

Natural Resources Board Order WM-13-15, Clearinghouse Rule 16-026

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The department anticipates no economic impact as a result of these rules. It is anticipated that most farm owners will make the farm updates necessary to maintain their status in the CWD Herd Certification Program and these rules will not apply.

These proposed rules would benefit some smaller farms which are certified under current rules but for whom recertification or double fencing are not economically feasible. Benefits to the overall economy will be minimal but important to individual farm owners. While they would not be certified and could not sell or transfer live deer, they would be able to continue owning the deer and could continue to realize financial benefit from activities such as game farm hunting.

These rules will not create new compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses. The design and operational standards for deer farms contained in the rule will be a simplification from current federal and state rules.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 50, Section II, this was a level 3 economic impact analysis for the permanent rule. A notice for solicitation of comments on this analysis was posted on the department's website beginning on February 22.