



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/8/2022

Agenda item:

CWD Prioritization of Plan for Commission Input - Briefing

Presenter(s):

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Background summary:

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has the greatest potential to negatively impact wild cervid populations long-term if not proactively addressed and diligently managed. Successful management of CWD requires sustained commitment by wildlife managers, government entities, Tribes, and the public. The Washington CWD management Plan is structured with the intent to be adaptable and support timely incorporation of new information and outlines the strategies the Department will implement to meet each objective based on current best management practices for the prevention and management of CWD in the wild, as recommended by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These strategies are designed to provide clear, timely, and effective guidance that will present the state of Washington with the best chance to: 1) create a communication model that ensures that the public and identified stakeholders are informed, engaged, and invested in the goals of the Plan; 2) prevent CWD from entering the state; 3) establish a robust surveillance plan to detect CWD as early as possible should it enter Washington; and 4) establish a response plan to minimize the long-term effects of CWD on cervid populations in Washington should the disease be detected. Some proposed actions in the Plan will require support from the Washington State Legislature and the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission to implement.

Staff recommendation:

Briefing only.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Briefing only.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Briefing only.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Briefing only.

Draft motion language:

Briefing only.

Post decision communications plan:

Continue to post updates to the Department CWD webpage and conduct outreach and communication as outlined in the Plan.

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