

## Meeting Minutes: First Public Listening Session Farmed Cervidae Rulemaking

Date: 09/02/2020, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by: Addie Evans  
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

### Attendance

- Board of Animal Health (Board or BAH) staff
  - Dr. Linda Glaser
  - Annie Balghiti
  - Michael Crusan
  - Addie Evans
- Participants/Listeners from the public
  - Jim Vagts – Board of Animal Health Board Member
  - Jim Hile
  - Barb
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  - Torin Miller
  - Brenda Hartkopf joined around 1:45 pm
  - 603# left meeting at 1:15pm
  - 814# left meeting at 1:30pm

### Meeting Notes

- Question from Torin Miller via chat feature – What information is required to be on an official ear tag?  
Dr. Linda Glaser explained the official tags needed for farmed cervids.
- Torin Miller is the policy outreach coordinator for National Deer Alliance (NDA). The NDA is combining their efforts with the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA). He stated that these organizations' primary focus are wild deer and deer conservation and focus many of their efforts on CWD management. They believe that there should be stricter rules with cervid carcass transportation rules, farmed cervid escapees, and better Farmed Cervidae identification. Mr. Miller noted that the

Board should consider notifying the escape of a farmed cervid to the Commissioner of Natural Resources and give them a rule to terminate the escapee immediately instead of being able to wait 24 hours before termination. If a hunter were to kill an escaped farmed cervid, that hunter should not be liable to compensate the producer and the escaped cervid must be tested for CWD by the producer's expense. The NDA and QDMA would like to see effective tracking of farmed cervids by tags including producer phone numbers and/or address so that an escaped deer can be correlated with its producer immediately. Torin said that the non-profit organization will submit a formal letter in the written comments so we can have those in writing. Dr. Glaser told Mr. Miller that some of the items mentioned are outlined in our statutes and going beyond our statutes is unlikely. Some of these recommendations would have to go back to the legislature to amend those statutes. Mr. Miller thought it was important to get the opinions documented and thought about by the Board.

- Jeffrey Hile from South Central Minnesota commented that the Advisory Committee was lopsided. Out of the fifteen members, there was only one public hunting group but multiple deer farming groups. If we were to look at where the money is involved, hunting versus farming, this didn't make sense to him. Linda replied with an explanation. Mr. Hile stated that he is in favor of the Board's rule making policies. He did have one last question on enforcement and the Board's authority level with non-compliant producers. Linda replied with an answer on our compliance and enforcement abilities.

All participants were done speaking/listening around 2:10 p.m. Meeting officially adjourned at 2:44 p.m. Due to the full planned two hours of the listening sessions being unutilized by public commenters at these sessions, Board staff decided to shorten future Public Listening Sessions to 90 minutes.

## **Next Meeting Public Listening Session**

Date: 9/9/2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams