the Deer 2000 rule, the DNR moved away from that weekend in order to appease bow hunters who wanted to have the woods to themselves in prime hunting time during the rut.

Question:

There is a youth hunt in the rule that would have coincided with the October Zone T hunts. Why didn't the committee object to that date?

Answer:

The committee wanted to leave that date in place out of concern that, if the issue of the Zone T hunting dates was not resolved by the next season, the youth hunt could still take place. DNR can change the dates of the youth hunt to coincide with the Zone T hunt at any time.

Ouestion:

Why did the committee object to four days of archery deer hunting in Zone T units during the week before the traditional firearm deer season?

Answer:

Some committee members liked the traditional rest week from hunting that has always preceded the traditional gun deer season. Other members thought that the seasons would be less confusing if hunting were allowed statewide instead of limited only to Zone T units.

Question:

Why did the committee object to requiring that all deer be registered in the Deer Management Unit of kill or an adjoining unit?

Answer:

In the past, firearm deer season hunters had the convenience of being able to register bucks in most of the state. Members thought this convenience should be preserved.

Statement in opposition to rules expanding and fragmenting the deer hunt season

I am a property owner in Dane County and Door County. I am an avid hiker, biker, and cross country skier. My grandfather owned a northern Wisconsin resort and hunted deer for many years. Many of my friends are deer hunters. I am not opposed to deer hunting.

However, I would like to speak in opposition to the recent tendency to propose and implement new rules that expand and fragment the deer hunt season. My opposition is based on two main points:

- 1) the rules governing the 2001 deer hunt season resulted in a season that was **too long** and too intrusive to the activities of other interested parties including hikers, skiers, snowmobile enthusiasts, and other recreational users of our rural and park lands,
- 2) the 2001 deer hunt season was administered in a way that was confusing to state residents, discouraged tourism, and created potentially dangerous situations.

Point 1 - Too long and intrusive

During the 2001 deer season, the woods and fields of Wisconsin were essentially closed to non-hunters by allowing gun deer hunting on 4 weekends during a two month period of the fall and early winter. In addition to three separate deer seasons (one of which included two weekends), non-hunters who wished to hike, ski, bike, snowmobile, etc. had to also risk themselves during lengthy bow and muzzleloader seasons.

In communications that I have had with the DNR, I was told that my family can share the woods during deer hunting with the hunters by simply wearing the proper attire (blaze orange). The recent tragedy in Chippewa Falls resulting in the death of a woman walking her dog as well as the many guns shot injuries and deaths to hunters during the past season would suggest that this is not necessarily good advice. As most of us intuitively suspect, the woods and fields are significantly more dangerous during hunting season. Most people do not wish to use the outdoors when they know that hunting is underway.

Ironically, despite the continued expansion of the deer hunt season, the DNR's own data seem to suggest that the overall deer kill is roughly constant or even decreasing. Despite the failure of the deer hunt to control the deer herd, our only response seems to be to continue to lengthen the season. The entire fall season could be open to deer hunting and the deer kill might not significantly change.

One of the reasons for the apparent failure of hunting to adequately control the deer herd may suggested by a recent report on Wisconsin Public Radio. Wildlife managers concerned with the over fishing of sturgeon, reduced the length of the season. Apparently, the sturgeon harvest was relatively unchanged due to more intensive fishing during the shortened season. Conversely, it is not surprising that efforts to increase the deer kill through a longer season are less successful than desired due less intensive hunting when there is more time available.

Point 2 - Administrative concerns

The recent expansion and fragmentation of the 2001 deer hunt season received inadequate publicity. Many of my friends were unaware that there were extra gun deer seasons in both October and December. For this reason, they were unable to take precautions to protect themselves such as wearing orange clothing or avoiding the woods. I suspect that part of the problem may be that the decisions to hold these extra seasons are made on relatively short notice. This makes it particularly difficult for tourists and others who plan their trips far in advance and cannot change their plans to avoid a deer season announced at the last second.

In addition to timing and publicity, the Zone T system is confusing and misleading. Announcements in the media often seem to suggest that Zone T is a limited area with too many deer. In fact, it covers a large portion of the state and includes many prime vacation areas.

The problem is compounded by the fact that not all Zone T areas had deer hunting this past season. For example, a prospective tourist to Wisconsin might have canceled their vacation to Door County during the past fall if they checked the map on the DNR Web site and noticed that Peninsula State Park is in Zone T. They would have *incorrectly* concluded that the park was open to deer hunting, which it was not. My own family avoided hiking in the park until we happened to check at the park headquarters and learned that although the park was in Zone T there still was no hunting.

In summary, I believe that confusion and restrictions that I encountered during this past fall are probably common throughout Wisconsin. And unfortunately, they are not having the desired effect. According to the DNR, the deer herd is still too large. We must actively pursue other approaches to controlling the deer herd. They may be more expensive. Nonetheless, without a different approach we face the possibility of having our residents and out-of-state visitors decide that the Wisconsin outdoors is no place to visit during the fall season. This would be a great loss for everyone.

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Senator Judith Robson Senate Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Rules Room 15 South, State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Robson:

As a member of the Easton Sno-Seekers snowmobile club, I strongly oppose the Department of Natural Resources staff recommendation to establish a gun deer-hunting season in all 72 counties of Wisconsin during December of 2002, 2003, and 2004.

There are clear alternative hunting seasons available to control deer herds in the State now. Our snowmobiling season is short enough as we have had to keep our trails closed for the second year in a row until after the T-zone hunting season that occurred this December. Also not knowing how much snow we will receive, when or where, limits the enjoyment of our sport even more.

I, therefore, ask that you and the other Senate members not approve the gun deer-hunting seasons for December 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Member, Easton Sno-Seekers

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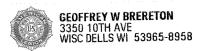
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