

2020 - 2021 Chronic Wasting Disease Proclamation

TRANSPORTATION AND IMPORTATION OF WHITE-TAILED DEER, MULE DEER, ELK, MOOSE, AND OTHER CERVID CARCASSES AND PARTS.

Pursuant to North Dakota law and upon the recommendation of the North Dakota Game and Fish Director, I hereby declare the following a precaution against the potential spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) into and within North Dakota:

Baiting.

It shall be unlawful for an individual to hunt big game over bait or place bait to attract big game for the purpose of hunting in deer hunting units 3A1, 3A2, north of US highway 2 in unit 3A3, 3B1, 3C west of the Missouri River, 3E1, 3E2, 3F1, 3F2, 4A, 4B and 4C. As used herein, bait includes grain, seed, mineral, salt, fruit, vegetable nut, hay, any naturally derived scent or lure (e.g. urine), or natural or manufactured food placed by an individual. As used herein, baiting does not include agricultural practices; gardens; wildlife food plots; agricultural crops; livestock feeds; fruit or vegetables in their natural location, such as apples on or under an apple tree; or unharvested food or vegetables in a garden. This ban does not apply to wildlife management activities conducted by or under the direction of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Carcass Transportation.

(1) It shall be unlawful to transport into or within North Dakota the whole carcass or carcass parts of: (a) a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, elk, or members of the cervid families from states or provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild population or farmed cervids; (b) a white-tailed deer or mule deer from deer hunting units 3A1, 3B1, 3F2, 4B and 4C in North Dakota; (c) a moose from moose hunting units M10 and M11 in North Dakota; and (d) an elk from elk hunting units E2 and E6 in North Dakota; except the following lower-risk portions of the carcass:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Skull plates with antlers attached having no hide or brain tissue present.
- Intact skulls with the hide, eyes, lower jaw and associated soft tissue removed, and no visible brain or spinal cord tissue present.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as “buglers”, “whistlers”, or “ivories”.
- Finished taxidermy heads.

For this section of this proclamation, the entire city limits of a city that shares a border with one or more of the following hunting units M10, M11, E2, E6, 3A1, 3B1, 3F2, 4B and 4C shall be included in that unit.

(2) Any harvested cervids coming from states, provinces or countries that have free-ranging or captive deer, moose or elk diagnosed with CWD, and importation of harvested elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose, or other cervids or their parts are hereby restricted pursuant to Subsection (1).

United States

Arkansas

Colorado

Illinois

Iowa

Kansas

Maryland

Michigan

Missouri

Mississippi

Minnesota

Montana

Nebraska

New Mexico

New York

North Dakota - Deer Hunting Units 3A1, 3B1, 3F2, 4B, 4C and; Moose Hunting Units M10 and M11; Elk Hunting Units E2 and E6.

Ohio

Oklahoma

Pennsylvania

South Dakota

Texas

Tennessee

Utah

Virginia

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Canadian Provinces

Alberta

Quebec

Saskatchewan

Countries

Finland

Norway

South Korea

Sweden

(3) Additional infected states, provinces or countries may be added as necessary. The public will be informed of any additional area via news releases and the Game and Fish Department web site.

(4) It shall be lawful to transport moose and deer carcasses between adjoining/adjacent CWD carcass restricted units.

Violations and Penalties.

Violations of this proclamation are noncriminal with a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). All portions of and carcasses, or parts thereof, in violation may be seized for appropriate disposal.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota this 3rd day of March, 2020. _____



Doug Burgum
Governor

Attest:



Secretary of State

Deputy