Taxidermy Cervid Certification FAQ

What you need to know about the Taxidermy Cervid Certification:

- The Taxidermy Cervid Certification is a certification required, in addition to a taxidermy license, to engage in the taxidermy of any species in the family Cervidae (deer, elk, moose).

- The certification may be purchased starting January 22, 2020 and expires on December 31 of each year.

- The certification is $5 with proceeds going to the Cervid Health Cooperator Program and other chronic wasting disease surveillance efforts.

- The certification, if requested, will print as an item on the taxidermy license.

- The certification is necessary to identify taxidermist who engage in taxidermy of cervid species to allow for improved Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) sample collection, focused CWD education and outreach, and allow the Commission to respond more quickly to a potential outbreak of CWD. For this reason, it is important that taxidermist only obtain the certification if they taxidermy cervid species.

- This certification is not the same as, and does not replace the Cervid Health Cooperator Program, where participating taxidermist submit CWD samples to the WRC for surveillance testing.