

Agenda Item 11

Possession of Dead Wildlife

Importation and Retention of Dead Nonresident Wildlife

Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease- Unlawful Transport of Elk Hooves

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Possession of Dead Wildlife

WAC 232-12-287

Background

- Interest from multiple sources to allow retention of vehicle-killed wildlife
- Programs exist in Montana and Idaho

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Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage

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The 2013 Legislature passed a bill that allows for the salvage of deer, elk, and moose as a result of a collision with a motor vehicle.

The bill allows a permit to be issued for the salvage of **ONLY deer, elk,**

- Permits are available at no cost, either through law enforcement or online through this web page.



Roadkill & Salvage Highway Mortality Reports & Salvage Permits



Background

	Montana	Idaho
Species	Deer, elk, moose, antelope	Upland game, big game, furbearers
Permit Method	Enforcement Officer or Online Permit	Online Permit
Timeframe	Acquire Permit 24 hours	Notify 24 hours Acquire Permit 72 hours
Cost	Free	Free

Background

- Outreach with WDFW staff
 - Regional, Enforcement, IT staff
 - Concerns raised re: safety, poaching, trespass
- Discussions with Montana and Idaho
 - Similar concerns, but have not seen a problem

Proposed Changes

- Allow possession of deer or elk accidentally killed by a vehicle collision
- Require a salvage permit within 24 hours – online or in Regional office
- ~~Antlers must be surrendered~~
- Entire carcass must be salvaged
- Disposal according to WAC
- Rule – not active until July 2016

Rationale

- Responsive to the public's concerns
- Allows the salvage of edible meat
- Allows the activity without being burdensome (online permit system)



Public Comment

- Vast majority of comments supported the rule proposal
- Some commenters requested to retain the antlers
 - Cited an easier process for the public if antlers are retained
 - Would require less staff resources and storage resources if antlers are not surrendered the Department



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- Propose removing the following language
 - *“If the salvaged deer or elk has antlers, the antlers must be surrendered to a department regional or district office within 72 hours of being salvaged.”*
- The intention of the rule is not to inadvertently create a violation that stems from road salvage



Importation and Retention of Dead Nonresident Wildlife

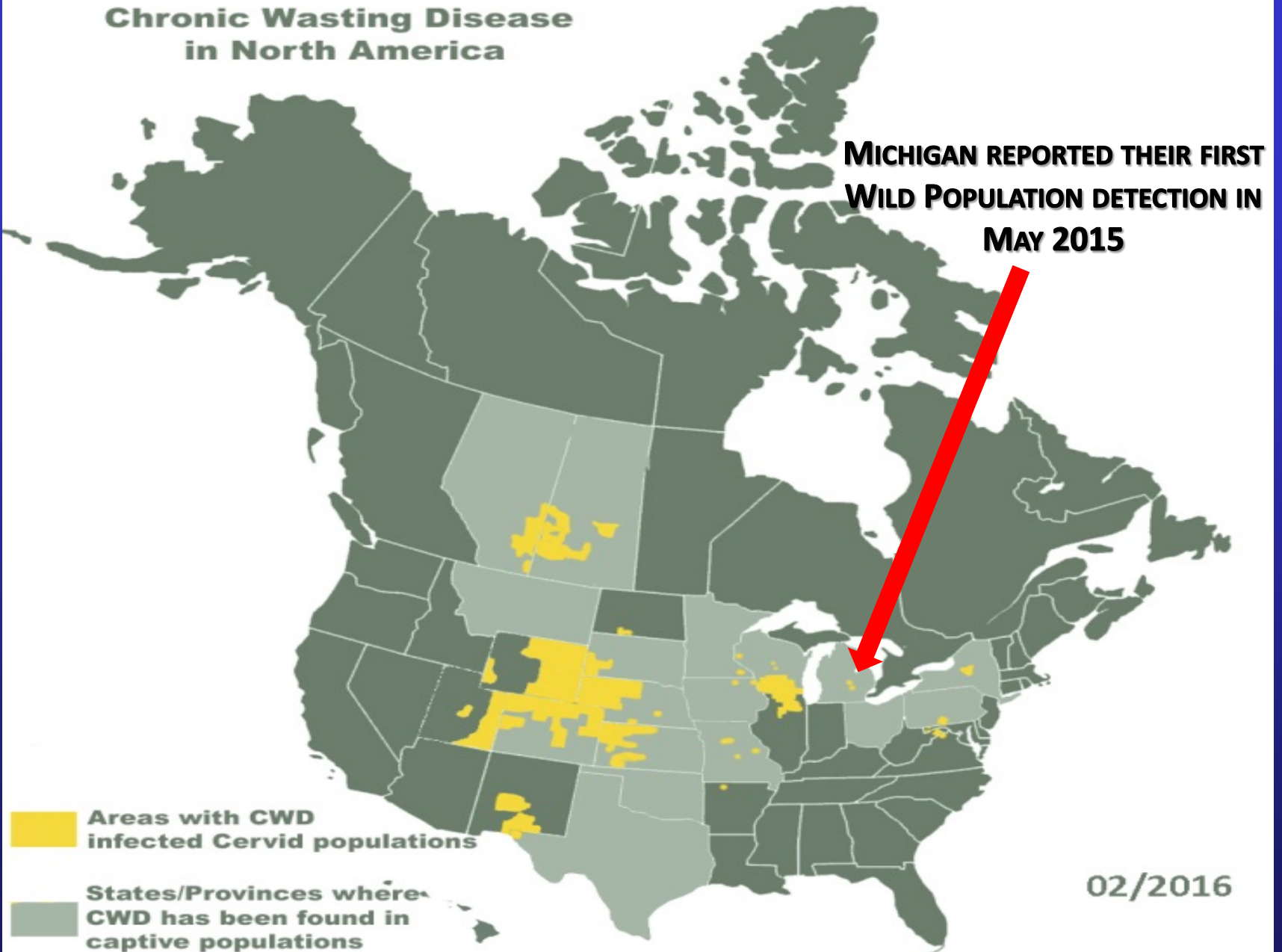
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Proposed Change

- Proposed change is related to deer/elk/moose harvested in states with chronic wasting disease (CWD) detected in wild, free-ranging populations
- The rule requires additional processing of meat/hides/skulls before bringing harvested animals home to Washington
- The proposal adds Michigan to the list of states and provinces requiring additional processing

Chronic Wasting Disease in North America

**MICHIGAN REPORTED THEIR FIRST
WILD POPULATION DETECTION IN
MAY 2015**



Map Courtesy of Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance

Rationale and Direction

- Research has shown that CWD can persist in the soil/plants
- The intention of the rule is to reduce risk of CWD coming to Washington by reducing the chance of scraps and trim being disposed of in an inappropriate manner
- The proposal makes the emergency rule permanent
- To date Washington has not detected CWD

Questions on 232-12-021 ?



Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease Unlawful Transport of Hooves

WAC 232-12-286

Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease

- The rule is intended to reduce the risk of spreading causative agents of Treponeme Associated Hoof Disease (TAHD)
- The proposed amendment helps facilitate research related to TAHD
- The proposed amendment was an emergency rule change in October
 - Facilitated collecting hooves from hunters during November special permit hunts

Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease

- The proposal makes the emergency rule permanent
- The rule applies to GMUs 501 through 564 and GMUs 642 through 649
- Additional hooves will be collected from hunters in 2016

Questions on 232-12-286

