

Citizen Resolution # 131922

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Establishing a nine day muzzle-loader season beginning on the Saturday closest to October 15th of each year.

CWD is becoming rampant across Wisconsin. The current gun deer hunt, in often cold weather in late November, appears to be discouraging against hunters from participating to the extent they would like to. Some of these hunters also appreciate the more sporting aspects of hunting with a muzzle-loader, especially a traditional muzzle-loader, but this style of hunting is more difficult during the regular gun deer season. Meanwhile, archery hunters have two months to hunt while weather is comparatively mild. The current muzzle-loader season structure, immediately following the regular firearm season, has a very low participation rate, and extremely low success rate, due to the onset of winter conditions and to the fact that deer become extremely nocturnal after the disturbance of the regular gun deer season. This causes muzzle-loading hunting to have no meaningful impact on reducing deer numbers in a way that helps slow or reverse the spread of CWD. A change in muzzle-loader season structure is needed to enable muzzle-loader hunters a fair opportunity to be a part of the solution to CWD.

Would you support establishing a muzzle-loader deer hunt for nine days, starting on the Saturday?

Additional Information provided by author:

CWD transition appears to be somewhat density-dependent, although the association may not be the most important factor in deer-to-deer transmission: <https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1890/ES12-00141.1>

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