

# CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IS A REAL THREAT TO OUR UPPER PENINSULA DEER HERD.

If you are hunting out of state, educate yourself on the importation restrictions!

Chronic Wasting Disease will most likely come to the Upper Peninsula in the back of a truck!

# Positive cases of CWD have been found in the following states:

Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Minnesota, Illinois, Utah, New York, West Virginia, Kansas, Michigan, Virginia, Missouri, North Dakota, Maryland, Texas, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Also found in Alberta and Saskatchewan Canada.

## ALL THE ABOVE HAVE IMPORTATION RESTRICTIONS COMING BACK INTO MICHIGAN!

Only the following parts of a deer, elk, or moose carcasses may be brought into Michigan: Fully deboned meat, antlers attached to a scull cap cleaned of brain and muscle tissue, hides, upper canine teeth (from elk) or finished taxidermy mount! Heavy fines do apply if restrictions are not followed! We ask all residents to report any violations to the DNR immediately to help save our herd!

As you know we have deer herd size problems because of yearly winter kill (starvation), Wolves, Coyote's, Bobcat's, Bears, car deer accidents and all the hunters. If CWD is found in the Upper Peninsula a further reduction in deer numbers to try and control the spread of CWD will be added to the list.

# LET'S ALL DO OUR PART IN KEEPING THE UPPER PENINSULA CWD FREE!

Please follow all importation restrictions coming back into Michigan and keep the UP CWD FREE!

### **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE FACTS**

### What is it?

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a central nervous system disease found in cervids: deer, elk, and moose.
- It attacks the brain of infected animals creating small lesions in the brain that result in death.
- It is always fatal.
- It is transmitted through direct animal to animal contact or by contact with saliva, urine, feces, blood, and carcass parts of an infected animal or infected soil.
- There is no treatment for CWD

### Signs of CWD in Deer

- Loss of body condition or abnormally thin or weak.
- Change in behavior such as loss of fear of humans.
- Loss of bodily control or movements.
- Excessive drooling and salivating.
- There is no treatment for CWD

#### What are the impacts?

- CWD can spread through the deer herd.
- All deer infected with CWD die from the disease.
- Established CWD could significantly reduce the number of deer in Michigan and/or significantly depress older age classes, especially mature older-aged bucks.
- A healthy deer herd is important for hunting traditions.
- There is no treatment for CWD

If you see a deer that shows CWD symptoms, you should accurately document the location of the animal and immediately call RAP

1-800-292-7800.

Do not attempt to disturb, kill, or remove the animal.