

# Deer Multi-season Incentive Tags

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# **WAC 220-412-090 Multi-season deer and elk tags**

# Chronic wasting disease (CWD)


- Caused by prions
- Highly transmissible, untreatable, and always fatal
- Can reduce free-ranging cervid populations
- Affected animals can appear normal
- Diagnosis requires laboratory testing



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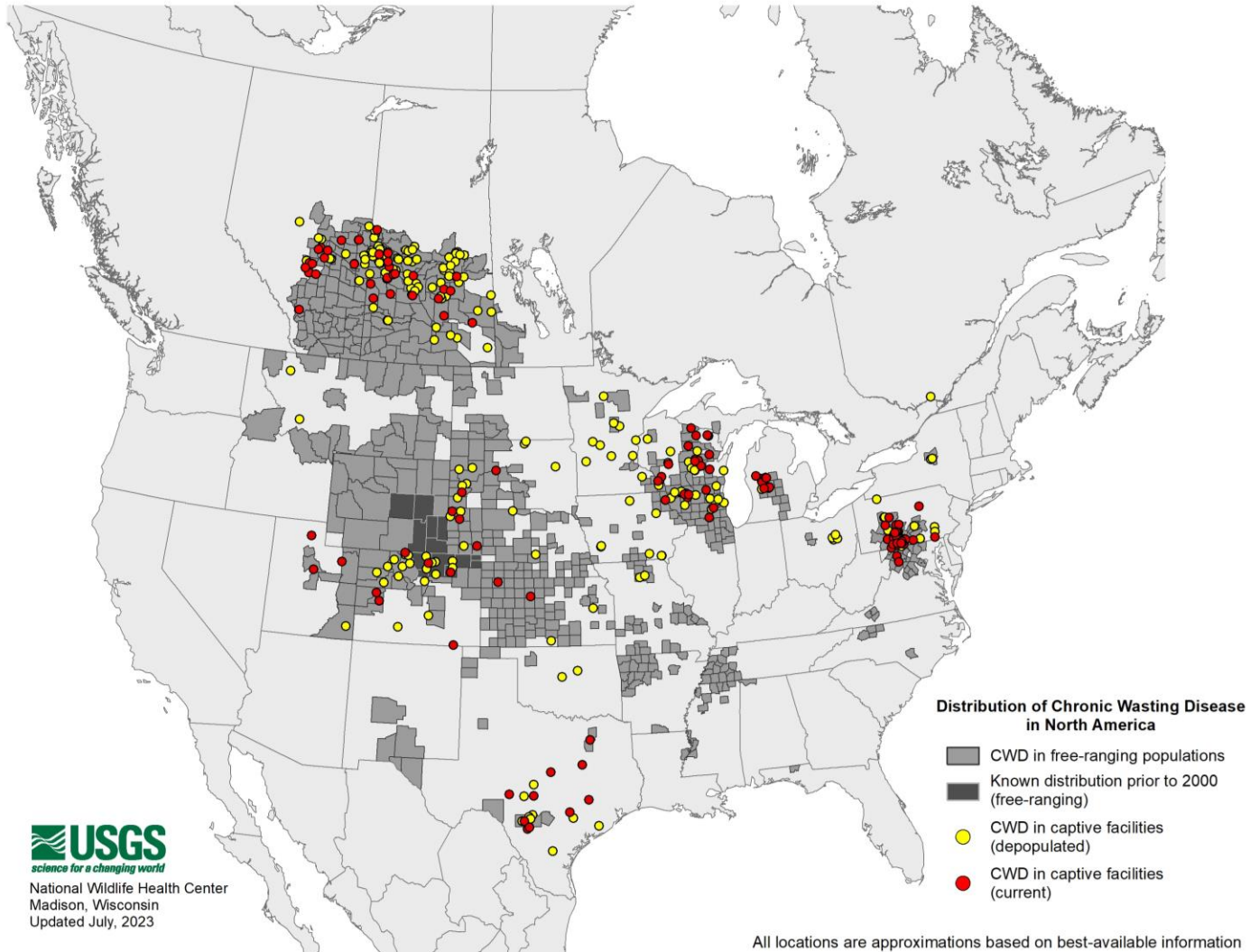
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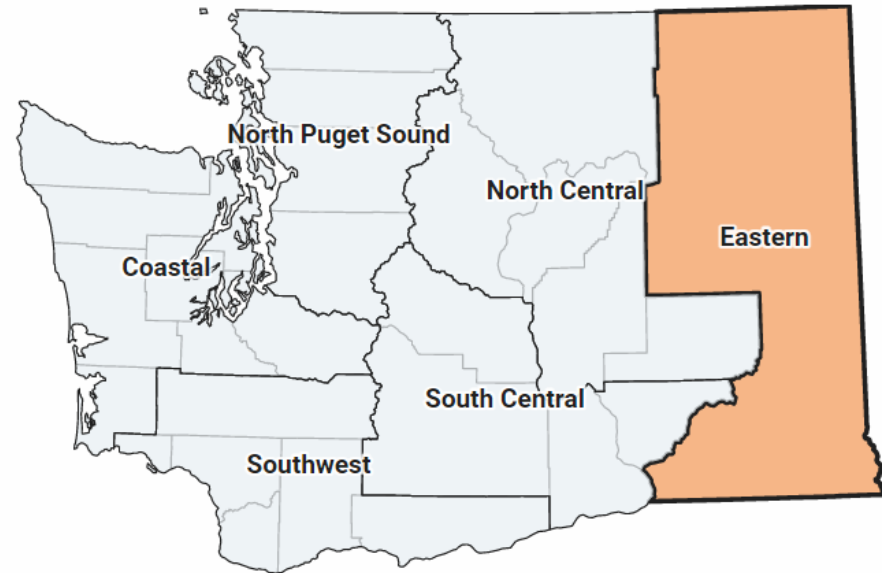


# Chronic wasting disease



# Surveillance program

- Focused on eastern Washington
- Hunter submission is voluntary via check stations, appointment, drop-off, and mail-in
- Low sample sizes limit ability to detect the disease



# Proposed CWD incentive program

- 100 free multi-season deer tags
- Hunters that submit samples are automatically entered
- Tag is good for the following license year
- No impact on current deer multi-season tag draw odds
- Paid for by sponsorship from Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and existing legislative funds



# Proposed change to WAC 220-412-090 (Multi-season deer & elk tags)

Number of Tags	Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Animal	Eligible Hunters
<b>Multi-season Deer Tags</b>				
8500	Sept. 1 - December 31 within general seasons and regulations established by the commission for deer	Statewide in those GMUs with general seasons for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm hunters	Any legal deer consistent with the game management unit or area restrictions	Any licensed deer hunter
50	Sept. 1 - December 31 within general seasons and regulations established by the commission for deer	Statewide in those GMUs with general seasons for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm hunters	Any legal deer consistent with the game management unit or area restrictions	Hunter education instructors meeting qualifications and selection criteria established by the department
<u>100</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - December 31 within general seasons and regulations established by the commission for deer</u>	<u>Statewide in those GMUs with general seasons for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm hunters</u>	<u>Any legal deer consistent with the game management unit or area restrictions</u>	<u>Any licensed hunter that meets the eligibility requirements of the WDFW Chronic Wasting Disease Incentive Program<sup>a</sup></u>

<sup>a</sup> To be eligible, hunters must have submitted their deer or elk for CWD sampling to WDFW staff during the preceding license year.



# Questions?

