

SUBJECT: Informational Item: Report on rifle use in former shotgun only CWD areas during 2008 gun deer seasons

FOR: FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Todd Schaller, Recreational Safety Program Section Chief

SUMMARY:

At its January, 2009 Natural Resources Board meeting, the Board asked Department staff to report back to the Board with an analysis of the 2009 hunting season as it relates to use of rifles in areas that were historically shotgun only areas.

Discussion will include information on:


1. History and trend of rifle vs. shotgun only rules for gun deer hunting.
2. Summary of reported shooting incidents and weapon types involved.
3. What the department heard from hunters and landowners during the open seasons.
4. Preliminary results of survey of deer hunters in CWD management zone [Note: assumes completion of the survey]
5. Preliminary summary of deer harvest in affected CWD areas.
6. Authority of townships to restrict firearm or rifle use at the local level
7. Summary of townships department is aware of that have more restrictive firearm discharge ordinances.
8. Department response to concerns from townships and landowners about the DNR rule change.
9. Department response to concerns from hunters about township regulations affecting hunting.

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only

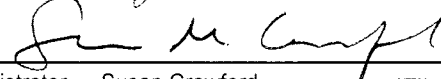
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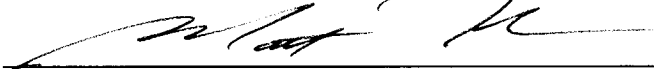
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