

Citizen Resolution # 570721

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Making More Deer Management Options Available for County CDACs

Currently many counties struggle with a deer herd that is growing beyond the ability of available management tools and strategies. High deer densities can detrimentally affect many aspects of our natural resources, including Deer health (particularly CWD), Forest and Habitat health, etc. Many CDACs have tried to use every tool available to either decrease or maintain the deer population, over the past several years, only to see the population continue to grow well beyond management goals.

Offer CDACs the option to allow either sex harvest during the current December 4-day antlerless hunt, and during the December Holiday Hunt.

Replacement Buck- Allow hunters who harvest a CWD positive deer OF EITHER SEX, to receive an additional BUCK tag specific to that County and method of take. Currently the replacement tags are sex specific.

Bonus Buck- Allow hunters, who harvest and submit for CWD testing any antlerless deer, to receive a BONUS BUCK tag specific to that county and method of take.

Rationale: Most hunters prefer to hunt for antlered deer. More antlered deer opportunities would mean more hunters are in the field, who are likely shoot does as well. In counties that are in need of ways to decrease the deer population, these tools could be effective, and give CDACs more ability to adjust to the management needs of their county.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR to offer tools like "Either-Sex December hunts," "Replacement Buck" and "Bonus Buck" options for CDACs to implement when trying to meet deer management objectives?

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