

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: November 4-5, 2016

Agenda item: Quality Deer Management – Briefing

Presenter: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program;
Brian Murphy, CEO, Quality Deer Management Association

Background summary:

The Commission requested that the Department provide a briefing on the principles of Quality Deer Management, the objectives of the approach, where it is being applied, and the pros and cons of applying the concept in NE Washington.

Brian Murphy, the Chief Executive Officer from the Quality Deer Management Association in Athens, Georgia will provide a presentation on the pros and cons of Quality Deer Management and how it is being implemented in the eastern United States. He will then field questions from the Commission.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

- Maximize recreational deer hunting opportunity.
 - Continue sustainable hunting opportunities for deer, consistent with achieving management objectives.
 - Address and prevent wildlife conflict issues utilizing hunting and hunters.
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Public involvement process used and what you learned:

NA – Briefing only.

Action requested:

NA – Briefing only.

Draft motion language:

NA – Briefing only.

Justification for Commission action:

NA – Briefing only.

Communications Plan:

- Press release, post on web site
 - Notify Stevens County, Ferry County, Pend Oreille County, Kalispel Tribe, Spokane Tribe, Colville Tribes
 - Notification to various conservation groups: Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC), Hunters Heritage Council, Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, Stevens County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee, Pend Oreille County Sportsmen's Club, Northwest Sportsman's Club
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