



BAH Quarterly Meeting, September 9, 2020

Farmed Cervidae 2020 Rulemaking Project

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Farmed Cervidae Rulemaking Project

- In 2019, the Legislature amended Minnesota Statute §35.155 Farmed Cervidae.
- Effective July 1, 2019, modified Minnesota's requirements for owning Farmed Cervidae.
- BAH must now amend our rules regarding Farmed Cervidae (Minn. Rules 1721.0370 to 1721.0420) to incorporate the updated legislative requirements.

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- BAH is reviewing all our Farmed Cervidae rules and proposing additional changes.
- Guiding principles:
 - Update, simplify, and clarify existing rules
 - Add or change definitions to improve clarity
 - Add or change language to align with current & relevant scientific evidence related to transmission of CWD
 - Omit language inconsistent with federal guidelines for regulating farmed Cervidae
 - Add or change language to better respond to and manage animal disease events
 - Additional objectives proposed or identified during the rulemaking process

Request for Comments

- First formal step in rulemaking process is to publish a Request for Comments.
 - Published June 29, 2020. Opened the public comment period.
 - Public comment period open until October 30, 2020.
 - Comments received will help BAH develop rules drafts.
 - Encouraging comments and public participation.

Public Participation

- eComments site for written comments
- Public listening sessions
 - 1 tonight from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- “How to Participate in Rulemaking” posted on rulemaking page
- Contact us
- Public comment period at end of Advisory Committee Meetings
- Note: Comments received during this stage not necessarily included in formal rulemaking record. Written comments submitted during the comment period after we formally propose the rules (when our Notice of Intent is published) will be part of the record.

Advisory Committee

- BAH established an Advisory Committee and is working with them as we develop rules drafts.
 - Role of committee is to comment and advise on development of rules
 - 15 members on committee, variety of stakeholders
 - Meetings held virtually and open to the public
 - Last 15 minutes open for public comment
 - Information on how to join on our rulemaking page

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- Second formal step in rulemaking process is to publish Notice of Intent to Adopt.
 - Begins 30-day (minimum), second public comment period.
 - Publishes draft of proposed amended rules.
- Timeframe for publishing Notice of Intent is December 2020.
 - Can proceed with a public hearing or without one.
 - If held, provides additional formal opportunity to testify or submit written testimony in front of an Administrative Law Judge who presides over hearing.
 - Provides hearing information (date, time, location).

Questions?



Thank you!

Board's rulemaking page:
<https://www.bah.state.mn.us/public-rule-making/>

