

2022 - 2023 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE PROCLAMATION

BAITING and IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION 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:

1. 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 1, 2B, 3A1, 3A2, 3A3, 3A4, 3B1, 3C, 3D1, 3D2, 3E1, 3E2, 3F1, 3F2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F. In addition, it shall be unlawful for an individual to hunt big game over bait or place bait on any North Dakota Game and Fish Department Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). 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.

2. 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 family harvested outside of North Dakota; (b) a white-tailed deer or mule deer from deer hunting units 3A1, 3A2, 3B1, 3C, 3D1, 3E2, 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 brain tissue present.
- Intact skulls with no visible brain or spinal cord tissue present that has the eyes, lower jaw, tongue, salivary glands, tonsils, and lymph nodes removed.
- Antlers separated from the skull plate.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as “buglers”, “whistlers”, or “ivories”.
- Finished taxidermy heads.
- Lymph nodes extracted from the head for the purpose of CWD testing that are contained within a sealed, plastic bag.

For this section of this proclamation, the entire city limits of a city that shares a border with one or more of hunting units 3A1, 3A2, 3B1, 3C, 3D1, 3E2, 3F2, 4B, 4C, M10, M11, or E2, or E6 shall be included in that unit.

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

Violations and Penalties.

Violations of this proclamation are noncriminal with a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). All portions of 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 15th day of March, 2022. _____



Doug Burgum
Governor

Attest:



Secretary of State

Deputy