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Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

# **Chronic Wasting Disease Emergency Response Plan**

Due to new detections of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) positive cervids in Cumberland and Wilkes counties, Cameron N. Ingram, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, acting pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-306(f), enacts the following actions, effective immediately, to assist with the continued detection and isolation of CWD across the State through Emergency Powers:

Establishment of Surveillance Areas:

# Primary Surveillance Areas (PSAs)

- Cumberland County
- Stokes County
- Surry County
- Wilkes County
- Yadkin County

# Secondary Surveillance Areas (SSAs)

- Alexander County
- Alleghany County
- Ashe County
- Bladen County
- Davie County
- Forsyth County
- Guilford County
- Harnett County
- Hoke County
- Iredell County
- Robeson County
- Rockingham County
- Sampson County
- Suspension and prohibition of rehabilitation of white-tailed deer fawns in the Surveillance Areas.
- Prohibition of transportation of non-farmed white-tailed deer, dead or alive, out of the Surveillance Areas except for carcass parts that conform with 15A NCAC 10B .0124 (a) (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5), or as otherwise permitted by the Wildlife Commission.

- Prohibition on placement of mineral and salt licks to purposefully congregate wildlife in Surveillance Areas.
- Prohibition on placement of bait, food, and food products to purposefully congregate wildlife, from Jan. 2 – Aug. 31 inside of the Surveillance Areas, except for feeders specifically designed for nongame birds, hunting during the urban archery season in participating municipalities, and other activities specifically permitted by the Wildlife Commission.
- Mandatory CWD Testing in Primary Surveillance Areas:

#### Central and Northwestern Deer Zones

Any hunter who harvests a cervid in PSAs in the counties listed in 10B .0203 (a) (1) (C) or (E) from the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving Day through the 3rd Sunday thereafter, must submit a sample from that cervid to the Commission for CWD testing no later than 2 weeks following the harvest.

#### Northeastern and Southeastern Deer Zones

Any hunter who harvests a cervid in PSAs in the counties listed in 10B .0203 (a) (1) (A) or (B) from the Saturday 12 days prior to Thanksgiving Day through the 3rd Sunday thereafter shall submit a sample from that cervid to the Commission for CWD testing no later than 2 weeks following the harvest.

Mandatory CWD Testing in Secondary Surveillance Areas:

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